



octobre 2026

Mot du Président:

Chers membres de l'Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe,

What a wonderful start to our new season! Our Season Opener at Pier Park was a delightful occasion to reconnect with friends, welcome new faces, and celebrate the spirit of friendship and French culture that makes our Alliance such a special community. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the evening such a success.

As we settle into the fall season, there is much to look forward to. October brings opportunities to enjoy French culture in a variety of ways, from our pétanque gathering at Ghesquiere Park to our celebration of the Beaujolais Nouveau at Assumption. Whether you enjoy lively conversation, literature, cinema, or simply the pleasure of spending time with fellow Francophiles, we hope you will find something that inspires you to participate.

I would also like to thank our members for their continued support and encourage everyone to renew their membership, invite a friend, and take an active part in our programs. The enthusiasm and generosity of our members are what keep our Alliance vibrant and welcoming. If you have not yet had the opportunity to attend an event this season, I hope you will join us soon.

Thank you for being part of the Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming gatherings and to sharing another wonderful season filled with culture, camaraderie, and joie de vivre.

Au plaisir de vous retrouver très bientôt!

Cordialement,
Thomas Jones II

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND SURVEY

If you have not already done so, you can renew your membership for the 2026-2027 membership year on our website at the link below.

[Membership Renewal 2026-2027](#)

We are committed to offering the best possible experience for our members, and your feedback is essential. Whether you have been with us for years or have just joined, we would love to hear your thoughts on what you enjoy and how we can improve.

Please take a few minutes to complete our brief survey using the link below.

[2026 AFGP Membership Survey - CLICK HERE](#)

PÉTANQUE NIGHT

Join us for an afternoon of pétanque at Ghesquiere Park, located behind the Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, on Saturday, October 17, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM! Enjoy some friendly competition (no experience required!) and light refreshments, including pastis. Guests are welcome. Participation is \$5 per person, payable in cash at the event. Please RSVP with your name and how many are attending by email to alliancefrancaisegrossepointe@gmail.com, and bring a folding chair if you would like a place to sit and relax between games.

FRENCH SPLENDOR: RAVEL, DEBUSSY AND MORE!



Our chapter has a block of tickets for members to enjoy luminous works of French music – including Debussy's *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun* and Ravel's *Daphnis et Chloé* – performed by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and cellist Zuill Bailey.

The concert is Friday, November 6 at 8:00 PM at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets are \$29. To RSVP, please e-mail us at alliancefrancaisegrossepointe@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and the number of tickets you would like. We will then send you the payment link and ticketing information. Quantities are limited, so please respond soon!

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 at 6:00 PM. For information and to RSVP, go to [Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com).

mercredi 14 octobre
mercredi 11 novembre
mercredi 9 décembre
mercredi 13 janvier



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 alliancefrancaisegrossepointe@gmail.com

samedi 17 octobre

Une belle vie

Virginie Grimaldi raconte l'histoire de deux sœurs que la vie a éloignées et qui se retrouvent après des années. Entre souvenirs, blessures et nouveaux départs, ce roman explore avec tendresse les liens familiaux, les secrets et les chemins inattendus vers le bonheur.



samedi 21 novembre

La Reine du labryinthe

Camille Pascal raconte l'histoire d'une reine confrontée aux intrigues, aux dangers et aux mystères de son époque. Entre pouvoir, courage et trahison, elle doit avancer dans un véritable labyrinthe politique pour protéger son royaume et découvrir la vérité.



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!

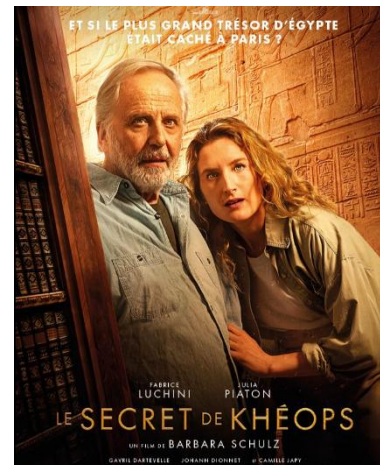
samedi 24 octobre, 1:30PM:
Une Part Manquante

A touching and profoundly moving drama on parenthood and cultural divides, and the aching persistence of love. Everyday, Jay travels throughout Tokyo in his taxi, looking for his daughter, Lily. In the nine years since he has divorced from his wife, he has never been able to get custody of his daughter, due to severe child custody laws in Japan. Having given up hope of ever seeing her again, he is about to move back to France when Lily hops in his cab. But she doesn't recognize him. Jay is thrust into a powerful reckoning with loss, identity, and fractured family ties.



