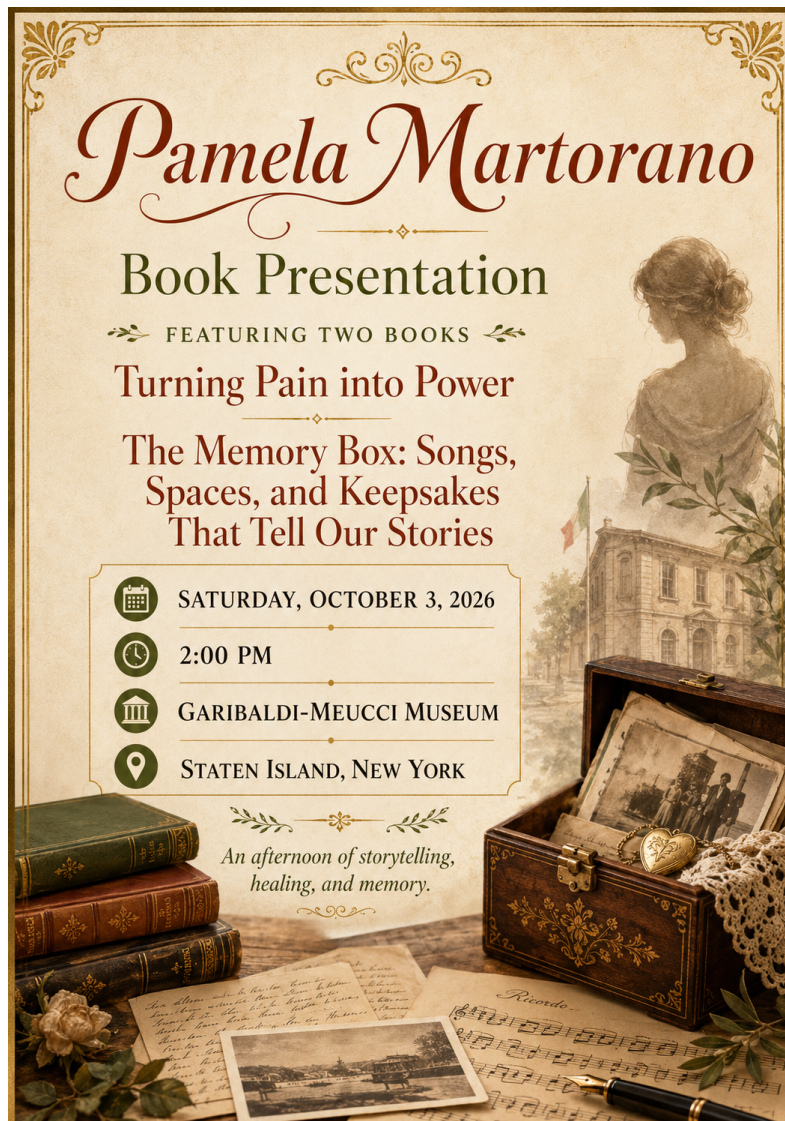




Pamela Martorano's book presentation will be our first event for October

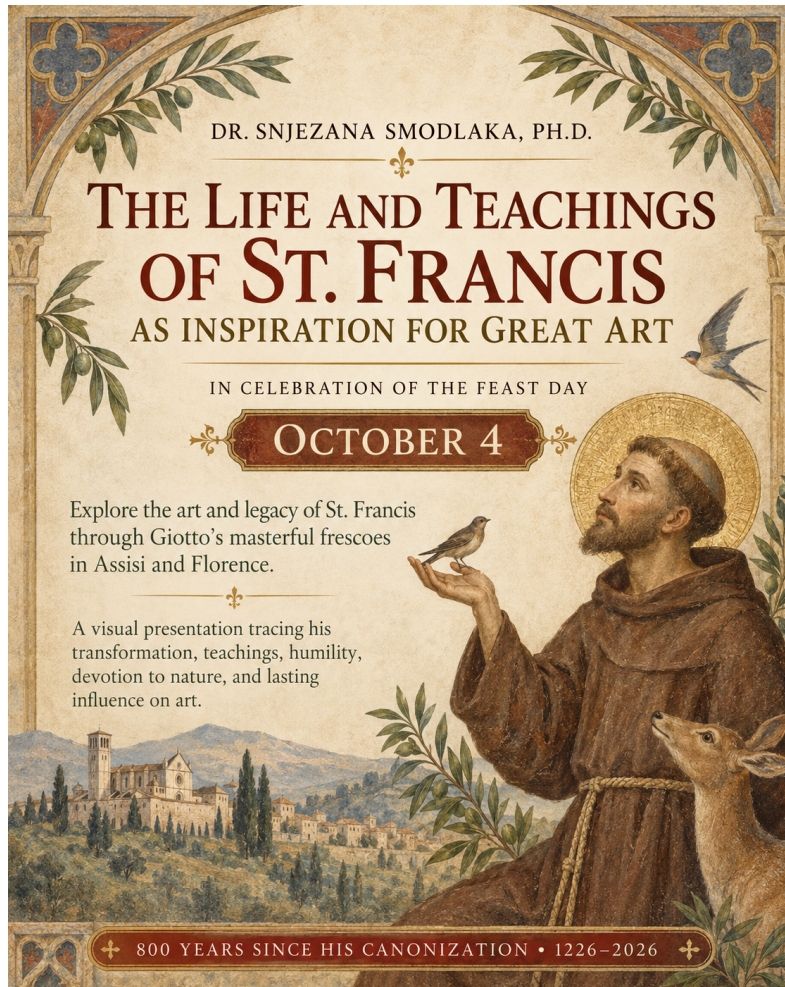


Join the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum for a special presentation with author **Pamela Martorano**, who will discuss two of her books: *Turning Pain into Power* and *The Memory Box: Songs, Spaces, and Keepsakes That Tell Our Stories*.

Through personal reflection, storytelling, music, meaningful places, and treasured keepsakes, Pamela explores how we can transform difficult experiences into