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Class of 1987

10/19/97

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sure to see all the possibilities!

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touch my Venezia memories again! - and to share
this place with my husband Eli.
Best Regards always - Dorothy Quincy Gooding Whitney '74

June 2, 1997

This guest book is a gift to Casa Antoni from the
Melton family ~

Lynn Melton

Rht M Melton '76

John Melton Terry Weary Melton '76
Katie Melton ♥

Greetings to all friends of Wake Forest
from
Herman J. Preseren Professor Emeritus
Sandy Preseren Alley

June 3, 1997

June 15, 1997

Many thanks once again for a wonderful stay
in Venezia. My wife and I came on our honeymoon
11 years ago and Casa Antoni is still as nice as
we remember it.

Thanks,
Paul & Carol Diodati

6/15/07.

A lot of thanks for allowing us to stay in this wonderful house. I will praise this house in front of my students back in Winston-Salem. It certainly inspired me to return another year.

Reidar Wallin, Dept. of Internal Medicine,
Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake
Forest University.

6/18/97

Enjoyed my first visit to Italy
especially by making CASA D'ARTOM a
home base for daily trips. I only wish
I'd figured out a way to have made it
a semester's visit some 20 years ago as
a student at Wake. Steve/Holcomb

6/18/97

It took me 19 years to get back to Casa Artom after
spending the fall of 1978 here as a student. Venice will
always hold a special place in my heart and showing
the city to my husband Steve was an unforgettable
experience!

Bridget Facchine Holcombe
WFU Class of 1979

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Rice - 6/4/98

We hope you have a good semester here.
Keith and Charlie appreciate the use of
your hot plate and apologize that it was
taken from the RAs. Your house is pretty
nice, you are lucky to come here.
Hope you feel at home in the old school
origin of the wife beater. You better
hook up with more Italian girls than all
8 of us had. I've hope you have
a good time.

Joel, Dylan, Charlie, Baker,
Gindoff, Schac, Cory, and Volpe
~~and the rest of the RAs~~

- Rice - I took the time to MASTER YOUR DOMAIN-
SCHAC

You're lucky you're not traveling
with Joel.

Have fun, good luck,
see you next spring

Sav, Jessica, Abby, and Courtney, etc.,

I told you that I would write, I hope
you guys are happy staying in this beautiful
house and city. We just got here, but I
can already imagine spending 3 months here.

You need to keep Rice in line and also
keep in touch with me back at work.

Hi
Courtney
tell
the
others!
M.
Lignelli

Enjoy your time here, and make some
nice Italian man take you on
a gondola ride, I hope you have
a great time here, and I
miss you already. See ya

I love you
I love ya
ge

Plumridge says hi -> He'll give
Sav the
ball the
bruly
finds it.

Beth - Have an amazing semester
making here - it's beautiful! 6/18/98
I'll miss you! Love, Lauren

Hello to any Kappas that are over here this fall!
~~XXXXXX~~ This place is amazing and I hope
you have fun!

Love,

A.T. Debnam 6-18-98

6-18-98 Came by in search of my beloved teachers
Sra. Sault or Br V.Hi. Disappointed to have
missed you. You are blessed to be able
to enjoy this house.

Buona Fortuna

Robert Hyman '94-'98

6-20-1998

We have had a wonderful experience here
at Casa Arcton. I don't think we will ever
come back to Venice unless we can stay here
because no ^{other} place could possibly be as good.

Thank God that president Scales had the vision
and foresight to establish a WFU presence
here. We look forward to returning again
some year.

- T. Kevin Mooney (WFU - Class of 1986)
(+ Valerie, Farley + Stone) AXA
OT920

6/21/98 Heartfelt gratitude to Harold & Jose Telford
for their gracious hospitality over the past
week here at Casa Arton. My only regret is
in having to leave, but I also have a strong
suspicion that I'll be back...

Michael Carter

All the best to Harold & Josie Telford
& to Casa Arton. Thanks so much
for the time & space to think & write
& share with good friends. Until my
return, if I am so lucky!

Dave Johnson '90

6/21/98

Seven years since the last visit, & what can I say —
I'm older if not necessarily wiser, & Vennie is — if anything —
even more extraordinary. Leaving this site makes
The Cherry Orchard that much more immediate and
frankful. Did Chekhov ever get to Vennie? Well, I'm
sure glad I did. With thanks and love to the
Telfords for including me in this sestimana magra.

Math Way June 21 1998.

