

## ATTIVALAMEMORIA

The “Piccolo museo del diario” (Little museum of diary) is a continuously growing exhibition expanding year after year thanks to the contribution of individual donors, private companies, and public institutions, along with the growth of wider projects aimed at audience engagement and development, targeted communication strategies, school activities and tourism promotion of the Valtiberina area.

The Piccolo museo del diario was inaugurated on the 7th of december 2013. In 2015 it was recognized as a museum of regional interest. The 8th of august 2023 Regione Toscana confirms the recognition and now the museum is accredited to the National Museum System.

Piccolo museo del diario is an idea of the National Archive of Diaries Foundation and it was realized together with the municipality of Pieve Santo Stefano, as well as the contribution of Fondazione Tim, Regione Toscana, MiC and Promemoria ODV.

Discover how to support the activities of the museum and help them grow at [www.attivalamemoria.it](http://www.attivalamemoria.it)

## INFO

### OPENING TIMES

- From Monday to Friday (working days)  
9:30-12:30 15:00-18:00
- Saturday, Sunday and public holidays  
10:00-13:00 15:00-18:00

Piccolo museo del diario is closed 1, 6 January; Easter Sunday; 25, 26 December.

Four daily entrances with a guided tour; to guarantee an english-speaking guide, kindly schedule your appointment in advance for a truly enriching experience.

### SINGLE TICKET WITH TOUR 5€

Free admission: Children under 10 years; people with disabilities; residents of Pieve S. Stefano; “Friends of the Archive” card holders (see details at [www.attivalamemoria.it](http://www.attivalamemoria.it)). Admission is free for everybody during the days of the Premio Pieve Saverio Tutino.

Museum tickets, bookshop revenues, donations support our activities and make the culture of memory possible.



PICCOLO MUSEO DEL DIARIO  
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with an elevator is available

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## A LITTLE MUSEUM

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The museum of diary is called “piccolo” (little) not only because it is really small: one could easily walk through its four rooms in less than 20 seconds. It is also called “piccolo” for the cosiness and intimacy that the Italian word implies. And yet, in such little space, wilfully reclaimed from an ancient palace which survived to the destruction of the German mines in 1944, great discoveries for visitors await.

These are the stories that the National Archive of Diaries safely guards since forty years. Individual stories that, together, compose a collective story: that of a people, of an entire country.

Two rooms are dedicated to two works that mostly distinguish themselves from others for their narrative power and invention in writing. One is that of Vincenzo Rabito, a self-taught Sicilian who worked as a roadman; the other is that of Clelia Marchi, a peasant woman from the Mantua district. After losing her beloved husband Anteo, one night Clelia found herself without paper: therefore, she decided to write the story of her life on the most beautiful bed sheet of her trousseau. In this way, she created an impressive piece of art, that soon became the symbol of Pieve's collection of memoirs.

## DOTDOTDOT

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The Piccolo museo del diario was realised by Dotdotdot, a multidisciplinary design studio that combines art, architecture, construction and design, combining them with new technologies and new media. Dotdotdot is a group of young, talented creatives who deeply studied the Archive of diaries in order to realise an interactive, peculiar pathway that truly touches the heart of visitors. Dotdotdot were inspired by the book that the theatrical actor and director Mario Perrotta dedicated to the story of the Archive and to its founder, Saverio Tutino.

The visitor finds himself in front of drawers, talking objects, whispers, ticking, sounds and images that come from the past and mix different times and themes as well as different feelings, this way to represent life in all its aspects. The life of the others, that becomes somehow the life of the visitor himself.

In addition, Dotdotdot created a suitcase of stories, a sort of portable museum that recalls the idea of an alphabetical card file.

Another portable installation is entitled “3 WOMEN IN A TRIPTYCH”: it's a secret chest that visitors can activate by crossing an ideal doorstep.

## THE TOWN OF DIARIES

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When he first came to visit the Archive in Pieve Santo Stefano, Mario Perrotta realised that the alphabetical order of the Archive catalogue –the only way to be oriented among the shelves and find a story- actually forced very divergent lives into a weird, unusual cohabitation. People that would never be close, in real life, were “sentenced” by the Archive to an eternal closeness.

Therefore at night, with the complicity of Saverio Tutino –eccentric guardian of memoirs- diaries would start flying and floating from one shelf to another, looking for mates with similar lives, then chatting and whispering for hours until the break of dawn, when each one would fly back to its original place.

Mario Perrotta –critically acclaimed director, playwright and theatre actor- recounted in his “Il paese dei diari” (The town of diaries) edited by Terre di mezzo the fictionalised story of the Archive of Diaries. When they became involved in the making of the Piccolo museo, Dotdotdot took a significant leaf from Mario Perrotta's book.

