

Wells Point in June

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June started out in Block Island, Rhode Island, and ended in Italy. That sure sounds nice. And it was! Though Italy was hot! The Italian food continued to impress us, and, as always, the light there caught my attention. Images from the month in both places are interspersed throughout this newsletter.



My film, [Shucking Tradition](#), continues its festival run. Recently, I learned that it will screen in July at the [River Valley Film Festival](#) in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in the Documentary Shorts Block, as well as at the inaugural [Avalon Family Film](#)

[Festival](#) in Avalon, New Jersey.



Even better news arrived in the form of this notification: "[California Capital International Documentary Film Festival](#) has updated the Judging Status of your submission, *Shucking Tradition*, to Selected." The California Capital International Documentary Film Festival, also known as Cal Cap Doc Fest, is a dedicated documentary festival in the Sacramento, California area. I am thrilled that [Shucking Tradition](#) joins a strong international lineup of films there.



During our time in Italy, we were also preparing for a symposium, "[Raccogliere memorie](#)" ([Gathering Memories](#)). The main goal of the event is to bring together the local community to actively share and preserve photographs and family stories related to the role of Indian soldiers in Montone during the Second World War.

Raccogliere Memorie

Le storie dei soldati indiani
e la liberazione
dell'Alta Valle del Tevere

SABATO
11 LUGLIO 2026

ore 17:00
Chiesa di San Francesco
Montone

Presentazione anteprima
Raccogliere Memorie

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This initiative expands on [Annu's work on the all-but-forgotten contribution of Indian soldiers to the Allies' victory in the Second World War](#). The work Annu will create from these collected memories will be the focus of a 2027 exhibition about the key role Indian soldiers played in liberating Montone. The event will take place on July 11th at the in the charming town of Montone, Italy.



NEWS YOU CAN USE:

This month, I was introduced to a great video: "[How I Shoot B-Roll Now](#)" by Jesse Senko. At nearly 18 minutes, it is well worth your time, as Senko lays out a clear, practical framework for filmmakers—highlighting not just what to film, but how to approach it with intention. Whether you are a seasoned filmmaker or just starting out, the ideas here will sharpen your on-location workflow. I highly recommend it.



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