

**ONNA**

( Fraz. di L' Aquila )



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In this short, yet intense journey through my native region, I was inspired by the people's collective will to rebuild and to remain. I wish to express my gratitude to everybody I met for bringing in me these insights.

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The 2009 L'Aquila earthquake was an earthquake of 6.3 moment magnitude that occurred in the central Italian region of Abruzzo on 6 April 2009, following a series of about a hundred minor tremors since January 2009, including a 4.0-magnitude one on 30 March. The majority of the damage occurred in the medieval city of L'Aquila (capital city of the Abruzzo region) and the surrounding villages. 307 people are known to have died, making this the deadliest earthquake to hit Italy since the 1980 Irpinia earthquake.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2009\\_L'Aquila\\_earthquake](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2009_L'Aquila_earthquake)

## RESILIENCE-VOLUME 2

With these pictures I wish to consider the idea of resilience: the ability intrinsic in certain objects and people to maintain their essence and core identity after external events have physically and/or emotionally transformed them.

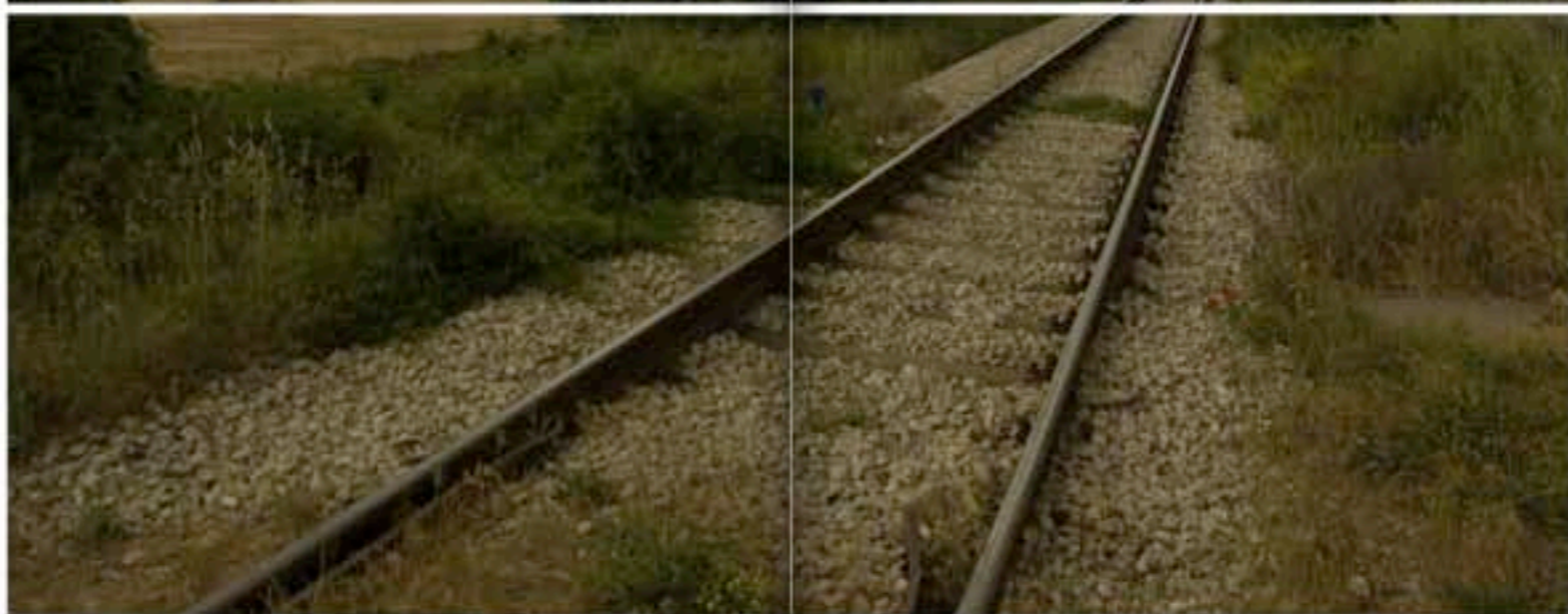
This quality is exemplified by the Abruzzo region of Italy's ability, not for the first or the last time, to adapt, flex, give, transform and grow in the wake of the devastating earthquake there this past April.

