

## TREVISIO PROVINCE, ITALY—SUMMER VACATION HAVEN FOR VENICE, ITALY

(emeritus)

In 2007 Treviso Province, Veneto, Italy, located between Venice and the Adriatic and the foothills of the Italian Alps, became twinned with Sarasota. The province of Treviso is one of Europe's most dynamic growth regions. In addition to its art and history treasures, the province of Treviso is considered to be the most dynamic in Italy. Treviso and the Veneto region in which it is located have enjoyed one of Europe's highest rates of economic growth.



One of the important ties between the 95-community province and Sarasota is the Historic Asolo Theater. It was first constructed in the Opera House in the former castle of [Queen Catherine Cornaro of Cyprus](#) who died in 1489. The interior of the theater dates to 1798. The horse-shoe shaped theatre contains four tiers of boxes and was modeled after the [Theater La Fenice](#) in Venice, Italy. A photo of the Castle to the right.



In 1930 the Asolo Theatre was dismantled and put into storage. In 1949 Everett “Chick” Austin, the first Director of the [John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art](#) of the learned of the theatre's existence and saw the theatre as an ideal acquisition for the museum. The [State of Florida](#) agreed and purchased the theatre which was crated and shipped to [Sarasota, Florida](#). In 1952 the theatre was set up in a gallery in the Ringling museum. In the late 1950s it was decided that the theatre should be reconstructed so that modern theatre performances could be staged. The reconstructed theatre therefore incorporates the historic architecture into a building that is modern in design. The Asolo Theatre opened its doors on January 10, 1958.

It was on the stage of the Historic Asolo Theater where the partnership was signed between Mayor Fredd Atkins and the President of Treviso Province Leonardo Muraro on February 29, 2007. The twinning has resulted in a rich, active exchange program aided by interest of alliance organizations such as the Ausonia Society and Sarasota Italian Cultural Events.

The winner of our 2009 People and Places Photography Contest involving all our Sister Cities was Treviso artist Cristina Madeyski with her “Magic Reflections - Treviso on the Sile River” entry. This led to a subsequent showing of her work at the Selby Auditorium on the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee campus in February 2012. Frequent



tours to locations suggested by Provincial President Muraro have attracted Sarasota residents to Treviso Province highlighting the Pearls of the Province of Treviso for necklaces of memories. And the highlights of the Culture Coast have attracted numerous visits from residents and officials of the province to Sarasota.



Former City Director Susanna Wriston in Treviso

Treviso Province is located close to Venice.