Now is the counter of our discontent made
glorious by the sun of Venice. Sois an & had
the most wonderful group of friends here for
a week - a raucous and joyous bunch
To Casa Artom, Peter & Holly & Carol -
Thanks and thanks and ever thanks!
~~David Roberts~~

6/26/98

I am amazed that I was able to return to this place that
has made me so happy... and in only five years! It's funny,
the rest of my trip is busy buying souvenirs + mementos
of their stay. I have yet to purchase all of the things that
Venice is famous for... glass, lace, masks, etc. It gives
me an excuse to wait until I return. For now I will
settle for the treasures in my heart! I am still under
the spell of Venice... until I return!

Jelicia McGary
Casa Artom Fall '93
WFO 195

3/7/99

It might be a bit strange to sign on the same page,
but the space was here... Only 9 months since the last
visit, and I couldn't stay away. This city still feels like
my home. I am automatically at peace in Venice. My students
may not quite understand my love for this place, but that's
OK, I'll just keep bringing them back until they know and
are a part of the spell. I am blessed to return!

Jelicia McGary

7/3/98
 Eleven years later - I ring the bell, and my wonderful, patient, dear teacher Prof. Saul is at the door of this incredible place which grew me, I wept as I entered his second home. The Venice experience is indescribable - if you read his you are here, and please know that you are blessed. It is a fairy tale, yet no where do your body and your life feel more intensely real, breathing, smelling, seeing - *Sono finalmente tornata, e mi colpisce anche di più.*
Mitrovo la pio serena qui nella Serenissima -
Jennifer Clarke Henry
WFU, 89 Casa Armon Fall, 87
 As I wished in June '94, I have returned with Jennifer, now my wife. I hope we can return soon and often. *Jeon H Henry*
wpw92

A wonderful visit to Venice + Roncoi. Much thanks to Laura, Agnese, the Williams-Neuschel, and especially the Pignattis. Enjoy this magical city.

Tom Phillips
 WFU
 8/24/98

Salute a MARISA E LUCIANA
 First visit to Venice in 20 years. Last time I was a WFU student in this very Casa. Its just as I remembered it

David Goldring

This is a wonderful trip to Venice with our Wade Forest grad teacher in high school. *(Felicia)*
Elizabeth Bryant *Juley Ford McEvany*
 1999

Oct 2, 1999

I was last in this house in December of 1974. Twenty Five years later it still looks the same. This time I brought my wife who was not so fortunate as to study here. I feel a responsibility to help others have the same learning and growing experience that I enjoyed here. Venice has not changed much. The bread store, pizza restaurant, meat store, etc. are all the same. Time certainly moves slowly here. Thanks to the students for letting us visit. We hope to be here again before another 25 years go by.

Craig Smith '75
Leslie Pittman-Smith '74

Oct 23, 1999

Just wanted to say we loved your city on the water even if we saw it under water! Thanks for a great visit to Venice and Casa Autom.

Flow House Vienna '99

Albie Alvier '02
Mason F. Matthews '02
J. ~~Life~~ Lofton '01
Thom P. Datt '01
Danie J. Solner '01
Mills ~~Life~~ '01

A wonderful visit! Counting on many returns!
Dot & Ken Suggen
and Paul

WHAT A WHIRLWIND WEEK. WE DID NOT KNOW TIME COULD PASS SO FAST.
TRULY A BEAUTIFUL HOUSE, CITY, COUNTRY, AND CULTURE. KNOWING WE
HAVE JUST SCRATCHED THE SURFACE, WE HOPE WE WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN
BEFORE TOO MUCH TIME PASSES. THANKS FOR THE WONDERFUL VISIT.

KEN, JR. '90 AND BOWIE '91
SUGGEN

MAY 26, 1999

5/27/99

It has been eight long years since my semester here at Casa Antero and
how I have missed Venezia! I cannot describe how my heart broke when I left,
and how often I've longed to return. Everything is amazingly familiar -
I was afraid I'd feel lost but all of the miles I was so accustomed to
walking have come to me so naturally, as if they are a part of my soul. And
the sights and sounds have embraced me once again. I am comforted by the fact
that so little has changed, and I know that Venezia will be always so close and
dear to my heart and I will return again and again. This time I was blessed to
share this beautiful place with my husband and he, too, was very affected and
I think he finally realizes why I sometimes get the way I do when I'm really
missing it. We look forward to returning!

Amy Baruch WFL 1992
WFL Med 1999
Casa Antero Spring 1991
with husband
Brad Brinkley

6/3/99.

