



La Trompette

février 2026

Mot du Président:

Chers membres de AF de Grosse Pointe,

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our La Chandeleur celebration. Those members that were able to join us had a wonderful time together enjoying freshly made crêpes, sampling cidre, and sharing great conversation. I have included a couple of photographs below. Events like this remind us how special our community is, and we are grateful to all of you for your continued membership and support of our organization.

Looking ahead, we are happy to announce that our annual picnic will once again be held in June – more details will be shared soon. We are also currently accepting nominations for members who would like to be considered for election to the Board of Directors. If you have enjoyed our events and would like to help bring new ideas forward, grow closer to the organization, and get to know fellow members better, we encourage you to reach out to us. Any current board members would be happy to discuss their experience on the board with you.

Finally, please consider inviting friends and family who may be interested in French language and culture to join our Alliance. Our chapter continues to thrive thanks to engaged members like you, and we look forward to many more moments together in the months ahead.

Cordialement,
Thomas Jones II



DIA LECTURE

Louis XIV's Savonnerie Carpets: The World's Largest Jigsaw Puzzle

Wednesday, February 11, 2026
5:30–6:30p.m.

Detroit Institute of Arts,
Marvin & Betty Danto Lecture Hall

Please join us for a lecture by Dr. Wolf Burchard of The Metropolitan Museum of Art.



“The King’s Carpet” was made up of 92 individual pieces that were intended to cover the entire span of the Grande Galerie of the Louvre, six times the length of the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles. Despite the monumental expense and energy lavished on this spectacular royal commission, Louis XIV appears never to have used it. With time, the notion of ‘one’ carpet was forgotten as individual pieces were given away, sold and even cut up, thus creating a dispersed jigsaw puzzle of which the pieces can be found in France, Italy, Denmark, the UK, the US and elsewhere.

For more information:

<https://dia.org/events/louis-xiv-s-savonnerie-carpets-worlds-largest-jigsaw-puzzle>

AFGP FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP

Have you ever attended one of our French Conversation Meetups? Every month we welcome new guests from throughout metro Detroit with levels of fluency from intermediate to native francophone. This is a free event and you don't have to be a member to attend. We meet at Village Grill in Grosse Pointe. For information and to RSVP, go to [Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com).

mardi 11 février, 6 pm



MEMBERS-ONLY DIA TOUR

Join some of your fellow members of Alliance Française of Grosse Pointe as a member of the DIA's modern European art curatorial team will take a small group of 25 members of our AF chapter through a tour of the temporary exhibit *Highlights from the Modern Collection* at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Due to the tight spacing of the works in the gallery, this opportunity is limited to just 25 of our AFGP members – as of this writing we still have room! Please respond through the survey link below to indicate your intent to attend this event. We will accept attendees on a first come, first served basis. We will reach out to you with specific event logistics and to confirm that you are on our list of first 25 members to respond.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoW3AvbV0NlvwAcrS3sgw2h5RXbDO8-nzBDdAfnW1cbB85cw/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

Discover around 65 standout works from the DIA's renowned modern art collection—featuring bold movements like impressionism, post-impressionism, cubism, expressionism, surrealism, and abstraction. Beloved icons and rarely seen treasures share the spotlight, among them works by Francis Bacon, Jean Dubuffet, Paul Cézanne, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Claude Monet, Roberto Montenegro, Georgia O'Keeffe, Pablo Picasso, John Sloan, Vincent van Gogh, and Remedios Varo.

Dynamic groupings encourage fresh connections and unexpected conversations across time, place, and perspective—offering new ways to experience old favorites before they return to our reimaged Modern art galleries.

Don't miss your chance to see these exceptional works come alive in a whole new light.



2026 SPRING FRENCH LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Alliance Française de Detroit and the French Institute of Michigan will once again offer classes in our community. As members of the Alliance Française of Grosse Pointe, you are entitled to a discount on these classes. The Spring Session will be April 6th to June 20th. Registration opens March 1st.

For more information, please visit <https://www.afdetroit.org/french-classes/french-classes-adults/#/> or email afd@afdetroit.org.

CERCLE DE LECTURE

Notre Cercle Littéraire vous invite à nous rejoindre pour une lecture. Nous lisons une grande variété de livres en français et en discutons en français. Nous nous réunissons chez nos membres une fois par mois, par roulement. Si vous souhaitez nous rejoindre pour une discussion, un essai ou si vous avez besoin d'aide pour vous procurer un de nos livres, veuillez nous contacter à l'adresse alliancefrancaisegrossespointe@gmail.com

samedi 21 février, 10:00 am:

I'll Never Be French

Mark Greenside, écrivain américain sceptique et maladroit en français, se retrouve à vivre dans un petit village breton. À travers des mésaventures culturelles et humaines, il découvre l'amitié, s'intègre lentement et trouve sa place, malgré les différences.