strength while preserving the memories that shape our lives. This thoughtful presentation will invite guests to reflect on resilience, healing, family history, and the stories we carry with us.

Guests will have the opportunity to hear directly from the author and learn more about the inspiration and experiences behind both books.

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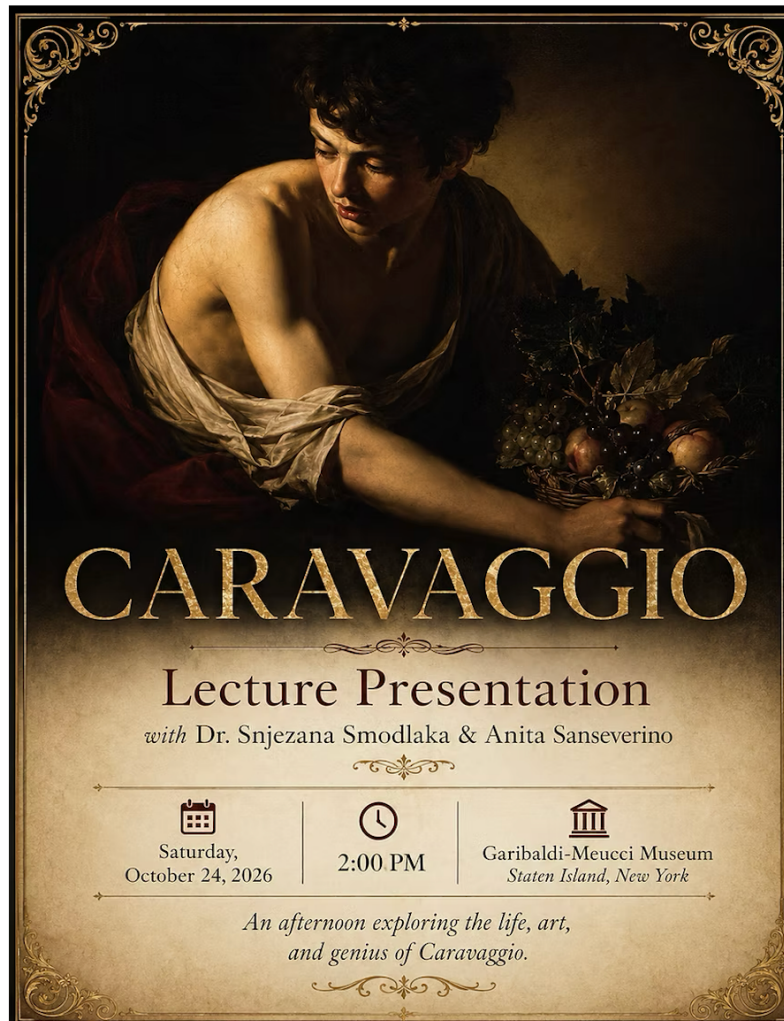
Join Dr. Snjezana Smodlaka, Ph.D., for a captivating presentation exploring the life, teachings, and enduring artistic legacy of St. Francis of Assisi.