Thanks WFL for continuing to affirm my love affair with this great institution!
It began in 1952 when I was a freshman on the "old campus." Subsequent
chapters included medical school, privilege of serving the WFL community
Student Health physician for 30 yrs, and now a brief vacation with
my husband Gerald (WFL '58) and friends, Dr. Al & Sue Ellen McKell, in Casa
Antero!! I've visited Worrell House in London and look forward to
Flower Haus in Vienna someday. Our stay here has been most enjoyable.
Thanks to the Johnsons for being such gracious hosts. Ciao.
Mary Ann Houston Taylor '56
WFL Med '60

Casa Atom has added so much to our Venetian visit. It is a special place in an enchanting city. For us it has given an English-speaking, "North Carolina" ban to launch us into this exotic, historically-layred place. May it always give the comfort to grow.

Bill (1965) and Crystal Fathen
Hickory, NC
June 6, 1999

I am completely envious of all those who are able to stay here for an entire semester! My four days here have been wonderful & I cannot wait to return!

Kristen Faulders ('99)
June 16, 1999

Once again Casa Atom has made our trip to Europe special. I was here as a student in 1980, as a summer assistant in 83, on my honeymoon in 1986 and now with my 3 oldest daughters, my father, my brother and his wife. I am very fortunate to have this place to share with my family.

Sixteen years later,
this time with my grandchildren
Great!
Agusti Diodati

Paul Diodati ('83)
June 18, 1999



June 19, 1999

Casa Artom allowed us to have such a wonderful experience in this amazing city. Although I'm traveling with my family, we've heard lots of people talk about how wonderful this house is. For everyone here for a semester, you are very lucky to get to have such a beautiful place to live. I know you'll enjoy every minute of it. I can't wait to come back!

Katherine Duke ('01)

(here with Rusty Duke ('70, law school '74) & Lawrence Duke ('03))

June 23, 1999

Casa Artom was like a home away from home. It was very relaxing in the middle of our European tour to come to a place like this. We even decided to stay an extra night. Venice was the place where one could do as little or as much as possible and still leave feeling as if it was all worth while. I enjoyed myself immensely.

Jodi Hawn ('99)

Thank you Casa Artom for providing me with such a good home while in Venice. Never will I forget these outside sounds of water lapping up against the land and gondoliers singing to the tourists. The camaraderie here complimented the stay, and I will hate to say goodbye. Soon, I will return. Yours, Heather Higgins, class of 1999

June 23, 1999

7/9/99

The only thing more marvelous than returning to Venice after fifteen years, is being here with Molly and Dylan, my two loves. Our hosts and dearest friends — Pat and Dan Johansson, and the "wonder-woman" Theresa Johansson Sartini — made our time especially memorable. For these too few days, we basked in shared memories, unbound appetites, and much much joy.

Raymond Fances 1986

Venezia - Primavera 1984

9/29/99

This is my fourth time back to Venice and it is for my "Luna di Miele". I have finally shown this incredible city and house to someone with whom I wish I could have shared all of my previous experiences. With - We will return again and try to recapture all of the fond memories and experiences.

- Alan F. Zoccolillo Jr.
Spring '94
Summer '95

Although I never studied in Venice, I feel like I knew how beautiful the city was from all of my friends who had been here at Casa Artom. I am so happy that I could finally come and visit Venice with someone that I love - and on my honeymoon. Alan has had so many experiences here, I am glad to finally see and share what has become such an important part of him. Until next time - Patricia Felt Zoccolillo WFU '96

it feels like I only came here yesterday!
I'll be back??

~ Erica Palmer
P.S. **Galeto!** ^{ruiz?}
oops! I still
can't spell it right!

8/31/00

What a beautiful place to enjoy Venice.

Robert & Carol Helm

9/1/00

Why was I an accounting major when I could have spent a semester here! What a wonderful house to enjoy this town and learn about Italian culture. As a Wake grad, I am proud and envious.

David Wassenich

9/1/00

Thanks for the tour. What a wonderful place! How do you go back from this? Even though I didn't go to WF, you all rule. Thanks for the recommendations.

Paul Waldf

9/5/00

I've always heard so much about the Venice House - great to finally see it!! Thanks for the tour.

Susan Lupo '75 '79

9/6/00

I was in Venice in 1996 and didn't have the opportunity to visit Casa Arton.... am happy to have had a chance in 2000! A beautiful spot - not a bad place to spend a semester.... am sorry that I didn't do it in 1996 when I had the chance. Thanks for the bar and restaurant recommendations!

Kristen Norman '97

Eric P. Ansley

9/12/00

I suffered through 3 semesters of V4Fi and not come here? (Only now am I realizing the true pains of getting a BS in Chemistry) Great to read the notes of many of my friends who stayed here, & sad I did not attend Casa Arton, and hope to return again soon.

