

21st Tassian Day

A DAY OF MEETINGS, STUDY AND UPDATES

On Sunday 30 August 2026, starting at 10.30 am, the Tasso and Postal History Museum and the Municipality of Camerata Cornello are organising the 21st Tassian Day (Cornello dei Tasso, Camerata Cornello, BG) – a day of meetings, study and updates on the history of the Tasso family, the history of the postal service and the museum.

As part of the event, Dr **Simone Gerosa's** doctoral thesis, entitled **The Roads of the Brembana Valley: Isolation and Connection between the 14th and 18th Centuries** (University of Padua, Department of Historical, Geographical and Ancient Studies, Degree Course in Historical Sciences, academic year 2024–2025), will be presented.

The thesis reconstructs the evolution of the road network in the Brembana Valley between the 14th and 18th centuries, examining the coexistence and historical transition between the valley's two main transport routes: the medieval *Via Mercatorum*, characterised by high-altitude routes and local variants, and the subsequent *Strada Priula*, the valley-floor infrastructure built by the Republic of Venice at the end of the 16th century to connect Bergamo directly to Valtellina.

Adopting a multidisciplinary approach, Simone Gerosa's work combines archival sources — including 15th-century local statutes and reports by Venetian rectors — with travel diaries of the period and recent archaeological and palaeobotanical data.

Following this, the museum will present the “**Cornello dei Tasso**” award, an honour recognising a work dedicated to the history of the postal service or the history of the Tasso family. This award is given to an individual, a book, an organisation or a project that has distinguished itself over the past year for promoting the postal sector in an original way. The winning entry will be unveiled during Tasso Day.

The award is crafted by the Bergamo-based miniaturist **Simone Algisi**, who trained ‘in the workshop’ under the masters K.P. Schaffell and Ivano Ziggiotti, two of the leading figures in the world of miniature art.

In addition, the project to create the **multimedia table**, designed to explore the history of the Tasso family in greater **depth**, and the ‘**Bambini in gioco**’ project, launched at **Camerata Cornello Primary School**, will be presented.

The development of the **multimedia display**, designed to offer a dynamic and engaging exploration of the history of the Tasso family, was overseen by Prof. **Bonaventura Foppolo** and produced by **Spazio Geco, a cooperative**. The interactive installation guides visitors through the

family history, starting from three key elements: the origin of the surname, the coats of arms and the family tree.

The “**Bambini in gioco**” project was carried out as part of a programme exploring the local area for pupils in Years **3, 4 and 5** at **Camerata Cornello Primary School**, supervised by teachers **Micaela Oprandi** and **Katia Filippini**. By promoting board games as an inclusive and cooperative tool, the school has designed and produced three educational games centred on the historic *Via Mercatorum*: an engaging ‘game book’ and two board games complete with dice and cards. This project has enabled the pupils to undertake historical research and develop cross-curricular skills applied to history and the local area.

Once the presentations have finished, the audience will be divided into two groups: one group will be able to try out the multimedia table, whilst the other will have a go at the board games.

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PROGRAMME FOR TASSI DAY

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2026

- 10.30 am: meet at Cornello and welcome address by the Museum Director, Fabio Bonacina, and the Mayor of Camerata Cornello, Andrea Locatelli
- 10.45 am: the museum in 2026 and a presentation of the collaborations established during the year
- 11.00 am: presentation of the PhD thesis: *'The Roads of the Brembana Valley: Isolation and Connection between the 14th and 18th Centuries'* by Dr **Simone Gerosa** of the University of Padua
- 11.20 am: presentation of the **'Cornello dei Tasso' Award**
- 11.30 am: Presentation of the work for the museum's **multimedia display**, curated by Prof. **Bonaventura Foppolo**.
- 11.50 am: presentation of the educational project by classes 3a, 4a and 5a of **Camerata Cornello Primary School**, dedicated to the *Via Mercatorum*, led by teacher Micaela Oprandi and the primary school pupils
- 12.10 pm: practical demonstration of the multimedia station and the activities carried out by Camerata Cornello Primary School
- 1.00 pm: closing of the Tassian Day