

Alliance Française de Charleston – May Activities

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New French Chocolate Patisserie- Grand Opening!

Christophe-Artisan-Chocolatier Patisserie

I'On Piazza next to Soif
invites you to the grand opening
7 to 10 PM
Friday, May 1st

La Fourchette

Special Pricing for Alliance Members: \$53/person.

Please call us with any questions.
We hope to see you on the 5th!
Kevin & Perig

La Fourchette will be hosting a wine dinner on Tuesday, May 5th at 7 p.m.
Special guest Jean-Philippe Bourgeois of Bourgeois Family Selections will host a four-course dinner
paired with five wines from the southern regions of France.
\$58 per person + tax & gratuity

432 King Street - Downtown Charleston

Call 843.722.6261 for more information and to make reservations.

Please read below for more information about the Bourgeois Family and Jean-Philippe.

Featured Wines:

Reception - Domaine de Granajolo - Blanc - 2007

First Course - Chateau Capion - Cuvee "1C" Blanc - 2007

Second Course - Chateau Capion - Cuvee "1C" Rouge - 2006

Third Course - Domaine Jerome Gradassi - Chateauneuf-du-Pape Rouge - 2006

Dessert Course - Domaine de Bellegarde - Cuvee Thibault - 2004



Jean-Philippe Bourgeois

Over the past 6 years, Jean-Philippe was the General Manager for one of the top importers in the country and one of the most respected men in the industry, Eric Solomon of European Cellars. Six years spent with the best of the best honed to a fine sheen his lifelong passion for wine. He has also consulted for several projects to help start or improve the efficiency of various importers. Since a young age, Jean-Philippe has been traveling within the viniculture regions of France and Europe. Due to his lifelong passion for wine, international education, resulting in 2 BAs and one MBA, extensive travel and fluency in three languages: French, English and Spanish; he is uniquely suited to facilitate the best interests of producers and distributors, and provide American customers with hand selected and unique fine wines.

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: May 5, 12, 19, 26, at 3:30pm at Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street, Downtown. For class information email Marie-Laure at marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com.

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Advanced Beginner, taught by Nicole Buford. Thursdays May 7, 14, 21, 28 at 1pm at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 7620 Rivers Av, N Charleston. For class information email Nicole at Buford.mccauley@comcast.net

Intermediate, taught by Claire Auberjonois . Intermediate is for those who read, speak and write moderately well. For class information email Claire Auberjonois claireauberjonois@yahoo.co.uk or at 843 609-8204 for date and place.

Advanced taught by Gigi Sireyol, Advanced is for those who are almost fluent. Class is 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 marielaurearnaud@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 May 14 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
Saturday May 16 - 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 May 21 Le français par les jeux 7-830pm. Please notify Pat if you are coming. The games will be 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

NEW!!! Thursday May 28 1pm – 230p Afternoon Le francais par les jeux I have been requested to have an afternoon game session. If you are interested in playing games in the afternoon, please notify Pat Caldwell at 843 556-8458 or email caldpat@bellsouth.net.

Cultural Events

Friday May 1 – New French Business Grand Opening- Enjoy French chocolate delicacies! Come and welcome Christophe to Charleston! Christophe, Artisan, Chocolatier Pâtissier, l’On Plaza next to Soif invites you to the grand opening 7 to 10 PM
Friday, May

Saturday May 2, 9:00am to 6:00pm at Gaillard Auditorium you can take advantage of Spoleto one-time discounts and special offers, talk with festival staff, and learn more about the 2009 festival lineup. For more info visit the festival website at: www.spoletousa.org

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Friday – May 8 Le Français par les Films We will meet Friday May 8th at 7:00pm in the Auditorium of the Psychiatry Institute at MUSC, 67 President Street, downtown Charleston for *Il y a longtemps que je t'aime (I've Loved You so Long) (2008)*, written and directed by prize-winning novelist turned director Philippe Claudel, with Kristin Scott Thomas and Elsa Zylberstein.

Juliette Fontaine (Kristin Scott Thomas, 2009 Golden Globes nominee) is a frail haunted woman, an ex-doctor who has just served fifteen years in jail for murder. With nowhere to go, she comes to live with her loving sister Lea (Elsa Zylberstein). Together the sisters embark on a painful but redemptive journey back from life's darkest edge in this gripping drama of struggle and salvation.

Il y a longtemps que je t'aime won numerous awards: Best Foreign Film at the 2009 BAFTA (British equivalent of Oscars), the Reader Jury and the Ecumenical Jury Prizes at the 2008 Berlin International Film Festival, Best First Work and Best Supporting Actress at the 2009 Cesars (French Oscars), plus four nominations for Best Actress, Best French Film, Best Music, Best Writing; and it won Best Actress for Scott Thomas by the 2009 London Critics Circle Film Awards.

Other nominations include: Best Performance for Scott Thomas and Best Foreign Film at the 2009 Golden Globes, Audience Award for Scott Thomas at the 2009 Irish Film Awards.

This is the kind of film I would select for our film festival but did not because it has already been shown at the Terrace Theater and is available at Netflix and video rentals. Several of you have said they missed it when it was shown at the Terrace, and the few who have seen it said they would like to see it again, it is that kind of film.

For more French film class information contact Josette Sharwell at pagejosette@aol.com.

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

Saturday May 9 Total Wine Tasting Table = Tour of Bordeaux. Total Wine 1820 Ashley River Rd, Charleston, SC 29407 tel. 843 763-7034.

Monday May 11 - Le Tricot at 2pm- Free Parking at Charleston Library Society permitted for the time you are in the library. The next meeting will be in September at the Charleston Library Society 164 King Street. Contact: Alma Brown at almab@bellsouth.net or 843 243-9888 for meeting details..

May 22, 25, 31, June 6 LOUISE- French Opera often referred to as the French version of La Boheme, sung in French with English subtitles. See www.spoletto.org for details , tel. 843 579- 3100.

Sunday May 31– 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 May 24 Cooking Class at 7:00 pm. The menu will be Cassolette de coquilles Saint Jacques saumon a l'oseille, soufflé au chocolat - 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 May 15 Le Cercle Littéraire at 730pm. Chantal Rousselin will be hosting the meeting. Please RSVP Chantal at rousselin@hotmail.com or telephone 763-8737. 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.

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	\$25.00
(Limited to Teachers of French and students -25 years old)	
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

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.