Ciao, Paul Celi
VFW '94

9/18/00

It's been 10 years since I studied here and it seems like only yesterday!! Venice seems to never change, but Casa Arton looks a lot better! I'll make sure to visit more often. 10 years is way too long to be away.

Eric Shew

WFW, 1998
Casa Arton, Fall 1990

I just came here with Eric to visit. Given though I said go to school here, I wish I had. What a beautiful place! I feel fortunate if you have the opportunity to do so! Summer time
18 Sep 00

9/23/2000

It's great to see a fellow NC school here on my days in Italy.
I'm an NC State grad enjoying the beauty of this country. Wonderful
house. Thanks for the visit.

A Painter
NCSU 2000

This is one of the most amazing houses I've ever seen. There's not
much else to say unless Parker is reading this, in which case, you have
no business being here.

Dan Schneider

class of 2002 WFO

Wonderful respite in the middle of trip. Would love to have stayed here
as students! Kathryn and Debby Edwards from STS. Sept. 28, 2000

The pursuit of knowledge occurs everywhere. This is a splendid
site to do so. Wake Forest is here in many ways.

Jamie and Terri Jenkins

Mrs. Hockey D. "Haf" Dardner, Jr. October 2, 2000

Danna, I wish we had computers when
I was here. The house looks great.

Faye Willis
WFO '92
Casa Antom '90

11 October 2000

Virgine Demange

A special time in a beautiful place - 25 years after our Wake Forest days in Winston-Salem - We visit Venice when our daughter, Emily Blake Hinman, is studying here. What a

delight!!
city richer for a moment (France). We have celebrated our French friend's 40th birthday - and almost were homeless the first night - but all is well!!

Joanne Wood Hinman
Class of '76

What an awesome, awesome place! Although I did not get to ride a gondola, I had the best time! is definitely cool!

Venice
Pella Hinman



We are grateful to all those whose vision and dedication have made possible this oasis of "Deacon-ness" in the midst of a marvelous city of such charm, mystique, and adventure. We have enjoyed discovering both within this palazzo and about the alleyways and waterways a world of fascination and sumptuous enjoyment. The vigor of the students, the great interest shown toward our welfare and experience by Emily Brewer and Helga Welsh, and the hospitality of Venice bid us to return. For now, we leave with happy memories and a fondness for Casa Artom. Bill Hinman

WFU BA '76 MA '85 MBA '87

Margaret W. Hinman

Thank you so much for making our [second] wedding day so special. Wake Forest was a special place to be a student and Casa Arton is glorious.

We appreciated your hospitality and enthusiasm.

With gratitude especially to Emily Brewer + Jack Lynch.

Best,

Vale Jeppu - October 14, 2000
MA '97

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY. WE SINCERELY ENJOYED THE SURPRISE. I HOPE WE CAN RETURN TO THE WAKE HOUSE AGAIN.

Shaden Holm 10-14-00

Your kindness and generosity have really made this day special. Thank you so much for all the thought and energy you put into our ceremony - it is a truly memorable gift.

Katherine White

WE REALLY APPRECIATED YOUR SURPRISE IT IS GREAT TO BE SO WARMLY RECEIVED KATERINE AND I CELEBRATED OUR 4th ANNIVERSARY ON THE 12th AND RENEWING OUR VOWS AT YOUR GREAT HOME WAS SOMETHING WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER.

SCOTT WHITE 10-14-00

January 16, 2000

I cannot believe it has
been seven years since I
roamed through Venice. Although
much has happened in my life since
the fall of 1993, Venice remains fabulously
the same. I bring four friends with me to
share the magic. Thanks for welcoming us once
again.

1-16-00

Casa Artum is a student's
paradise - Venice at your
back door, front porch, dock (!?!)
in the luxury + comfort of a place
it's especially mulling seen through
the eyes of those who live (d) here.
Venice + Casa Artum changed Amee
in many ways. I'm sure and I'm
glad we could come see what
was beginning to mink wouldn't
possibly exist. May you all be
changed by Venice. Pam Dore

- Amee Ezzell Venice Fall '93
WFU '95

(all relative to our
current hosting/cheap
persons)

Friend of
Amee Ezzell

20 February, 2000

Ah, Venezia! you never change! Although the faces of the Americans here
changed, all the Italians can even seem to escape its magic (thank goodness!) It has been
so wonderful to return, come out of the Italian fog in my head & speak (thank you,
Dr. Vittil), see old friends, reminisce, let old wounds heal, & put down all the
baggage & regret from my time here. It has been sad not to share this place once again
with Dr. Vittil, Conti, Stephanie, Valerie, & Steve, but I know that ~~the~~ their hearts are still
here. Thanks to Laura, Loung & Juliet for being our gracious hosts & to San Traverso &
company for looking out for us, (our ass!) Ci vediamo, Venezia!

