



## **Educational Programs at The Civita Institute:**

### **Facilities, Collaboration, Participants**



Civita di Bagnoregio, Italy, view looking east. Photographs by Stephen Day unless otherwise noted.

**Overview and Mission.** The Civita Institute is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) arts and architecture-focused organization, founded in 1981. The organization is owner of a historic residency and arts facility located in the ancient Italian hill town of Civita di Bagnoregio, near Orvieto, and approximately 75 miles/115 kilometers northwest of Rome. Its U.S. corporate office is in Seattle, Washington. Civita di Bagnoregio is one of the most beautifully-preserved of the Etruscan hill towns, located within a protected heritage setting, with a remarkably intact renaissance-era townscape, free of automobiles. The mission of the Civita Institute is to inspire and promote design excellence through education and cultural exchange with Italy, with a particular emphasis upon the study and experience of Italian hill towns and their architecture, art, historic preservation, environmental stewardship and their relevance to modern design. More information on the Civita Institute can be seen at [www.civitainstitute.org](http://www.civitainstitute.org).

**Educational Programs.** In addition to its Fellowships and Residencies programs, the Civita Institute collaborates with individuals and entities in organizing and conducting small scale educational programs and workshops based at its facilities in Italy. These programs have ranged from 4 to 25 participants, and typically average 4-10 days in length. Depending on the size of the group, the participants are housed either totally within the Civita Institute facilities (for smaller groups) or in a combination of Civita Institute facilities and other short-term lodging located in Civita di Bagnoregio.

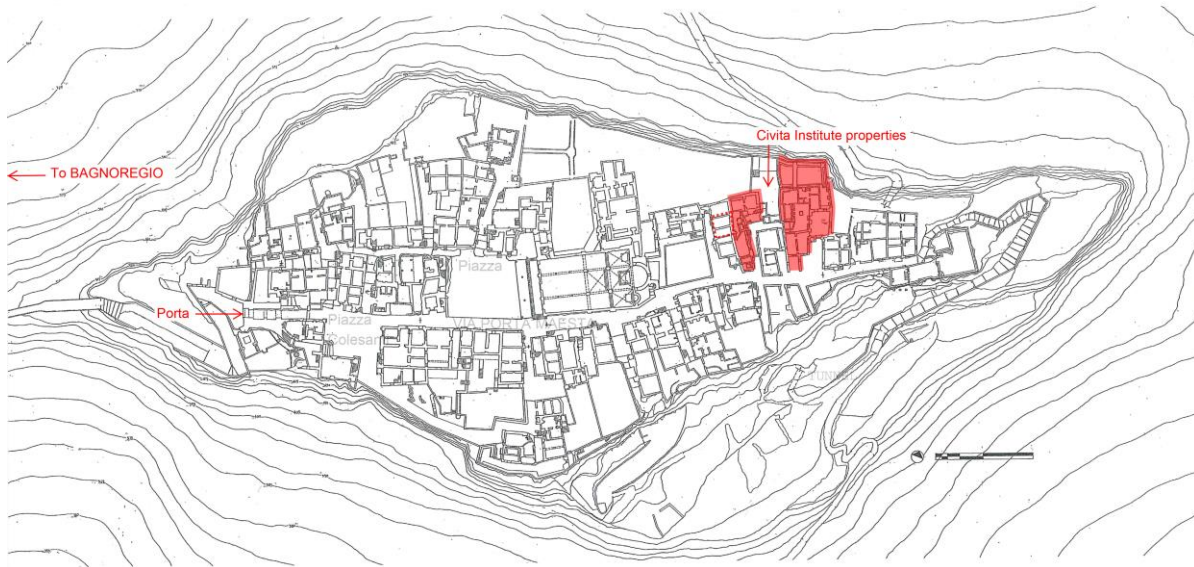
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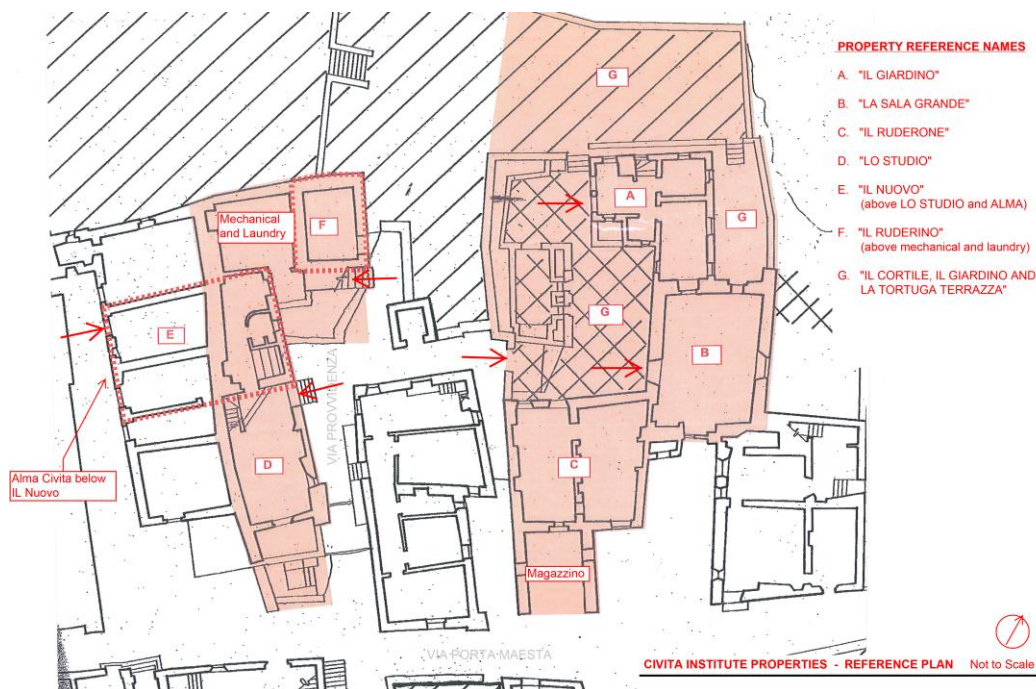
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**The Civita Institute Facilities.** The Civita Institute owns a compact collection of historic masonry buildings, grouped around a courtyard and garden, at the northeast area of Civita di Bagnoregio. This group of buildings includes Etrusco-Romano underpinnings and cellars, with medieval and renaissance-era buildings above. Civita di Bagnoregio has been inhabited for at least 3,000 years and was historically part of the Papal States and center of a bishopric. The Civita Institute facilities were renovated and donated by the late Professor Astra Zarina and architect Anthony Costa Heywood. The Civita Institute properties provide a truly unique base for exploring both this beautiful hill town and a remarkable range of world-renowned cultural sites located nearby in central Italy.



