

Save Vernazza eNewsletter aims to inform and inspire. Become a Friend of Vernazza, Cinque Terre, Italy and help rebuild, restore, and preserve Vernazza's town and territory!



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Save Vernazza would like to thank YOU, our supporters, for your generosity throughout the year. As a very small, startup non-profit organization, we pour our passion into Save Vernazza and together we are making a difference.

What a thrill to see the bulldozers at work in Piazza Marconi on the "Renaissance of Vernazza" project designed by architect Richard Rogers! By Spring 2015, we look forward to safer drainage and new paving, landscape design, street furniture, and energy efficient lighting. This project is a physical symbol of solidarity and good wishes from people all over the world. In 2015, we will continue to fundraise for Fontanavecchia's reconstruction.

In our second season of Voluntourism with Busabout and TreadRight Foundation, 129 participants volunteered their time to help 10 landowners to harvest grapes, rebuild terracing and stone walls, restore olive groves, and cultivate vineyards. We just met with the Cinque Terre National Park to discuss expanding the program: stay tuned in 2015!

Our Wine & Food Discovery program introduced 116 participants to 6 Cinque Terre wine producers. Together, we learned about winemaking and the producers' vital work to maintain the territory while savoring delicious wine paired with local food.

In September, Save Vernazza, in partnership with non-profit Vernazza Futura, donated the preliminary project to restore Vernazza's medieval Tower and Wall. The Italian Ministry

for Cultural Preservation has pledged to pay the €400,000 construction cost. This system of fortification represents centuries of history. The project goal is to make the area safe and create a new garden accessible to the public.

Save Vernazza continues to support Vernazza's Volunteer Emergency Corps by donating new equipment and all-weather tires for their vehicle. This incredible group of local heroes has been working tirelessly to keep residents and travelers safe during the frequent Weather Alerts.

Why are we still working to rebuild, restore, and preserve Vernazza? We are in love with Vernazza: her beautiful, fragile territory, her unique heritage, and her resilient community. Vernazza is a magical place still threatened by landslides and increasing mass tourism. Will you please join us with

a donation this holiday season? To learn more about our projects and donate, go to [www.SaveVernazza.com](http://www.SaveVernazza.com). Grazie!

Best wishes to you and your family for a peaceful, joyful New Year,

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