Venezia 5/99

Chin Mathayla WFU '99

What a treat to see Venezia—this place which has been a home to so
many of my friends and to return here with my fiancée. Being here
has helped me to know you better. I will remember my time here
so fondly. Gracie, to all our friends here now who welcomed us so
warmly and shared this city with us. Tamara Payden-Travers WFU '99

15 March 2000

Was here in 1974 for dedication; great to be back —
Ann Scales (Princess Emeritus).

So glad to see Ann's past Venice haunt, Laura Spitz (Van B. Co.)

15 March 2000

My first time at Casa Arton, but I certainly hope not my last. Of all
the wonderful things Wake Forest does, promoting international
education is one of the best.

Robin Merrell Class of '97

Thank you

for sharing this part
of your University with
me - even in wonderful Italy,
Southern hospitality is something special.
Leticia Blanchette
(Abigail's pal)

March 21, 2000



WFU

Go Deacs!

Venice and WFU house were great! I'm having so much fun visiting my brother Patrick (WF 1997) and Emily Brewer (WF 1998) keep up the good work! ~*Bridget McDonough*~ Age 11 - Braintree MA

March 21, 2000

I am fortunate my daughter, Bridget and I are to visit my son Patrick McDonough (WF 1997) and Emily Brewer (WF 1998) in this magical city of Venice! I'm so glad we came and would love to return someday.

Kate C. McDonough

April 3, 2000

Thanks so much for inviting us in and giving us so many tips on where to go & what to see.

May Mountcastle
Carolyn Mountcastle
Catherine Mountcastle

April 7, 2000

It was great to finally see Wake's Venice home. Thanks for the tour for two alumni.
Joe Seelye Postel
Bob Postel

21 April, 2000 - Kris & Mark Carlson (spring '75), stopping
by to James & Luke for our "25th" anniversary visit -
Students here are as every bit friendly as
those back on campus in W-S, where our two others are
(hopefully) hard @ work... Erik (Dr) & Mark (Fr) -
2000 linc/it! we got ~ 800... but, the
vaperetto was ~ a quarter, too - life is dynamic -
Mark Carlson

April 2000 - Joel Maynard, visiting Italy and stopped
by to visit. I loved it and hope to spend a semester
here. Thank you greatly.
- Joel Maynard

May 2000
Casa Arton '78 -- it's wonderful to be back.
Wish I could do another semester.
Glynn Sheehan

21 May 2000
We really enjoyed seeing a bit of Wake Forest
in Venice while visiting from Paris. Thanks
to our guide, Emily Brewer.

Margaret Braswell
'81
William Jordan

11/05/2000

Did a semester in Madrid, wish I
could have spent more time in Venice though
with Wake!
John Culliver Jr
2001

May 21, 2000

What an incredible place - the most beautiful city in the world. It is hard for me to believe I was a student at Casa Artom in the fall of 1982!! Those who pass through Artom's doors are truly blessed. I will always treasure Wake, Casa Artom, Dr. Hadley, Prof. Artom, Dr. Pignatti and the friendships in the fall ('82) group.

Phil Wenzell '84
Fairborn, Ohio

Lovely combination of Wake Forest & Venice -

House Tour - Antonio & Chris Gatti - Generous

& interesting - April - Tuna - Good meals -

Great Soubert - Better conversations - Steve

Crew

Thanks -

Joe Freeman & Crestmont '89

Jim Crestmont

June 9, 2000

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Ann, David, & Alice Bailey - Greensboro
NC

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So great to see all of our friends from Wake Forest leave their marks here at the WFU house . . . whether it's a recap of an incredible 4 month experience or brief summary of their weekend visit. Jenny & I have enjoyed this weekend in Venice, but are excited that we were able to make it back to the amazing WFU house. To those students staying here for a semester . . . enjoy it to the fullest, for a bottle of wine here beats a pitcher from Daytona's any day of the week! To those Alumni coming for a brief visit, don't worry about having to know the language here in Italy, for Grazi / Prego / Ciao has enabled us to get by in all situations!! To students on D. Bob's future trips, make sure you leave your mark & enjoy the nightlife as you head to Prague / Berlin / Copenhagen (b/c I know it's a bit quiet here!!). Our best to all Wake students, teachers & alumni & especially for WFU itself, for maintaining this incredible house!