CIVITA DI BAGNOREGIO - TOWN PLAN - CIVITA INSTITUTE PROPERTIES



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Piazza San Donato, Civita di Bagnoregio.



Detail views inside the Civita Institute properties.

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The Civita Institute facilities include a series of historic residential buildings, with a shared library and communal meeting and dining space for up to 25, located in the renaissance-era Sala Grande. These historic structures are grouped around a private outdoor courtyard with arbor, for alfresco meetings and dining. Larger meeting and instruction spaces are potentially available in the renovated 16<sup>th</sup> Century Palazzo Mazzocchi-Alemanni, located nearby in Piazza San Donato.

The four residences in the Civita Institute houses include:

- “Lo Studio” (with kitchen, library, fireplace, two bathrooms, large upstairs bedroom that can sleep up to 4, in a shared space).
- “Il Ruderino” (a small studio with kitchen, bathroom, private courtyard, suitable for a single person, couple or two friends).
- “Il Nuovo” (with large open kitchen and dining space, fireplace, private bathroom, sleeps up to 4, in a shared space).
- “Il Giardino (with kitchen, bedroom for one or two, private bathroom, and view terrace overlooking the valley).



Lo Studio: View of ground floor terrace at the Library/Studio; View from second floor bedroom space.



Lo Studio: Library/Studio, upstairs Bedroom

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Ruderino: View from sleeping area, open kitchen.



Giardino: Kitchen and view of Giardino from Nuovo, with protected valley and Apennines mountains beyond.

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Il Nuovo: Exterior stair/entry, open kitchen and fireplace, loft bedroom with chestnut ceiling, private bathroom.

The Civita Institute facilities accommodate educational workshops and program groups ranging from 4 to 25 participants, depending upon sleeping arrangements and the degree that outside lodging accommodations are used. The residential capacity within the Civita Institute buildings ranges from 4 to 12 participants, again depending upon sleeping arrangements. Lodging in addition to the Civita Institute facilities can be booked through several small lodging establishments located in Civita di Bagnoregio. However, these arrangements must generally be made well in advance, particularly in the May through October period.

