



DOROTHEA'S HOUSE  
Casa Di Cultura Italiana  
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## **Dorothea's House Today**

The nonprofit Dorothea van Dyke McLane Association maintains Dorothea's House at 120 Johns Street and oversees activities there.

- Organizations granted space in Dorothea's House are the Family Guidance Center; the Princeton Adult School; the Princeton/Pettoranello Sister City Foundation; the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra; and the Senior Care Ministry of Princeton. Roma Eterna, an Italian-American organization mutual aid society, holds meetings at Dorothea's House.
- Free monthly Italian cultural programs open to all are offered during the academic year. An annual Polenta Festa is among the most popular events. Others have featured food experts such as Slow Food founder Carlo Petrini and celebrity chef Lidia Bastianich; travelogues from regions throughout la bella Italia; and lectures on Italian inventors and scientists, most recently by Princess Elettra Marconi Giovanelli, daughter of radio pioneer and Nobel Prize winner Guglielmo Marconi. The public is encouraged to bring refreshments to share for receptions following the programs.
- This fall, 24 Italian language classes—23 for adults, one for children—will focus on grammar or conversation at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels for nearly 150 adults and a dozen children.
- The association awards several scholarships and prizes annually. For the 2014-15 academic year, 47 Princeton High School students will receive a total of \$80,500 in scholarship aid. A \$500 prize is given annually for proficiency in the study of the Italian language to a graduating Princeton High School senior. Additionally, an endowment established by the association at Princeton University makes a \$1,000 award to the highest achieving freshman student studying Italian annually.
- Annual charitable contributions are made to nearly 20 nonprofit organizations throughout the greater Princeton area that serve the needs of community members of all ages and promote cultural activities.
- To celebrate of Dorothea's House 100<sup>th</sup> year, the association has commissioned:
  - The purchase of Italian landscapes photographs by Hopewell, N.J., artist Karen McLean
  - The creation of an anniversary collage by Vermont-based artist B. Amore
  - An analemmatic sundial designed by Princeton landscape architect Alan Goodheart
  - A new house sign that incorporates the slogan Cent'Anni (100 Years)
  - *Voices from Dorothea's House: Celebrating the Culture of Italy*, a book of writings from past cultural programs
  - A video by The Color Crew about Dorothea's House