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summer breeze

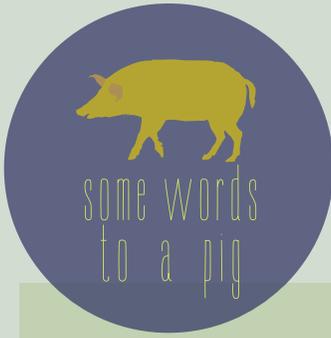
Pizza nights under the stars. Weekend trips to the beach. Angelo is M.I.A. again. Cocktails at twilight. The donkeys escaped. Feasts at La Compagnia. The Palio in Siena. Graziella's lasagne. Leftovers of Graziella's lasagne. Lazy Sundays at the pool. Tuna melts for lunch...and long post-lunch naps!

Summer 2013 was full of exciting memories and I would like to thank the eight creative and unique individuals who many days worked from dawn until after dark to help Spannocchia run efficiently. When temperatures soared and guests filled the Fattoria, Villa, and farmhouses, these bravi ragazzi kept their cool and got things done!

This year's grape harvest was a successful one, and most certainly due in part to the many hours spent pruning the vines by Anna, Cheyenne, and Molly. Our pigs stayed happy, safe, and fed thanks to Anthony and Griffin. The orto was always watered and the chickens loved because of all the hard work and meticulous care of Joey and Lisa. And in the Villa, we never ever tired of Rhiannon's smile and her delicious cakes.

Thank you all for everything!!

◆ by Jessica Haden, education director



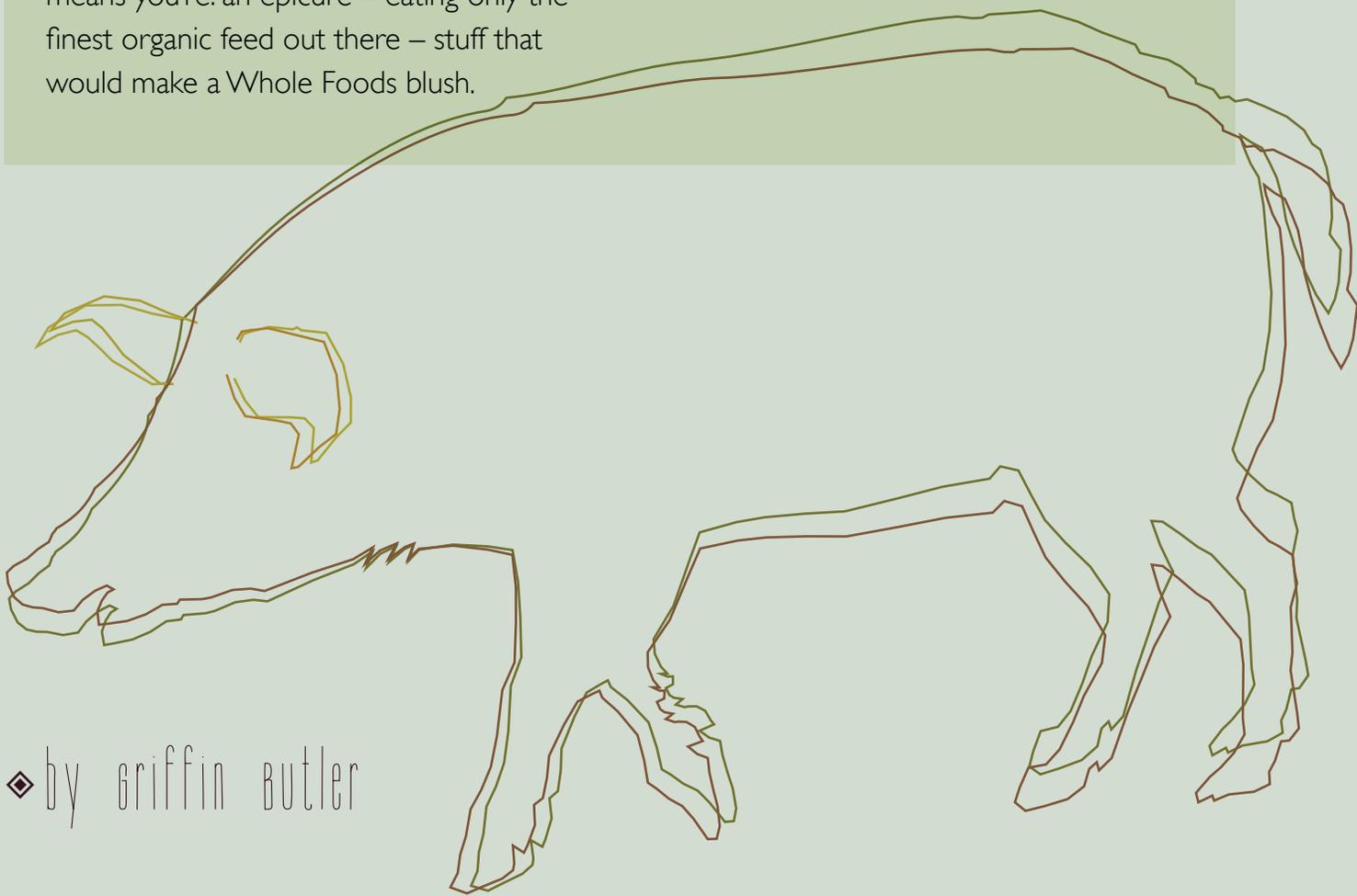
I was going to write a haiku about you dear pig. But I had too many syllables on my mind. So this will have to do. On the subject of pig haikus I did some research...

Many call you bacon, or a dirty creature that mucks around in filth. But they're by amateurs I bet. Keyboard warriors who haven't seen all the hats you can wear. To me you're not just a walking meal propelled by a pair of prosciuttos, lardo jiggling from your porchetta body with each step of your pickled pigs feet (drool). You're a Cinta Senese old girl – which means you're: an epicure – eating only the finest organic feed out there – stuff that would make a Whole Foods blush.

A plum lady, four-step waltzing through the freshly fallen fruit. A sprinter, racing to the feedarea like a Jamaican 100 m runner on steroids. You're a mother too – pumping out tasty milk and intimidating any intern foolish enough to get between you and your piggly wigglys. And finally, you're a leisure-time extraordinaire-relaxing and maxing underneath blackberry brambles, escaping the Tuscan heat. You're a special lady piggy.

How do I say I love you in Pig Italian?

I dunno so I wrote this.



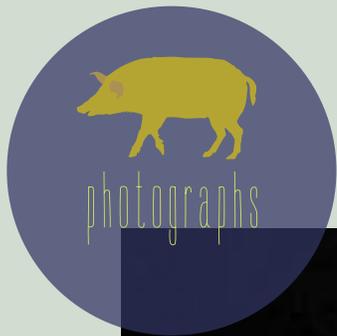
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FARM NEWS

A squeal in the dark.
Who else for a midnight dip
but the one eyed boar?

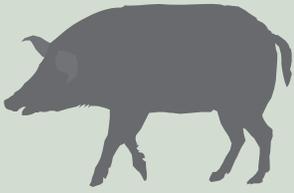
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◆ by joseph mccullough







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