

**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report
for the COW Meeting September 17, 2019**

THM Board of Directors met on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

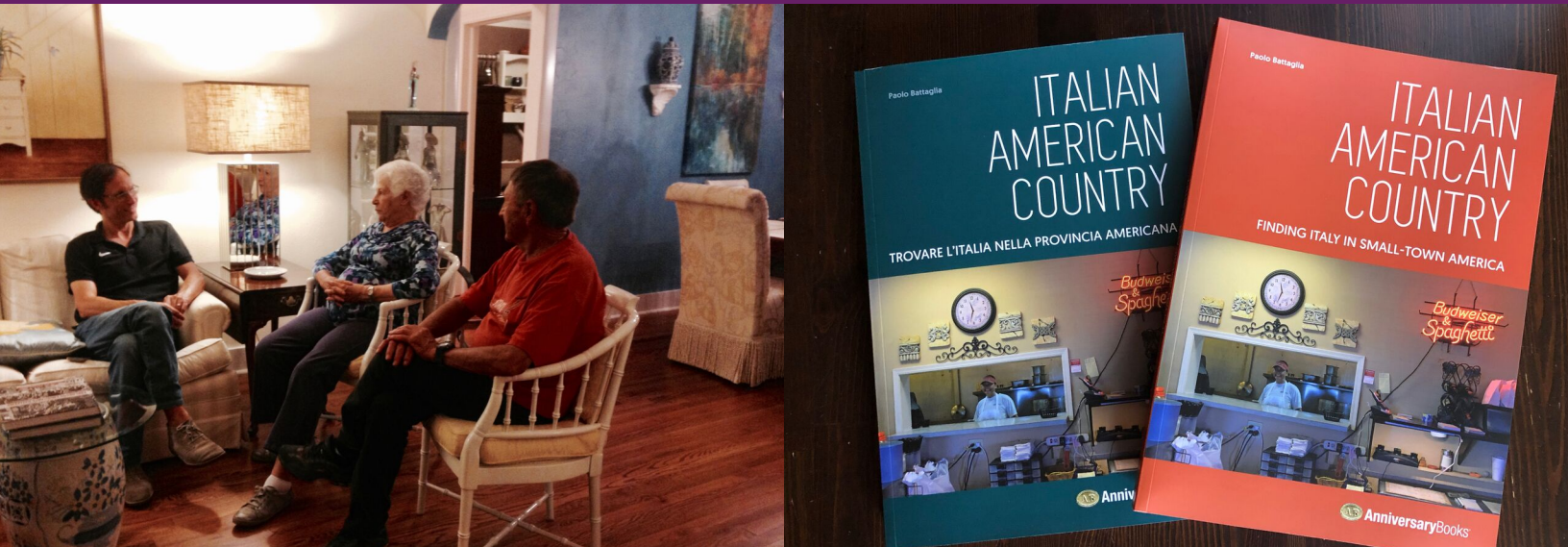
1. **Paolo Battaglia** -- We are excited to host a book presentation for Paolo Battaglia's return trip to Tontitown on Sunday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tontitown Winery. Paolo will share his recently published multimedia project ***Italian American Country: Finding Italy in Small-Town America***, which includes an illustrated book and 3-episode documentary. Tontitown and Lake Village were two Arkansas towns Paolo visited in 2014 on his 20,000 mile tour of America. He interviewed hundreds of rural Italian immigrants in dozens of towns, learning about their current lives in America while maintaining strong ties to Italy. We hope you all can join us. See the attached flyer for more information. Note that the book cover includes a photo from our own **Mama Z's** restaurant.
2. **Polenta Smear** -- The **18th Annual Tontitown Reunion and Old-Fashioned Polenta Smear** will be Sunday, October 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Parish Hall. As always, we invite people to bring family photos and/or documents to the event for us to scan and add to our museum collections. Again this year, we encourage people to bring family favorite mementos marking the history of Tontitown to display during the event and share with others, that is, to *"Show 'N Tell"*. We look forward to another fun afternoon of visiting with old friends and making new friends. See the attached flyer for more information.

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is on October 7 at 6 p.m. at City Hall

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"Italian American Country - The Return" with Paolo Battaglia



The Tontitown Historical Museum is proud to host a free evening with author Paolo Battaglia for the completion of his newest project: an illustrated book and 3-episode documentary, "Italian American Country: Finding Italy in Small-Town America".

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019 | 6 PM
TONTITOWN WINERY
335 N BARRINGTON
SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

Paolo Battaglia traveled 20,000 miles from New York to California to find small communities of Italian Americans living all over the country. Battaglia and his partners interviewed hundreds of people, including citizens of Tontitown, to understand their American life and its connection to their past in Italy. After five years, his project is complete and ready to share.

You're Invited to the

18th Annual Tontitown Reunion & Old-fashioned Polenta Smear

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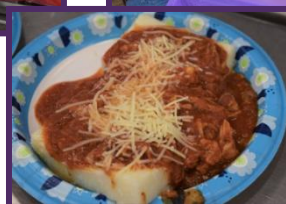
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH HALL

- Polenta & Umedo, Dessert served ~ Donations accepted
- Bring photos/documents to be scanned and added to our collections
- Enjoy photo displays and family Show 'N Tell exhibits
- Visit with old friends and make new friends
- Win door prizes and have FUN!!

Back this year ... Show 'N Tell!

Do you have a family favorite kitchen item, farm tool, house decoration, framed photo, or other item that "stands the test of time" and marks the history of Tontitown? Bring it, and we'll display it for the afternoon. Don't worry, no speeches required! Just share and have fun!

Also, Tontitown Historical Museum Amici (Friends) memberships will begin annual renewals by the calendar year. Join or renew your Amici membership for 2019 and 2020 during the event, and save time and postage. Grazie Mille to all our loyal Amici members!



2018 Polenta Smear photos by Brenda Pianalto

Event sponsored by Tontitown Historical Museum