Born into a wealthy family in 1181 or 1182, Francis enjoyed the privileges of medieval high society before becoming increasingly disillusioned with his lavish lifestyle. His gradual spiritual transformation led him to embrace a life of poverty, humility, faith, and service. He later founded the Order of Friars Minor and the Order of St. Clare, while his profound love and respect for nature earned him recognition as the Patron Saint of Ecology.

Presented in celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis on October 4 and the 800th anniversary of his canonization, this program will examine how his remarkable life inspired some of history's greatest works of art. Through the magnificent frescoes of Giotto in the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi and the Basilica of Santa Croce in Florence, guests will explore defining moments in St. Francis' life, including his temptations, humility, religious devotion, and journey toward holiness.

Discover how the teachings and example of one of Italy's most beloved saints continue to influence art, culture, spirituality, and our relationship with the natural world.

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Join the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum for a captivating afternoon devoted to **Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio**, one of the most daring, influential, and unforgettable artists in the history of Western art.

Presented by **Dr. Snjezana Smodlaka and Anita Sanseverino**, this special lecture will explore Caravaggio's extraordinary life, revolutionary artistic style, and lasting influence on generations of painters. Known for his dramatic use of light and shadow, striking realism, and emotionally charged compositions, Caravaggio transformed familiar religious and mythological subjects into vivid, intensely human scenes. Guests will discover how the artist's turbulent personal life, bold creative choices, and masterful use of chiaroscuro helped reshape Baroque painting and forever changed the way artists approached storytelling, movement, and emotion.

Whether you are a longtime admirer of Italian art or simply curious to learn more, this engaging presentation will offer a deeper appreciation of the mystery, drama, and genius behind Caravaggio's most celebrated works.

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Don't forget to get your tickets for this year's Luncheon



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Comm. Joseph Sciame
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in recognition of his 40-year commitment
to the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES
Adriana Trigiani
NYTimes Bestselling Author

Reception immediately following at the
Garibaldi-Meucci Museum for the opening of
"A Nation at the Table: 250 Years of Food in America"

Join the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum for this year's Annual Luncheon as we proudly honor Joseph Sciame for his leadership, accomplishments, and dedication to the Italian American community.

We look forward to bringing our friends and supporters together for a memorable afternoon celebrating Italian American heritage and an outstanding honoree. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your seat today!

A Special Luncheon-Only Raffle!

In lieu of our traditional gift basket raffles, we will have an exclusive luncheon-only raffle where one lucky winner will take home an incredible travel-themed prize!

Don't miss your chance to win—and remember, you must be in attendance to participate.

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***We have a lot more events coming up so stay tuned on
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