It is my hope that the people both directly and indirectly involved in the reconstruction of Abruzzo will approach the rebuilding of its architecture and lives with a long-term view, finding inspiration in the resilience of this ancient and beautiful region of Italy as it weathers yet another inevitable transformation.

- Iole Alessandrini, August 2009

We learned that many people sadly did not survive the 6.7 Richter earthquake on April 6th 2009.

And then by looking at what was left of Onna, we wondered and rejoiced knowing how many people did manage to survive!

























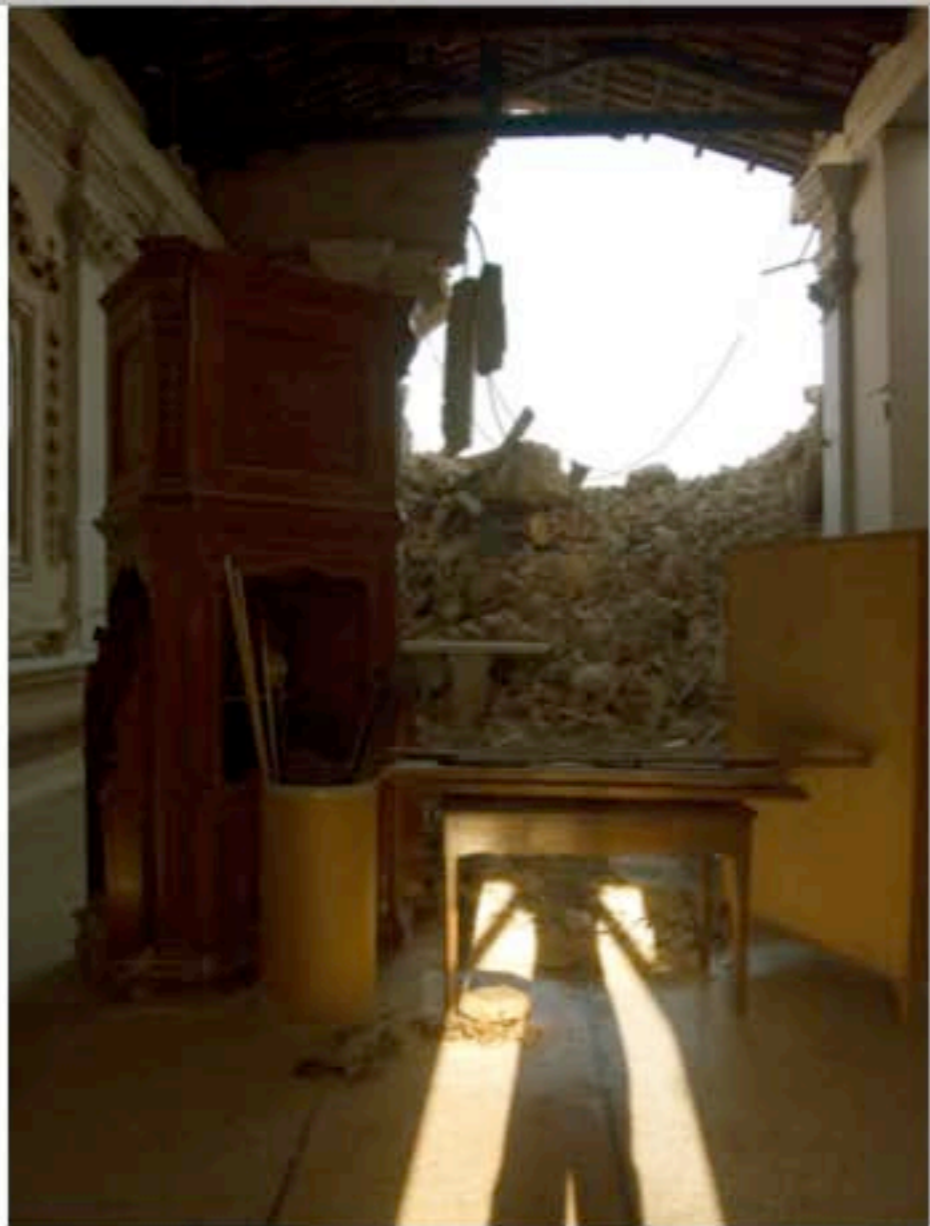
















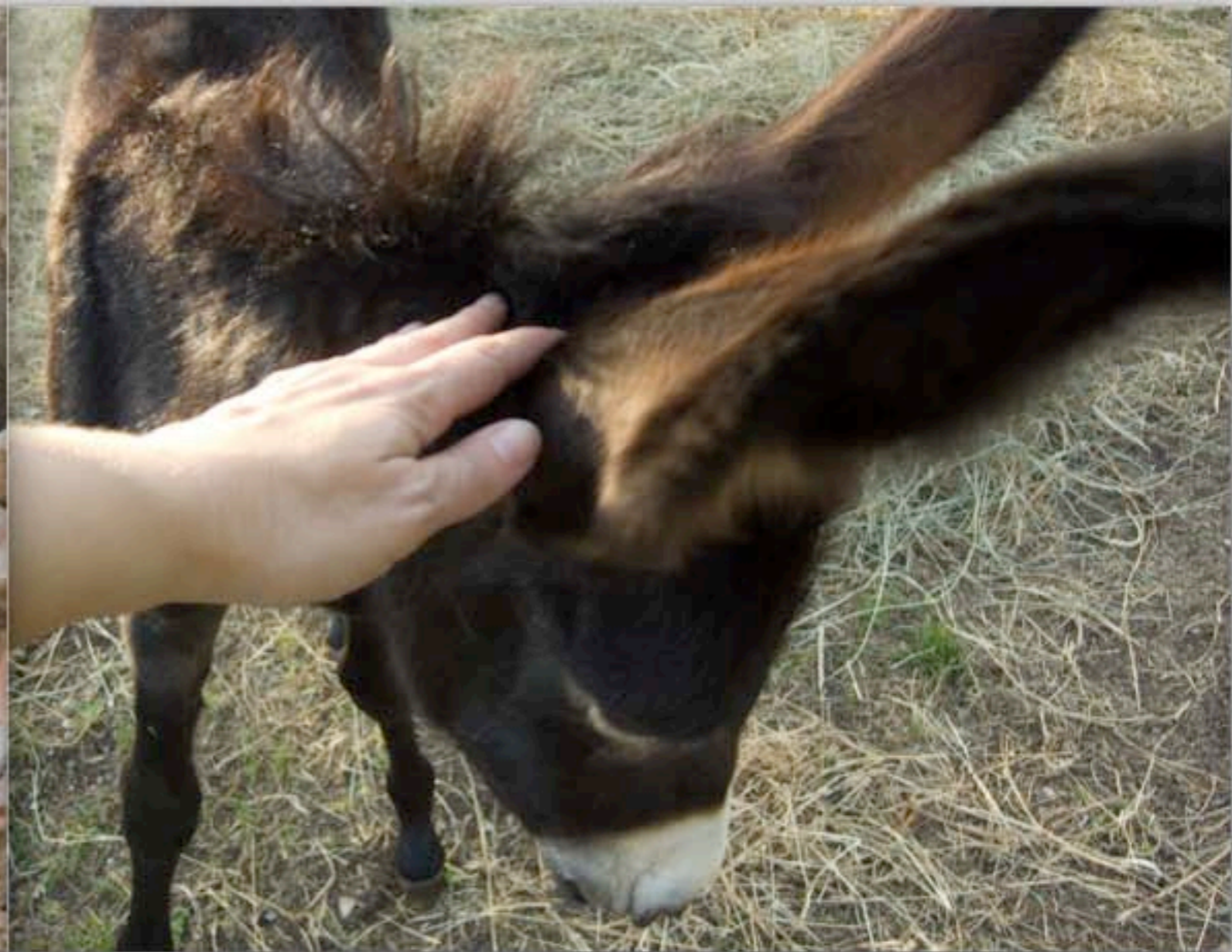












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