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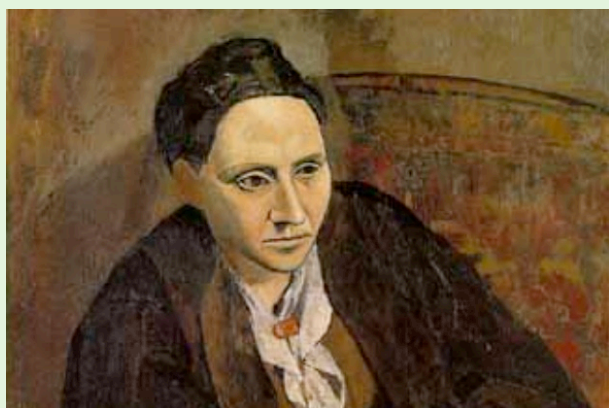
April 2015

## PICASSO and the Bad Boys of Montmartre

Free presentation in English by Dr. Anne Prah-Pérochon

Thursday April 23, from 7 to 9 PM

Vista del Lago Recreation Center, 3150 Lakeview Drive, Santa Rosa



In the spring of 1904, a young, penniless Pablo Picasso, lured by Montmartre's underground culture -- and cheap living -- moved into a sort of artists' commune there, Le Bateau Lavoir. Picasso's presence was a magnet for budding artists Juan Gris, Braque, Modigliani, Matisse, and poets Guillaume Apollinaire and Max Jacob.

This lecture will present those larger-than-life characters, and will focus not only on their creations, but also their passions and their pranks, and will visit their favorite haunts.

Dr. Prah-Pérochon's lectures are always rich in information and also entertaining; they are always among our most popular and well-attended events. Arrive early to get a front-row seat!

*Historian and journalist, Dr. Anne Prah-Pérochon was born and educated in France. A Fulbright scholar, she holds a doctorate in medieval history/civilization from the University of Aix-en-Provence-Marseille. Dr. Prah-Pérochon has taught at the University of California at Berkeley, where she was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award, and at the University of San Francisco. She has lectured throughout the U.S. in museums and academic institutions. As co-owner and editor-in-chief of the national French publications, Journal Français and France Today, she has written countless articles on French art and history. She is currently a contributor to the New York-based press group, France-Amérique LLC. For her contributions to French language and culture in the United States, she was awarded two of France's highest distinctions, the Legion of Honor and the Palmes Académiques.*



Kathy Bates as Gertrude Stein in *Midnight in Paris*, sitting in front of the portrait shown at left

### *Causeries du jeudi*

French conversation at 4pm at the Foyer  
avec Daphne Smith & Marina Velichinsky



### *Causeries à Sebastopol*

Lundi de 5-6pm chez Berkeley Malm  
Tel: 823-3794

### *Causeries à Healdsburg*

2e et 4e mercredi du mois  
Please call 433-8074 for details

### *Déjeuner Mensuel de l'Alliance*

**Chloé's Company**  
*C'est si bon!* 

**Second Wednesday - April 8**  
Landmark Executive Center, 3883 Airway Dr.  
Come Early (11:30) to avoid the rush.  
Please call Christiane at 542-5411  
by **Monday April 6** to confirm

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## Le mot des co-présidents

Le printemps est de retour...

Un peu de pluie, beaucoup de soleil... Pensons à économiser l'eau qui est une ressource si rare en Californie. Pensons aussi à nos amis de France qui eux ont un peu de soleil et pas mal de pluie: nous pensons surtout à la Lorraine (nos origines) où le temps est souvent gris, frais et pluvieux avec quelques rayons de soleil! Nos amis français du sud ont plus de chance!

Le printemps en France rime aussi avec ski, pour ceux qui aiment la neige et avec les vacances en cours:

<http://www.skiinfo.fr/actualites/a/590290/les-15-meilleures-stations-de-ski-de-printemps-en-france>

Pour les lecteurs de BD:

<http://www.franceinter.fr/depeche-printemps-2015-la-selection-bd-de-france-inter>

Et plus encore voici les foires et salons:

<http://www.france-voyage.com/evenements/cat-foiressalons.htm>

Le printemps restera toujours une bonne occasion pour tous les Français de sortir de chez eux pour se retrouver: Paris, Marseille, Bourges, peu importe sud, nord, est, ouest, il y a toujours quelque chose à faire au retour des beaux jours! Les premières trochantes, les marchés aux puces...

Si vous pouvez voyager, essayez le printemps en France! Ça bouge bien!

Pensez aussi à préparer votre voyage avec les bases de "survie" en prenant quelques cours à l'Alliance Française de Santa Rosa, cela reste fort utile de pouvoir communiquer au jour le jour dans un pays étranger!

Bonnes vacances de printemps à toutes et à tous!

