FALL APPEAL 2026

Buongiorno Amici,

As far back as 1925, when Delfino Cinelli bought Spannocchia as a tranquil writing retreat, he recognized the potential of the property to inspire creativity and focus. Today, we continually see how the **beauty, nature, food, and community** of Spannocchia shape guests' stays, especially the groups who immerse themselves here to foster learning and connection.

Growing up at Spannocchia, I always knew the educational programs involved meaningful work, learning, and being in community; it was something that my family was lucky enough to experience alongside them. Now, as Programs Director, I value the opportunity to support these groups year after year. **Spannocchia is committed to providing immersive, place-based educational experiences—where the place itself becomes an integral part of the learning**. To start, all program participants are taught about who we were, what we have become, and how Spannocchia's evolution has shaped every facet of the guest experience today. Beautiful, inspiring landscapes can be found anywhere, but understanding and appreciating the unique history, culture, and community of Spannocchia is what deepens the experience.

That culture—Spannocchia's values—have stayed true for as far back as I can remember, even as specific aspects evolve and improve. Over time, notably, our agricultural practices have progressed from organic to truly regenerative, and our educational programs and tours focus more on holistic exposure to all of our work.

Many of you, whether group leaders or other guests, have seen and sustained this evolution. **Your generous annual donations make Spannocchia's unique, place-based education available to program participants, interns, and visitors.** I hope you will make your year-end membership gift now to continue to support these experiences well into the future.

We feel great appreciation for the belonging and connection we share with you all, and are honored to be a place where people come together, and return—to learn, focus, create, and connect with nature. As we confirm groups for our 2027 program season, we prepare to welcome you back as family—and with gratitude for your sustaining support.

Grazie mille,

Silvia Pigozzo

P.S. In 2026, we hosted 28 groups and nearly 400 participants. Will you be one of them in 2027?

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Spannocchia

LEARN·GROW·SUSTAIN







Friends of Spannocchia and Tenuta di Spannocchia embrace our shared values in everything we do. Here are some examples of how these values show up in our work—all made possible by your generous membership donations. Please support our mission now!

SUSTAINABILITY



- *Championing regenerative farming & natural winemaking*
- *Raising heritage-breed Cinta Senese pigs & Calvana cows*
- *Using resources responsibly to reduce our environmental impact and create a setting where eco-conscious travelers feel at home*

EDUCATION & INSPIRATION



- *Immersing interns and apprentices in work and life on the farm*
- *Introducing educational groups to our history, farming, and culture alongside their own learning*
- *Sending guests home with new understanding and fresh ideas through farm tours and classes*

STEWARDSHIP



- *Serving as a model for private land management in Italy*
- *Utilizing regenerative practices to restore and revitalize the farmland*
- *Collaborating on annual farm projects based on care for the earth and climate mitigation*

COMMUNITY



- *Embracing our culinary heritage and connecting with each other through communal meals*
- *Growing our alumni network to keep people in touch wherever they are*
- *Sharing Italian cultural celebrations and agricultural practices with local friends and other farms*

RESPECT



- *Protecting a historic property and 1100 acres of land within the Alto Merse Nature Reserve*
- *Creating a place where workers, residents, and visitors alike feel valued and fulfilled*
- *Honoring a slower, more traditional way of life rooted in rural simplicity and the natural rhythms of our environment*

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