Cory Wing '98 & Jenny Jones '97

June 16, 2000

Carolyn Shields & Steve Thomas.

We love this place!

Washington, D.C.

6.18.2000

Catherine Admay, Marilyn Pohly, Wendy and Ivan Bauern
trotted here this morning full of joy for retracing Wendy's
steps as a student and RA sheltered and inspired by
this glorious house. This is why we grow old together... to
re-live and remember & revel in the future -

As Wendy's mom, Marilyn Pohly, it was so wonderful to
experience Venice and especially Casa Artum and now to
really understand how much it meant to her.

6/18/00
I hope to go to UFU and come back like
my Father. I hope to be here in 2010.
I love this beautiful house.

- Syril Smith June 18, 2000

23/6/00

The Wake Forest House (Casa Artom) was a
welcome treat. It has a wonderful view
and the location is awesome. This is a
that has more than comfortable.

Natalie Thomas (School Counseling grad student)
Class of 2001

23/6/00

Venice is truly one of the most beautiful
cities in the world and thanks to Casa Artom
I was able to see much, but certainly not all,
of it. That simply leaves me with a reason
to return!! Thank you Casa Artom for a
wonderful opportunity. This city and its
treasures have left me spellbound.

Michelle Pulcher Grad '01
Counseling

Hola Venecia:

Yo estoy encantada con la bella ciudad y con la buena comida aquí.

También con la gente tan bella. La Casa Artom es muy bonita. Natalie & Michelle - we had a great visit in Venecia.

Muchas gracias John A.
Con mucho cariño,

Dania Pastellera
graduate student in counseling
Class 2004
from Panama.

25/6/00

Venice is such a beautiful city & thanks to Wake Forest, I was able to stay here and get the full effect of living in Venice right on the water. After traveling through many countries in Europe, I am glad to say I'm ending my trip here in Venice... a city like no other! Thanks for letting us stay here.

Jisa Köhler

Texas A & M '99

UT Med San Antonio Class 2003.

25/06/00

I am so very grateful to Wake Forest University for providing this wonderful home for its alumni and their friend. I am traveling with a former Wake student, and would never have had such a wonderful experience in Venice if we had not stayed here.

Venice is such a magnificent and Romantic city, I have enjoyed every moment.

So to Wake Forest and to Venice,

Carlee King VT '98 Thank you

UT Med San Antonio Class 2003

now wonderful to come back to Casa Artom - such a special place. It was also so nice to find that Venice is even more beautiful in the sunshine and with full flower boxes, though I loved the cold grey spring. I was fortunate to spend here. Really enjoyed sitting on the porch and listening to the water and gondoliers. Hope this is the first of many returns to Casa Artom.

Thank you, WFU!

Sarah Spleg '99
UTHSCSA '030

28-06-00

Thanks so much to WFL and Casa Arton for making my trip to Venice unforgettable. I now understand why my son, who studied a semester here, loved it so much! Maybe someday I can return. It was great!
Jimmie Lynn Whitmore
Hendersonville, NC

28 June 2000

What a difference - the city, the house, everything - is so different as a tourist than as a student here. One thing remains, tho - the beauty of the city. Can that ever fail?

John Whitmore
Hendersonville, Winston-Salem, Philadelphia

July 4, 2000

To all my Kappa Girls who are spending Fall Semester 2000 in this magical place - Greetings from Lindsay Hanfield. I never imagined I would be able to return to Venice so soon - I am blessed by this visit. The house continues to look better & I can feel even more at home. I hope you find this same joy & happiness I found here during your semester. Wake Forest has given its students an irreplaceable gift by owning this house. Even if I am never able to visit Venice again my heart & soul will forever fill up & overflow with love ~~at the~~ just thought thinking about Casa Arton. Enjoy every moment to the fullest knowing I'm vicariously living through you. I miss you.

Love & Loyalty,
Lindsay Hanfield
Class of
2000

Venice is AMAZING! I am so grateful to be able to spend a month here in Casa Artom! This is the most beautiful City in the world, I think! My favorites are Salute, San Marco, Rialto (shopping), and the laundry service! :D I will never forget this wonderful experience. Thank you!

SUMMER



Marissa Hall

Ciao!

P.S. I will miss all of the gondoliers!

July, 26

2000

This isn't a city, it's a dream. (look out the window and you will see why). After being here for almost a month I can ^{safely} say that I have fallen in love with Venice. And I ^{as} say good bye to it for the last time. I ^{will} look back on my memories (Casa Artom, the students Robby ^{and Giovanni} Papabitos, getting lost, the long walks, the gondoliers, my birthday, el souk, gelato.) and think, I had it all for just one moment.

