

Alliance Française de Charleston - April Activities

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Provence Soirée

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Membership

Membership is renewed annually, each September. Renewals should be submitted beginning in August, but no later than September 30th. Any new membership acquired after May 31st of a given year will be valid through September of the following year.

Annual Membership Dues

Family Membership	\$60.00
Individual Membership	\$35.00
Academic Membership (Limited to Teachers of French and students -25 years old)	\$25.00
Patron Membership	\$500.00
Superbe Patron Membership	\$1000.00
Corporate Membership	\$500.00

For more information about membership, please email John Green at johnagreen.comcast.net.

[Membership Application](#)- See website for application.

Please print your membership application and return to: Alliance Française de Charleston

C/o John Green636-G 200 Long Point Road, Mt Pleasant SC 29464

Language Center

OUR CLASSES – Check Classes and Dates. For questions or registration, contact Corinne Mills at cgm_51@hotmail.com or 843 817-4967.

Very Beginner, taught by **Marie-Laure Arnaud**. Tuesdays: April 7, 14, 21, 28 at 3:30pm at Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street, Downtown. For class information email Marie-Laure at marie-laurearnaud@hotmail.com.

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Advanced Beginner, taught by **Nicole Buford**. Thursdays April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 1pm at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 7620 Rivers Av, N Charleston. For class information email Nicole at Buford.mccauley@comcast.net

Intermediate (for those who read, speak and write moderately well), taught by **Claire Auberjonois** claireauberjonois@yahoo.co.uk or at 843 609-8204 for date and place.

Advanced (for those who are almost fluent) taught by **Gigi Sireyol**, from 1-3pm on Saturday afternoons upstairs at the King Street Starbuck. Please contact Gigi at gsirey@hotmail.com or 843 276-5797 to sign up for the class and confirm attendance.

Private Lessons If you are interested in more intensive and specific instruction, we offer private classes tailored to your needs. The lesson rate is \$ 30.00 per hour for members only. For more information, contact Corinne Mills at cgm_51@hotmail.com or Marie-Laure Arnaud at marie-laurearnaud@hotmail.com.

Classes are for members only. (Please join us if you are not yet a member!) Price is \$100.00 per eight-week session. Classes held for less than 3 students will be considered as semi-private classes.

Thursday April 16 Le Français par les Jeux 7-830pm at Pat Caldwell's, 29 Bainbridge Dr, Charlestown Estates 1, West Ashley. Learn and practice French through games! Play Taboo, Devine Tête, Scrabble etc. RSVP to Pat at 556-8458 or caldpat@bellsouth.net

Saturday April 18- Pause Café at 1pm Summerville groupe de conversation. Are you interested in a French conversation group in Summerville? Lisette Luton will be hosting a "Pause Café" at her place, which will allow people to speak French in a relaxed atmosphere over a cup of coffee and cookies. Come and help us shape this new group and decide what the format will be. 254 Weathers Court, Summerville, SC 29483. RSVP: Lisette Luton 821-1928.

Thursday April 23 at 5:00 pm Rendez Vous – L'heure de Conversation is at Mistral from 5-6pm. Meet other Francophiles from the Charleston area. Enjoy mingling with others en français. Everyone will practice at his/her level. Full bar and menu are available. RSVP to Pat Caldwell at caldpat@bellsouth.net or 843 556-8458

Cultural Events

Friday April 3 - Le Français par les Films at 7pm will be in the Auditorium of the Institute of Psychiatry at MUSC, 67 President Street, downtown Charleston. We will see *Deux Jours à tuer (2008)* adapted from a novel by François d'Epernoux and directed and co-written by Jean Becker with Albert Dupontel and Marie-Josée Croze. The title was translated as "*Love Me No More*" and maybe at the end of the movie you can decide which title is more appropriate. It takes place over two days, a weekend.

Deux Jours à tuer was part of the program of the French Film Festival of the Alliance Française in Australia this month (Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney) and is being played the week-end of April 4th in Perth. It is also part of the program of the VCU French Film Festival in Richmond, VA, March 26-29, 2009. It received three Cesars nomination at the 2009 ceremony: Best Actor for Dupontel, Best Supporting Actor for Pierre Vanneck and Best Writing. It is not distributed in the US at this time. For more French film class information contact Josette Sharwell at PageJosette@aol.com.

Tuesday April 7 – Independent Film Movement at 7pm at the Charleston County Public Library - *Eldora do* showing in the Auditorium at the Main Library. **Synopsis:** Yvan and Elie are two loners who wander aimlessly through their lives. Yvan is a quick-tempered 40-year-old vintage car dealer while Elie is a young burglar and ex-junkie. One day Yvan catches Elie trying to rob him. Instead of beating him up, he becomes strangely attached to him and agrees to drive him home to his parents in his old Chevrolet. Yvan and Elie are both nostalgic about lost relationships, which is what leads them to undertake a bizarre journey through a region that is as spectacular as it is crazy. Both are trying to find the pieces of a puzzle that they want to put back together, but it might be too late. This Belgian film is in French with English subtitles. (Synopsis provided by filmmovement.com.) This screening is free and open to the public

Thursday April 9 Evening Bridge at 630 pm at Corinne's home. The session is limited to 4 tables of 4. Tentative future dates are: May 7 and June 4. Contact Tony Bassett at anthonybasset@bellsouth.net for the confirmed date, time, location and information.

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Monday April 20 - Le Tricot at 2pm- Free Parking at Charleston Library Society permitted for the time you are in the library. The next meeting will be February 16 from 2-4PM at the Charleston Library Society 164 King Street. Contact: Alma Brown at almb@bellsouth.net or 843 243-9888.

Sunday April 26 – La Petanque at 4pm. "Weather permitting" Meet at Hampton Park by the Gazebo. All are welcome from novice to expert. We provide the "boules". RSVP to Corinne Mills at cgm_51@hotmail.com or 843 817-4967.

Upcoming Workshops

Sunday April 19 - Cooking Class at 630 pm The menu: le lapin en sauce moutarde, la crème vanille île flotante. Registration Information: **Where:** 1990 Belair Court Mt Pleasant, **Who:** Taught by Marie-Laure Arnaud, **How Much:** \$25.00 for members, \$30.00 non-members, **How:** Call Marie at 843 884-5228 or email marie-laurearnaud@hotmail.com or Marie_Arnaud@S5A.com.

Alliance Library

Friday April 17 Le Cercle Littéraire at 730pm. Linda Citera will be hosting the meeting. Please RSVP Linda at kozacitera@comcast.net. All are welcome; you choose the book you feel like reading. It could be one you purchased or one you borrowed from Le Cercle Littéraire's many offerings. The meeting is conducted in French. Contact Brigitte for more information at codronb@cofc.edu or 843 766-2673.

If you need more information, have corrections and/or additions or have any questions concerning the information, please contact Pat Caldwell at caldpat@bellsouth.net or 843 556-8458.