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In addition to the residential buildings, the Civita Institute facilities include the 16th century “Sala Grande” space. With its grand scale and remarkable renaissance-era fireplace, the Sala Grande provides a historic setting for the Civita Institute library, meeting, presentation and communal dining space.



The Civita Institute Sala Grande, looking east. Photograph by Lara Swimmer.



Civita Institute Directors hosting educational programs at its facilities, with group dining and meetings held in the Sala Grande.

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## **Collaborating with The Civita Institute on Educational Programs.**

The Civita Institute provides facilities to outside individuals and groups conducting brief educational workshops and courses, generally lasting from 5-14 days. The Civita Institute has set aside the months of May, June, October and November for educational programs, with the remainder of the year focused on individual Fellowships, Residencies and Member stays. Generally, all of the Civita Institute spaces must be reserved for an educational program (not a portion of the spaces). The designated program leader is solely responsible for the group and its activities, but The Civita Institute provides basic orientation and an introduction to the spaces. Additional coordination and services may be made available by The Civita Institute to a program group, based on prior arrangement, though additional contributions may be required in exchange for these benefits.

Only members of the Civita Institute may stay in the Civita Institute facilities, and all participants in educational programs are granted membership and residency benefits in exchange for contributions made to the nonprofit Civita Institute. The Civita Institute does not offer lodging to non-members, and the Civita Institute facilities are not a commercial lodging establishment. All participants must agree to and sign the Civita Institute Visitors Conditions prior to arrival in Civita. These conditions include the requirement that each participant carry medical insurance covering them while traveling in Italy and staying at The Civita Institute.

### **Contributions to The Civita Institute in Exchange for Membership and Residence Benefits.**

Example: an educational program involving 8 participants plus one or two leaders, for 6 nights.

#### **NUOVO**

\$130 per night, assuming 1-2 person occupancy, (Nuovo has 4-person max capacity dormitory style); additional residents beyond 2 = \$30/night/person additional) + \$50 total cleaning contribution for Nuovo.

#### **RUDERINO**

\$85 per night (2 persons max, dorm style) + \$30 total cleaning contribution

#### **LO STUDIO**

\$130 per night, assuming 1-2 person occupancy, (Lo Studio has a 4-person max capacity dormitory style); additional residents beyond 2 = \$30/night/person additional) + \$50 total cleaning contribution

#### **GIARDINO**

Typically, the workshop leader(s) stay in this 1-bedroom suite adjacent to Sala Grande, with separate kitchen, terrace, bathroom, 2 persons max in one-bedroom suite).

[Giardino suite is offered to workshop leaders at no additional contribution if the contributions shown above for Nuovo, Ruderino and Lo Studio are all contributed to the Civita Institute.]

#### **LA SALA GRANDE**

No additional contribution required.

Example for 6 nights: assuming 2 persons in Nuovo, 2 persons in Ruderino, 4 persons in Lo Studio, 1 or 2 workshop leaders staying jointly in Giardino:

= \$130+85+190 X 6 = \$2,430 + \$130 cleaning contributions = \$2,560 min. contribution is required in order to be awarded these member residency benefits.

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**AIA Continuing Education Provider.** The Civita Institute is recognized by the American Institute of Architects as a provider of continuing education seminars for architects, with participants potentially eligible to earn continuing education credits to count towards professional requirements. Educational programs conducted at The Civita Institute facilities and in collaboration with the Civita Institute can potentially involve these credits. Additional fees apply for such participants in order to take advantage of this opportunity.

**This summary of The Civita Institute facilities** and educational programs provides an initial overview of possibilities. We are open to collaboration and creative program development to assist leaders and groups conducting educational experiences in this remarkable setting in central Italy. Please note that our calendar fills early and these workshops require planning well in advance. The Civita Institute also reserves the right to alter its program calendar, membership and benefits terms.

**Those interested in exploring educational program development** in collaboration with The Civita Institute and its facilities should please contact Programs Committee Chair Stephen Day, AIA, at the address and telephone number shown below. We look forward to hearing your program ideas and working with you.



Civita di Bagnoregio, Etrusco-Romano-era vaulted portico at left, with medieval-era buildings. Photograph by Tom Miller.

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