



La Trompette

Avril 2024

NOTE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Chers membres de AF Grosse Pointe,

April brings a multitude of cultural and enrichment opportunities, some offered by our AF chapters, and others available through different organizations. We try to keep you abreast of any French or Francophone opportunities so you can benefit and enjoy.

I am particularly excited about our art lecture on April 24th. Wendy Evans is a great art historian and a skilled story teller. This event, held at GP public library is free and open to the community at large as part of our cultural mission. We sincerely hope you can join us.

The annual Friends of Arts and Flowers lecture and luncheon at the DIA is always a pleasure to attend, and this year Master Florist Frédéric Dupré is sure to dazzle. I already reserved my spot and hope to see some of you there too!

On a more serious note, our chapter is in great need for members to volunteer this upcoming season and run for a board of directors' spot. Our present board has been working hard for several terms and we thank them dearly; it is time for some of us to pass the baton. If you are interested in a board position, reach out to us by email and we would be happy to chat with you about the next step.

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ÉVÈNEMENTS À VENIR



CERCLE DE LECTURE



Notre groupe de lecture se réunit toujours mensuellement et discute une oeuvre sélectionnée par nos membres. Les prochaines réunions se tiendront le:

Le 20 avril: **Le faucon**, de Gilbert Sinoué

Le 18 mai: **La petite menteuse**, de Pascale Robert-Diard

Le 15 juin: **Les cerfs-volants**, de Romain Gary

Pour plus d'informations concernant le Cercle de Lecture, prière de nous contacter

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AFGP FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Village Grille

16930 Kercheval Ave.
Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

We are meeting again at the Village Grille in our favorite private area. Join us for dinner, drinks, and good conversation "en français"!

Follow the direct link for more information and please remember to RSVP so we can make sure we have the proper arrangements with the restaurant.

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/group-de-conversation/>

Nos niveaux de langue française varient largement, donc n'hésitez pas à nous rejoindre, du moment que vous essayez de garder la conversation en français.

AFGP FRENCH CLASSES- SPRING SESSION

Classes have started this week for the spring session, our last session for the 2023-2024 season.

SPRING SESSION (10 weeks)

Thursdays, April 4 - June 6, 2024

**Assumption Cultural Center,
21800 Marter Road, St Clair Shores MI 48080**

LEVELS:

1. BEGINNER FRENCH

Thursday, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. with Dr. Dib Saab

2. INTERMEDIATE FRENCH

Thursday, 5:30-7:00 p.m. with Dr. Dib Saab

3. ADVANCED FRENCH

Thursday, 5:30-7:00 p.m. with Mme ElHage (You might know her as Mme Makhoul)

For more information about the classes and professors, and to register:

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/classes/>

CINÉ CLUB

The Ciné Club will not be meeting in the month of April. Enjoy the special Art Lecture presentation at the GPW Public Library on April 24th (details below).

ART PRESENTATION WITH WENDY EVANS

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods Branch

ARTIST SELFIES: PORTRAITS FROM PARIS

Celebrities, influencers, and social media enthusiasts use selfies daily and have mastered "the pose" for their postings. But they have certainly not invented the Selfie.

This presentation looks at self-portraits created by artists working in France. Vincent van Gogh used his face as a free model to try out painting styles. Artists as different as Elisabeth-Louise Vigée and Gustave Courbet who both painted themselves with their palette and brushes. Others examine themselves in more unusual ways.

Presenter Wendy Evans is an art historian with advanced degrees from Oxford University, England and Wayne State University, Detroit. She taught art history at Wayne, the Detroit Institute of Arts, and gives a monthly art history course on Zoom. She loves to share her passion for art. More information on Wendy and her work at www.art-talks.org

Presentation is free and open to the community

FRIENDS OF ARTS AND FLOWERS AT THE DIA

Elizabeth Sites Kuhlman Lecture

Monday, April 29, 2024

Lecture 10:30 a.m.

Lecture and Luncheon 10:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

This year's speaker is French Master Florist Frédéric Dupré. One of the world's premier floral designers and teachers, Dupré was named Best Craftsman in France in 2011 and was a competitor for the World Cup title in 2015. He will focus on architecture and texture, designing only with organic materials to enlighten and entertain lecture attendees.

For more information and reservations:

<https://dia.org/events/friends-art-flowers-elizabeth-sites-kuhlman-lecture>

FRENCH HERITAGE CORRIDOR FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"What's Cooking: Creating Collaboration in the French Heritage Corridor"

Friday, May 17- Sunday, May 19, 2024

French Heritage Corridor, an initiative conceived and led by the French Heritage Society Chicago-Midwest Chapter, comprises seven states in the Midwest (IA; IL; IN; MI; MN; MO and WI). This network, joined by waterways connecting with the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes, transcends borders to recreate in the Midwest what was once *la Nouvelle France*.

The French Heritage Corridor is dedicated to developing synergy and raising the collective awareness about the rich French history and heritage that has, since the 17th century, melded with the vibrant multicultural landscape in what is today the Midwestern United States.

The 2024 conference will be held in Monroe, Michigan.

For more information on the daily program and hotel reservations:

https://mailchi.mp/c100a0b5a5b5/fhs_chicago_carnaval_3-2692044?e=ea5ef8823b

Reservations will be available soon.

May 17th, at 2:00 p.m.

A great opportunity to be involved if not signing up for the whole conference:

Join in for a special tour of the Basilica of Ste Anne de Detroit, ringing of the carillon, and a FHS/FHC plaque presentation ceremony for the completed 2024 grant restoration work.

The Basilica of Ste Anne is one of the FHC 2024 grant recipients, with monies allocated for the restoration of the church's carillon bell.

This event is open to the public, in conjunction with the City of Detroit, Visit Detroit and Leaders of the Francophone Community.

If you would like to attend as part of the AF Grosse Pointe group, please email Dr Ann McReynolds at mcmench@gmail.com

Possible meetup and carpooling to be planned.

SAVE THE DATE

AFGP ANNUAL PICNIC AND ELECTIONS

Tuesday, June 4th, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park

More information to come as you approach the date.

FEDERATION OF ALLIANCES FRANÇAISES USA EVENTS

The AF Federation USA events are all conducted online via Zoom. Events are free to all AFGP members. You will need to subscribe ahead for each event individually in order to get a link.

For more information and to register:

<https://afusa.org/>