samedi 28 novembre, 1:30PM:
Le Secret de Khéops

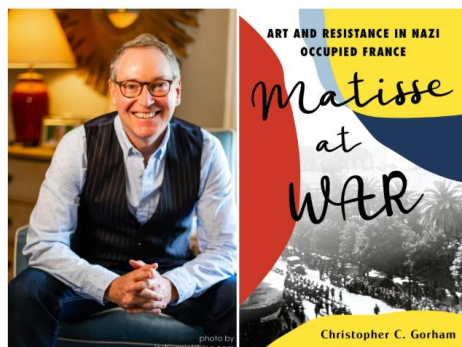
When archaeologist Christian Robinson discovers a mysterious secret hidden beneath the Great Pyramid of Khéops, he sets out on a thrilling quest to uncover the truth. Joined by his daughter, he follows a trail of ancient clues that leads deep into the mysteries of Egypt's most iconic monument. But the discovery comes with danger, and others are determined to claim the secret for themselves.



SAVE THE DATES! AFGP PLANNED EVENTS FALL 2026

- 10/17: Pétanque Night
- 11/6: AFGP @ Detroit Symphony Orchestra
- 11/18: Beaujolais Nouveau Celebration
- 12/17: Fête de Noël

IN THE COMMUNITY



**Sunday, October 25
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
The Detroit Institute of Arts**

Matisse At War: Art and Resistance in Nazi Occupied France Book Talk with Christopher Gorham

Christopher Gorham in conversation with Jill Shaw, Curator of European Art 1850-1970 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Spotlighting the years during WWII when Henri Matisse and his family defiantly refused to evacuate Nazi-occupied France, this groundbreaking book illuminates the untold story of their roles in the Resistance and Matisse's revolutionary art, which became a powerful expression of hope and resistance against fascism.

Following the presentation, please join a docent-led tour of DIA artwork with similar themes of hope and resistance. Lecture ends at 2:15pm with tours and book signing to follow.

For more information and to register:

https://dia.org/events/matisse-war-art-and-resistance-nazi-occupied-france-book-talk-christopher-gorham?event_date=2026-10-25

LA FÉDÉRATION DES ALLIANCES FRANÇAISES USA



Bordeaux, Then and Now: What 50 Years Reveal About Change in a Classic Region

Thursday, October 29, 4:00 PM

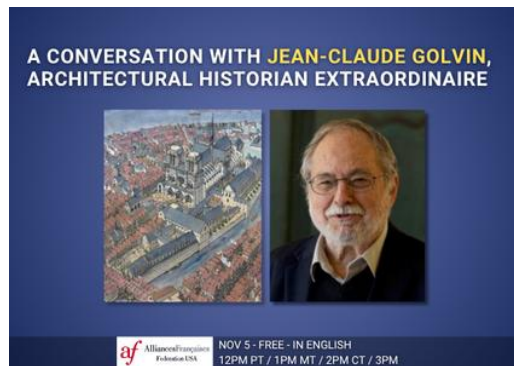
Registration and more information available at:

<https://www.afusa.org/event-rsvp/bordeaux-then-and-now-what-50-years-reveal-about-change-in-a-classic-region/>

The Federation of Alliances Françaises USA invites you to a special virtual presentation exploring the evolution of one of France's most iconic wine regions. Join Bordeaux-based wine authority Jane Anson and acclaimed photographer Peter Aaron for a rich conversation inspired by their new book, *Bordeaux Chronicle*.

In this engaging discussion, Aaron and Anson will reflect on Bordeaux across more than five decades—pairing Aaron's photographs from 1969 with his return to the same estates in 2024. Together, they reveal a region transformed by time, global influence, and innovation, while still deeply rooted in tradition and terroir.

This program will explore the visual and cultural transformation of Bordeaux over 50 years.



A Conversation with Jean-Claude Golvin, Architectural Historian Extraordinaire

Thursday, November 5, 3:00 PM

Registration and more information available at:

<https://www.afusa.org/event-rsvp/a-conversation-with-jean-claude-golvin-architectural-historian-extraordinaire/>

If you have read books or articles about Gallo-Roman Lutetia – the period between 52 BC and 486 AD when Paris was occupied by the Romans – you have undoubtedly admired Jean-Claude Golvin's extraordinary hand-drawn architectural restitutions of the Roman forum, baths, and amphitheater – and much more. His latest works feature restitutions of medieval Paris, including Notre-Dame Cathedral and its surroundings during the 15th century.

Jean-Claude Golvin is now turning towards new challenges, including the use of 3D modeling and new technologies to innovate in exciting ways within his field, using a variety of formats, with the goal of sharing his passion for Antiquity and the Middle Ages with the widest possible audience.

Join us to learn more about Jean-Claude Golvin's wide-ranging career, his rigorous methodology, and his future projects.