

# Growing Up in the Butcher Shop: We call it Macaroni / Lo chiamiamo Maccherone



Ciao Amici, Macaroni always had a special place at the dinner table. Whether it was from the acini de Pepe (peppercorns) in the chicken broth, or to the Ziti in the meat sauce. We had some sort of macaroni at least 5 times a week. Sunday macaroni was always made with tomato gravy. While it was cooking on the stove, the aroma would permeate the air and you knew what day of

the week it was. The pasta shapes would vary according to your desire (or a vouly). Sunday's macaroni might be penne, spaghetti, rigatoni small, rigatoni large (schfong ) ziti mezzano. Sometimes on a Tuesday we'd prepare "All' Amatriciana"; which is a sauce of pancetta (salt pork), onions, garlic and crushed tomatoes. For this type of sauce we'd cook the Bucatini or Percatelli which are long tubular macaroni much like that of a straw. Thursdays was usually reserved for macaroni with vegetables.

The cavatelli and broccoli made with oil & garlic, or the mafalda with cabbage or cauliflower in a light tomato sauce we call

"Show Way Show Way Sauce." The Pecorino Romano or dried red pepper was on the table to sprinkle on the macaroni. On occasion Grandmom would make what she called, "oilo di santo (oil of the saints)." She'd lightly sauté whole dried hot peppers in olive oil and let it cool. She said to be careful not to use too much or you'd get a halo around your head. Fridays we had meatless sauces. We made Pasta Fagioli using either Ditalini or Tubettini macaroni with cannellini beans in a light tomato sauce, or sauté onions in olive oil and add peas, salt and pepper; that is it. Fridays would also call for macaroni with seafood like linguine and clam sauce, white or red or with canned tuna in olive oil again white or red. We never put cheese on the seafood sauce but I see now some recipes call for it. I asked Grandpop why the church had this rule of no meat on Friday. He said because the Pope's brother, St. Peter, was a fisherman.

The days in between the macaroni would be warmed up or sautéed in a frying pan .My grandfather's brother- in- law, Joe Falcone (Sia Gio) who was married to his sister Maria (Sia Maria), worked as a tailor in Philadelphia would warm his up on the radiator and sometimes have them for breakfast.

Macaroni and friends are best when they are warm Maccherone ed amici sono migliore quando sono caldi

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Donald Young, a former Bethlehem Steel employee and steel industry historian will present a slide lecture "An Insiders Remembrances of Bethlehem Steel". His presentation will focus on the industrial processes that once made the Bethlehem Plant a national defense resource.

All proceeds go to the National Canal Museum history fund. The lecture begins at 7:30 pm. The Fall Lecture Series is held at the Two Rivers Landing auditorium, National Canal Museum, 30 Centre Square, Easton, Pa. Enter the building at the Pine Street (rear) entrance. Parking can be found on

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**Bangor Golf: Bangor - Salisbury, August 31, 2009**  
**Cherry Valley Golf Course, Par 72**  
Bangor (total 400)- Stani Schiavone 75, James Lobb 76, Michael Hartzell 81, Max Dutt 84, Josh DeFranco 84, Sean Altemose 88, Alex Colton 99, Vicky Clark, 110. Salisbury (total 498)- Ramon Deeb 95, Brandon Bubba 99, Brandon Groller 100, Todd Simon 100, Christian Jacoby 104.

**Bangor Golf: Bangor vs Pen Argyl, September 3, 2009**

**Delaware Water Gap Country Club, Par 72**  
Bangor (total 409)- Stani Schiavone 76, James Lobb 79, Alex Colton 83, Ike Garr 84, Josh DeFranco 85, Ben Lentine 88, Michael Hartzell 97, Kyle Kosman 99. Pen Argyl (total 445)- Ryan DeJesso 85, Jacob Zanette 87, Michael Kukla 88, Jay Young 91, Jeremy Yuresko 94, Matt Frawley 99, Ryan Hauck 100, Cole Kresch 108.

## 1st Annual Dick Williams Memorial Art Contest

Faith United Presbyterian Church in Pen Argyl is sponsoring an art contest to honor the memory of local artist and church elder, Dick Williams, who passed away earlier this year. The contest will take place on November 7th and is open to all ages. The theme of the contest is "Through Our Eyes: God's Creation."

All pieces submitted should be an expression of God's creation as seen through the eyes of the artist. Participants may submit original works in pencil, watercolor, charcoal, acrylics, or oil. There is no entry fee. Prizes of cash, bonds, medals or plaques, and ribbons will be awarded for the following age categories: Elementary School, Middle School, High School, and Adult.

For further details or to register, visit [www.faithupc.net](http://www.faithupc.net) or call 610-863-4447. The registration deadline is October 23rd. An exhibit of all submissions will take place at the church on November 7th from 10am to 4pm. And winners will be announced at the awards ceremony/worship service at 4pm. Artists submitting work may wish to make their work available for sale.

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