Living in a Small Village in Brittany

I'll Never Be French (no matter what I do)

"If you liked Peter Mayle's Provence, Tom Higgins's Lyon, or anywhere Bill Bryson went—or even if you haven't read any of them—run, do not walk, to the nearest copy of *I'll Never Be French*, a funny, funny book."
—Detroit Free Press



Mark Greenside

samedi 7 mars, 10:00 am:

En attendant Godot

Deux vagabonds, Vladimir et Estragon, accompagnant Godot près d'un arbre. Ils parlent, se disputent, plaisantent, se souviennent mal. L'attente absurde, le temps circulaire et le sens incertain révèlent la condition humaine, faite d'espoir, d'ennui, de répétition et de silence, tragique et comique.

SAMUEL BECKETT

**En attendant
Godot**



CINÉ CLUB

Come experience our Ciné Club, where language, culture, and storytelling come together on the big screen. Whether you're fluent in French or just love international film, you'll feel right at home. So bring a friend and join us at the Grosse Pointe Public Library – Woods Branch!

samedi 28 février, 1:30 pm:

BORGO

The film stars Hafsa Herzi as a prison guard who has been transferred to a prison in Corsica, where she finds herself entangled in a Double murder Investigation. The film is inspired by a real-life double murder case that occurred at Bastia-Poretta Airport in 2017.



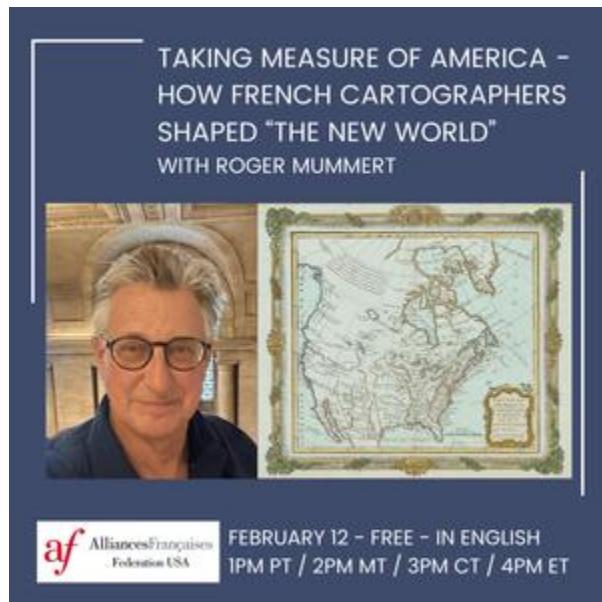
samedi 28 mars, 1:30 pm:

LE FIL

This film is a thriller based on a true story in which a man is accused of murdering his wife. His lawyer must defend him against all odds – and especially against himself.



LA FÉDÉRATION DES ALLIANCES FRANÇAISES USA



Taking Measure of America - How French Cartographers Shaped "The New World" with Roger Mummert

Thursday, February 12, 4:00 PM

Registration and more information available at:

<https://www.afusa.org/event-rsvp/taking-measure-of-america-how-french-cartographers-shaped-the-new-world-with-roger-mummert/>

Join us for an engaging conversation with Roger Mummert, writer and creator of theparisproject.net, and Iris de Rode, historian of the French role in the American Revolution recently seen in Ken Burns' *The American Revolution*.

Among the first Europeans to reach North America were French explorers and cartographers. The French established a unique relationship with Native Americans, who led them deep into this vast continent and revealed its riches. The maps created from their explorations fundamentally impacted how colonizers would lay claim to enormous portions of North America—and how emerging nations would later redefine those claims.

Voyages d'immersion

Trips to France that focus on language learning and culture in an immersive environment

2026 Immersion Trip - Bordeaux, France September 24 - October 3, 2026

Info session is Thursday, February 12 at 7pm ET

Info session sign-up available at:

<https://www.afusa.org/event-rsvp/2026-immersion-trip-informational-session/>

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 2nd

Immersion trip registration and more information available at:

<https://www.afusa.org/cultural-events/immersion-trip-2026/>

For A2-level to C2-level students (from advanced beginners to advanced learners)

Two housing options: homestay (organized by the program) or hotel (booked on your own)

Mornings are dedicated to language learning, with some afternoon cultural activities



There are many more events available to you as a member of AFGP through the Federation of Alliances Françaises USA. Go to afusa.org to learn more.