Olivier et Marina Bertrand, Co-présidents de l'Alliance Française de Santa Rosa

### Cercle littéraire se réunit mardi le 21 avril à 15:30 au Foyer

Nous allons discuter le roman de Maylis de Kerangal qui s'appelle "Réparer les vivants." C'est un roman qu'il faut lire assez vite parce que le coeur bat la chamade en le lisant. Les personnes qui vont assister à la réunion doivent apporter un choix de lecture pour l'année prochaine.

David Brautman



## Save the Dates!

**Saturday May 16, 2-5 PM at Vista del Lago**  
**French film followed by discussion**  
**and refreshments**

**Watch your email for details later this month**

**Saturday June 20, 2015, 7 PM at Vista del Lago**  
**Fête de la Musique, with La Guingette**

## Coin Ecole

Bonjour! The March session of classes at the Alliance is underway and continues through May 22nd.

### Summer Kids at the Alliance

Our summer program for youth will be taught by Jessica Stetson and will run from June 8th through June 22nd. There will be a "French for Kids" program (ages 6-10) and a "French for Teens" program for students ages 11-16. Each group will meet for two hours per day for 1 or 2 weeks. The programs will emphasize learning French through games, drama, art, and music. Please check our website soon for the schedule.

Contact Lisa Broderick for more details: [lisa@afsantarosa.org](mailto:lisa@afsantarosa.org)

-- Lisa Broderick, school director

- ▶ Our curriculum is dynamic enough to provide instruction for total beginners as well as fluent speakers.
- ▶ Small classes are standard to facilitate communication.
- ▶ Our group classes are \$15.00 / hour for 2 consecutive hours per week.
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- ▶ We offer [private lessons](#): Tutoring is tailor-made to suit small groups or individuals.
- ▶ We also have an interesting [program for children](#).
- ▶ For more information, please contact the school director, Lisa Broderick, at [lisa@afsantarosa.org](mailto:lisa@afsantarosa.org)

## ANNONCES

In addition to the weekly and monthly events listed on page 1, which are sponsored by AFSR, a local group of francophones meets for dinner the first Friday of each month. For more information, contact Evelyn Anderson at 576-1124.

Read and sign up for the weekly Bay Area Francophile List at <http://www.sonoma.edu/users/t/toczyski/BAFLHomepage.shtml>

Dr. Sahar Amer, author of "What Is Veiling," [UNC Press, 2014] [speaks about the veil](#), one of the most visible elements of the Muslim faith, at Sonoma State University April 14. Admission to the event is free, but [reservations are strongly encouraged](#), as seating is limited.

Beautiful 3 bedroom Gite for rent in the Dordogne, close to St. Emilion. Please visit website for details. <http://www.papillon8.com/>

Network problems prevented Marina from sharing this great site with us at the Soirée Slam. Enjoy! [The 20 funniest French expressions \(and how to use them\)](#)



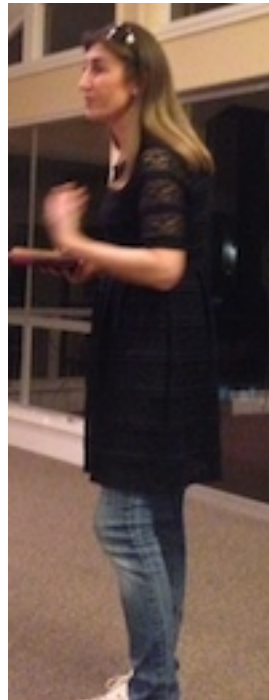
Please visit (and "like") our [Facebook page](#) to keep up to date with postings of interest to all.



## The Second Annual AFSR Soirée Slam

Olivier, Marina, Barbara, Davida, Jean-Michel, Laura, Michele, Karen, Suzanne, Jack, Joy, Zoë, et Annelise ont joué sur scène jeudi, le 19 mars à Vista Del Lago, pour la deuxième Soirée Slam. On a ri aux blagues d'Olivier; on a chanté avec Jack, Marina, et Suzanne; on a écouté des poèmes interprétés par Davida, Barbara, Suzanne et Laura. On a bien aimé la chanson de Michele, et on ne regardera jamais plus une pizza de la même façon. Et, finalement, on a admiré la participation de Joy et de ses belles et talentueuses filles. Si vous n'y avez pas assisté, c'est vraiment dommage d'avoir manqué un tel événement où ont joué l'esprit et le coeur de l'Alliance Française. A l'année prochaine!

**I slam.  
Therefore  
I am!**



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 Other \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer:  Yes  No

Areas of interest  Conversation Group  Literary Group  Classes  Children's Activities

Do not print my name in the list of New Members in *Ici L'Alliance*

Amount of enclosed check: \_\_\_\_\_

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