An evening with Cara Black

Friday May 1, 2009

San Francisco’s mystery author, Cara Black, shares her latest novel, 'Murder in the Latin Quarter'. The winding cobblestones of rue Mouffetard set the stage for Aimée Leduc’s newest adventure. Set in the aftermath of Princess Diana’s death in Paris, the complex plot involves Haitian politics, history and culture as well as world trade and geopolitical corruption.

Her talk will cover why she writes about Paris, why detective stories and insights into her 9th mystery, MURDER IN THE LATIN QUARTER, an IndieNext Bookseller Pick for April that debuted at #1 on the SF Chronicle Bestseller list. MURDER IN THE LATIN QUARTER takes place in September 1997 two weeks after Princess Diana’s death in a car crash in Paris. Her talk will be followed by a Q&A discussion.

Cara Black’s love affair with Paris and all things French stem from her Francophile family; a father who loved gas- tronomy and an uncle who studied with Georges Braque in Paris and meeting the Prix Goncourt winning author Romain Gary on her first trip to Paris. She’s a member of the Marais Historic Society and the Historic Society of the 10th arrondissement. She writes the bestselling and award nominated Aimée Leduc Investigations set in the different arrondissements of Paris. Her website is www.carablack.com

Call Jean-Marie Deschamps for more information.

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DINNER AT VISTA DEL LAGO

Friday May 1, 2009 at 6pm

Members: free - Non-Members: $22 - Reservation preferred
Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Une soirée avec Jean Claude Zambelli

Vendredi 22 mai 2009

Jean Claude Zambelli est le représentant des Français de l’Etranger et nous parlera du fonctionnement et de l’animation des associations francophones aux USA. Son rôle est de permettre aux Français, malgré l’éloignement, de participer à la vie nationale et de faire entendre leurs voix.

Vista del Lago Club House - 3150 Lakeview Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Vendredi 22 mai 2009

Members: free - Non-Members: $8 - Reservation preferred
Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Déjeuner Mensuel de l’Alliance

Sassafras Restaurant

Wednesday May 13 at noon

Members $20 - Non-Members $22

1229 North Dutton Ave, Santa Rosa.

Please reserve by calling Adrena at 823-5539 by Monday 11
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**Le Cercle Littéraire**

Le 21 mai le cercle littéraire va savourer La Gourmandise de Muriel Barbery. En effet, il faut bien dire ce qui est. Il s’agit d’une gourmandise “divine” qui vaut toutes les autres, celle qu’on a oubliée depuis longtemps et qu’à l’amerté de mort l’on voudrait bien savourer une dernière fois. Cette recherche à la dernière heure évoque, à rebours (et beaucoup plus brûlément), celle du petit Marcel qui débute à partir d’une madeleine trempée dans son thé. Juste à temps, suivant une longue quête, le roi des gourmets se souvient d’une jouissance sans pareille de son enfance, un délice... de supermarché. C’est celui-là qu’il veut, qu’il ne veut même plus maintenant, ayant trouvé – dans sa mémoire – le plus grand plaisir de toute une vie. Ainsi est-il que souvent le mets le plus apprécié est celui qu’on a oublié depuis longtemps et qu’à l’arrêt de mort l’on voudrait bien savourer une dernière fois. Cette réunion sera aussi notre dernière discussion avant la pause estivale.

Raymond Lemieux

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**Dans la Cuisine avec Christine**

Crème Vichyssoise

- 300 g de blanc de poireau
- 1 oignon
- 2,5 dl (250ml) de lait
- 100 g de crème fraîche
- une grosse pincée de noix de muscade moulue
- 1 c a soupe de beurre
- 1 litre de bouillon de volaille ou de légumes
- 3.5 dl (350ml) de lait
- 100 g de crème fraîche
- sel et poivre du moulin
- une grosse pincée de noix de muscade moulue
- ciboulette hachée

1. Eplucher les poireaux et les oignons, les laver et les couper en fines lamelles. Faire revenir dans un fait-tout avec le beurre en remuant; ne pas laisser colorer.

2. Eplucher les pommes de terre et couper en tranches fines.


4. Peut-être servir chaud ou froid.

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**French Language School**
www.afsantarosa.org
For registration please contact the Director at herve@afsantarosa.org or call 707.543.8151

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**Ils vivent... Dominique’s Sweets**

Dominique’s Sweets is a small, local bakery. They sell their products at farmer’s markets, at festivals and by special order. All of their products are made from scratch using wholesome local ingredients. They specialize in handcrafted French macarons and pastries.

You can find Dominique’s at the Saturday morning Santa Rosa farmers market. Please stop by and say hello.

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**Board of Directors – Alliance Française de Santa Rosa**

Our general election, ‘l’Assemblée générale’, will take place September 2009. For this election we need candidates for Board of Members and Officers for one-year terms. This includes separate nominations for each of the Officers: President, Treasurer, two Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, plus five regular Members. Our Nominating Committee is ready to receive written nominations. Please include related information concerning your interests, professional activities, etc. Indicate also in what capacity you wish to help the Board of Directors of l’ Alliance Française de Santa Rosa.

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**President:** The President shall perform all duties incident to the office of President such as: preside at Board meetings, set the Agenda, assume all responsibilities pertaining to the position of President as well as other responsibilities entrusted to him/her by the Board of Directors.

**First Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall perform such duties as the President of the Board of Directors may prescribe and shall preside at Board meetings in the absence of the President.

**Second Vice-President:** Shall act as Program Chairman and perform such duties as planning and coordinating programs of the various committees of the Alliance as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

**Recording Secretary:** The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors, the Annual Meeting and any special meetings of the membership and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

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**City Professor**

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Here’s an easy soup that takes advantage of the season’s wonderful leeks. Bon appétit!

**Voulez-vous parler français?**

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