ATT. Juli

Ciao

P.S.

weet

I never know how to say goodbye (which is the hardest thing to do) to Venice. Every year I come I feel tranquil and joyous. The city is fabulous and everyone is wonderful! I will always remember the month I spent here even though ☆

it feels like I only came here yesterday!
I'll be back??

~ Erica Palmer
P.S. **Galeto!** ^{ruiz?}
oops! I still
can't spell it right!

8/31/00

What a beautiful place to enjoy Venice.

Robert & Carol Helm

9/1/00

Why was I an accounting major when I could have spent a semester here! What a wonderful house to enjoy this town and learn about Italian culture. As a Wake grad, I am proud and envious.

David Wassenich

9/1/00

Thanks for the tour. What a wonderful place! How do you go back from this? Even though I didn't go to W.F., you all rule. Thanks for the recommendations.

Paul Waldf

9/5/00

I've always heard so much about the Venice House - great to finally see it!! Thanks for the tour.

Susan Lupo '75 '79

This is a really cool place to live. I would think it would be so cool to live in Venice even for just four months. Nice place. Tyler
Fitzgerald
11-18-00

On my 3rd trip to Casa Artem (including the fall semester of '98), I am finally leaving my mark. This place has meant a great deal to me as have the people who I have shared it with. Thanks to everyone who has made each of my stays wonderful, and I look forward to another happy return in the future.

Will Pitts '00
January 2000

2/26/2001

Back in Venice for the first time since fall '97... showing my mom Casa Artem. Strange that coming back into the house after all this time, a part of me feels as though I never left... Ci vediamo ancora, io spero!

Sarah Austin-Wilke '00
For the fall 2001 group:

Dr. Hammond & Dr. Hammond: Welcome to Venezia - have a terrific semester here!

Adam: To one of my best friends, welcome to one of the greatest places I've ever known.

3/29/01

my first trip back to Casa Artem since 1982, to celebrate my 40th birthday tomorrow. I have so many wonderful memories of Venice and Casa Artem. It is great to be back!

Suzanne Underberg-Hane

5/30/01 - Hard to leave Casa Artem.... we're already planning our return visit! Susan, Mark, Pete, Megan & Lauren Andrews & Bob Wolff

6/5/01 - My first visit to Casa Artem and Venice. I hope to have many more

Rita Mewig

14/6/01

My first trip to Venice and my first trip to Casa Arton. What a wonderful three days. I am envious of those who spent a semester here. I am looking forward to a return visit. What a wonderful house our University owns. See you again soon.

Leslie Thomas
WFU Graduate Student in
Biochemistry

14/6/01

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WFU Mathematics
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Ciao Venezia,
Judy Lynn BA '00

22/6/01

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BECKY SHERIDAN WILLIFORD '75
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MARY MARGARET, JOHN III, ANNA.

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US ALUMS ARE VERY FORTUNATE WE CARED WAKE FOREST.

JOHN (64) AND AGGIE CARROLL

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Ciao
Al Hansen Jr. '82

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I never imagined I would re-visit Casa Arton on my honeymoon - but here we are. I'm so happy to show Tony this treasure of Wake Forest and to show him the books of 1994 + 1997 when I studied and worked here. As I said before, a part of me will always be in Venice + I owe it all to WFU and Bianca Arton.

- Mary Leigh Cherry ('97)
+ Tony de los Reyes

June 2, 2003

I first learned of Casa Arton when I was a graduate student at Wake Forest while my husband was a Professor of Family Medicine at Bowman Gray School of Medicine from 1978-1984. Always wanted to come back to Venice after a trip in 1975 and to stay here has been a special dream. My husband, Bob, joins me in thanking you for a wonderful experience here in Venice.

Anita D. Taylor (grad
school MA Ed. in 1982)

13 June '03

What a wonderful place to stay. It is the highlight of our trip, worth waiting a life-time to do. We are grateful to the university for this and all the other many benefits and joys it has provided our family over the past three decades.

Thank you,

Joan + John Tolmie (emeritus)

Ellen Williams

June 20, 2003

What a treat to return to Casa Anton after 19 years. In 1984 I was a WFU student in Paul + Beth Kaplan's group. My good friend, Rob Britigan, was here during the fall of '84, also. This visit included my parents, Alice + Gordon Williams, my children, Paul (12), Sarah (10), and Becca (7), and best of all, my husband, Monty Yoder. When I was here before, Monty was left in N Carolina. (He had to collect cans in order to pay for our long phone conversations across the Atlantic.) It has been a joy to introduce him to my Italian "casa" and to share it with all of my family. A big thank-you to the Kairoffs who provided a much needed hot meal our first night here, as well as a delightful afternoon at the Opera. Their children have made our visit a fun experience for mine. We hope to return before another 20 years go by.

