



ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE de CHARLESTON

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MOT DE LA PRESIDENTE

The Mission of "the Alliance Française" in the world is to promote the French and francophone Culture thru the French language. This vocation has taken a much bigger implementation for the past years. About 60 Alliances in United States are teaching Alliances which means that they have students and classes.

WE are following this impulsion and have created 3 levels of tutoring, private lessons and are starting a children program. Most of our teachers are French and have experience in this field and we are offering our members wonderful programs at a very affordable cost. To ensure an easier following we are selling our lessons by packages of 2 months for a price of \$95 which entitles the student to go to as many classes he or she wants during this period. As an example he or she can go to Nicole's beginners' class and attend the intermediate one as well.

Naturally if a student is out of town or sick and has informed his teacher we will find a way to help him to catch up later. It is also easier for us with this method to follow the progress and the need of the students and offer them a much more organized program. Private lessons are \$ 25.

We are following a program inspired by the Alliance Française de Paris. We are providing the material. We have checked the fees with the others Alliances and I can promise you that it is a great deal...but I hope to increase our number of students and start new classes .I would like to have

classes with theme such Art, Business, Trips.

Let me know what you need, find a small group with the same interest and we will have a special class for you.

Our teachers are Nicole McCauley, Corinne Mills, Gigi Sireyjol and Marie Arnaud.

Let us know also if you want to teach and join our group. It is fun to do and it is a great experience.

Marie Arnaud

La BOUTIQUE

Alliance Française Silk Scarf	\$120.00
French Notes Book	\$5.00
Book of 12 Monet Book Marks	\$1.50
French Café CDs: Gainsbourg, Barbara, Enzo, Brassens, Birkin, Boogaerts, Bardot	\$17.00
French Playgrounds CD (for small children)	\$17.00

Contact Gigi at (843) 276-5797 or gsirey@hotmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

The third Thursday of November, Beaujolais Nouveau night, is rapidly approaching and the Alliance Française of Charleston is getting ready for its 2nd Beaujolais Nouveau Festival.

Let's keep in mind that the Beaujolais Nouveau is a fun wine which never pretended to be a connoisseur wine. It's the way to

celebrate the end of the harvest and have a good time all together.

Like last year, the Festival will be mainly celebrated in Charleston but Pawley's Island, Mount Pleasant, Johns Island, Hilton-Head, Savannah will participate as well. In the next newsletter, you'll find the list of restaurants participating. But for now, keep the date:

Thursday the 15th of November
Beaujolais Nouveau Festival'07



The Alliance extends a special thank you to the artist Fred Jamar. One of his famous paintings has been selected for the Beaujolais Nouveau Festival' 07. A native of Belgium, Fred Jamar has been passionately painting with oil for close to 50 years. Since coming to Charleston, ten years ago, after retiring from international corporate life, he has devoted all his energy to it. His paintings have been bought and shipped all over the US and Europe and can be seen in Charleston at the Charles II Gallery at 2 Queen Street. Chuck Wolf, the gallery owner, says: "It was pretty instant, when we hung him up; we started moving his pieces right away. He's just taken off and has become one of the

most distinctive and popular artist in Charleston.”

Make a Note in Your Calendar Art Exhibit SOME OF US

1600 Home Farm Road
Mt. Pleasant
Studio of Peggy Howe
For info tel: 843 881 8630
bettemr@earthlink.net

Opening Reception Friday evening Nov. 16 from 6 to 9

Show continues Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17 and 18
10 to 6pm

Sunday at 4pm
Wine and Cheese
Poetry reading by
Susan Finch Stevens

Participating Artists

Bea Aaronson	Paintings
Wade Brown	Furniture
Salley Davis	Paintings
Peggy Howe	Drawings & Paintings
Paul Mardikian	Paintings
Arthur McDonald	Clay
Beth Mueller-Roemer	Clay & Books
Carol Savage	Jewelry
Susan Finch Stevens	Books

FRENCH CLASSES

Beginners: Thursday evenings at 7pm at the West Ashley Barnes and Nobles. Please, contact Nicole directly at 843.797.7242

Marie-Laure has started a new beginners' class every other Monday at 3pm at the Library Society. Please contact Marie if you are interested at Marie_Arnaud@S5A.com

Intermediate: at the Library Society at 4pm on the 8th & 22nd, at Beaner's Café (Publix Shopping Center-17N) 6:30pm, on the 1st, 15th & 29th. Contact Marie-Laure 884-5228 or Corinne at 856-2787.

Advanced Class: at the Library Society on the 5th, 10th & 19. Contact Gigi at 768-7368 or gsirey@hotmail.com

Private Lessons: \$25 Call Corinne at 856-2787 or corinnemills@yahoo.com

Classes are for members only. The fee is \$95 for 8 lessons. Sign up by sending your check to Corinne Mills 1432 Wellesley Circle, Mt Pleasant SC 29466.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Pétanque

Next match is scheduled for October 28 at 4 pm at the gazebo at Hampton Park located off Rutledge Av. Coming from downtown, turn left on to Cleveland St and then right. Follow up to the parking lot on your left: you will see the gazebo a few steps away. Contact Louis Herodote at



louis.a.herodote@comcast.net

BOOK CLUB

The club will meet on Friday, October 19 at Chantal Rousselin's home. Email Chantal for directions:

Chantalrouselin@hotmail.com



KNITTING CLUB

Next meeting is October 22 at 2 pm to 4 pm in the back room of the Library Society at 164 King Street. Call Gigi at (843)276-5797 or email gsirey@hotmail.com



LE FRANÇAIS PAR LES FILMS

Next movie: October 12 at 7 pm at the MUSC Psychiatry Auditorium (parking across the street). **The film class is free to all members.** Email Josette Sharwell at pagejosette@aol.com.



COOKING CLASS

The class will be at Steve Horsley's at 6:30 pm on Sunday, October 21st! Menu: Poulet rôti, Mums pommes de terre Frisée aux lardons, Tarte aux pommes campagnarde. Members \$25 per person, guests \$35. Please, call Steve by October 17th at 843-768-7368 to make your reservation.

BRIDGE CLUB

Afternoon Club: 2 p.m. on October 16 at Francoise Bassett's, 806 Sage Bird View, 29412. For all information contact Vicky Oakley at vmgoakley@yahoo.com



Evening Club: Thursday, October 18 at Bill & Vicky Oakley's. Please contact anthonybassett@bellsouth.net for all information. We plan to have 3-4 tables.

Contact Tony Bassett if you want your name to be added to our list.

2007 CONVENTION AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION

The Federation of Alliances Française USA's 2007 Convention and Annual Meeting will be October 24-28, 2007, Milwaukee Athletic Club, Milwaukee. All information concerning the meeting can be found at www.afusa.org

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you wish to contribute to the newsletter or share information of interest to our members, please contact Corinne at corinnemills@yahoo.com. All information must be forwarded at least ONE week before the first of each month.

MEMBER SERVICES

E-mail us, mail us, or phone us (whichever is more convenient to YOU)

Any change in your life: address, phone, e-mail, any way of communication between us! E-mail: caldpat@bellsouth.net or phone: 843-556-8458

A LAST WORD

We extend our most sincere "Thank You" to Susan Bass and Tom Bradford for so gallantly opening their home to us for Bob Waggoner's cookbook signing.

Bob Waggoner has very generously donated \$5 per book sold to the Alliance. Merci Bob!

Thank you also to Gigi and Marie-Laure for a beautiful and delicious buffet.