Ciao,
Manny Williams Yoder '86
Monty Yoder '86

Sarah
Yoder

Rebecca
Yoder

Paul
Yoder

WHAT CAN WE ADD TO THE SENTIMENTS SO WELL-EXPRESSED BY PREVIOUS
CONTRIBUTORS TO THESE PAGES?? SITTING BY THE BUSY "CANAL GRANDE",
WALKING TO A GELATERIA, CLIMBING YET ANOTHER BRIDGE, ... ALL GO INTO
OUR BOOK OF MEMORIES. HERE IN JAN'Y 1982 W/ DAUGHTER BARBARA ('83),
BACK WITH HER FAMILY (DAVE, KATE, CHARLIE) IN JUNE '99, NOW WITH NANCY
(SEE PREVIOUS PAGE), WE HAVE MANY ASSOCIATIONS TO ENTERTAIN US WHEN FAR
FROM THE "DORSODURO". SURELY WE'LL BE BACK TO THIS NOISY YET
PEACEFUL PLACE BEFORE LONG.

GORDON WILLIAMS (MATH, '59)
[WHELPHET ALICE]

OUR first visit but NOT OUR LAST - Wonderful
City with great people - Food NOT bad either!

Bob + Michele McCreary
Bob McCreary CLASS '61

6/22/2003

As I watch my daughter, Shannon, look back through
the inscriptions from her semester here in Fall of 1998,
I see how important a part of her life this house ~~was~~,
and is. The tears she is wiping back speak volumes!

Thank you Wake Forest for educating and raising my
daughters in their last steps into full womanhood.
Your decision to offer this study abroad
program for Shannon (Class of 2000) and Jennifer (Class
of 2003 - [studying Fall 2002 in Buenos Aires]) - has
won me over to your collection of financial supporters.
Emilia R. Watkins

14.2.06

Casa Arton was
the most memorable
experience of my life
and here I am again
anni later. The house looks
beautiful and so much like
home. I also get to enjoy this
time with
U mio Adanto. Che bella casa, che buona
esperienza. I hope to come back many more times
words on a piece of paper cannot describe my feelings of
being back here!

Jennifer
John Cooper ('01)

Cianelli ('00)

For the life of me, I cannot find where my classmates and I wrote in these "books of love." We were the pilot Summer program, Summer 2003. An intensive Italian Course for 6 weeks. What an amazing ride. I came in blind-uncultured. I left with a new perspective, and a new language under my belt. I never thought to return to Italy, or at least not Venice, but here I am, backpacking through. This house recalls old memories. Little has changed - well, Yall have a grand piano (NICE!) and the basketball hoop in the courtyard is gone (though we didn't use it much - the balcony on the canal + the Guggenheim rooftop were more appealing)! Everyone leaves advice so here goes:

JUNE 3,
2006

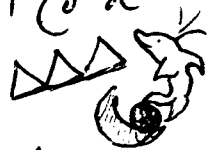
- 1) Only befriend the Italian men. No dates!
- 2) To pass someone by, say "permesso" not "scusi" - unless you step on them as you pass!
- 3) Bring your own wine-in-a-water bottle to St Marc's Square + spend the night on the tower step, freely enjoying the sunset.
- 4) Try the traditional Venetian S-shaped cookies (dunked in Prosecco is the best!)
- 5) If you tend to be a loner - the abandoned jetti in front of Santa Maria @ the end of Dorsoduro (across from St Marc's Square) is a great place to bring a journal, or book + be pensive.
- 6) The tower @ Torcello has the best view of the colored houses of Burano.
- 7) Murano is the best place to tour a glass-factory.
- 8) Bring bug spray to the Garden past St. Marc's.
- 9) Drink a Bellini @ the Gritti terrace (~40€? ")
- 10) Play futbol w/ the kids (native-kids)
- 11) Pop into a local shop and ask the elderly to recall their childhood. Tales of swimming in the canals, Carnivals, the Great Wars. They are a wealth of culture here.

I loved this place. Oh; 12) Stay here if you can + not @ a hostel (like I am now "), when you return - b/c you will return.

>> las59@georgetown.edu <<

Lauren Smulder

WFU Fall 02 - Spring 04
Georgetown '06



13/4/7

Ancora una volta con la famiglia. grazie per
l'ospitalità!

// Carr '96 (Spring '94)
// Janny Connor '96