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## Lecture on Camille Pissarro by Dr. Anne Prah-Perochon

March 23, 7 p.m. Odd Fellows Hall, 545 Pacific Avenue, Santa Rosa (note date change)



Dr. Anne Prah-Perochon will present her lecture, Pissarro's *Finale: **From Paris With Love***, 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 23rd. Camille Pissarro (1830 - 1903), born in the West Indies, came to Paris in 1855 and is often referred to as "The Father of Impressionism". Due to a health problem which prevented him from painting outdoors, Pissarro painted views seen from his indoor view. For the last ten years of his life he painted views of Paris that are considered among the most outstanding Impressionist works. This lecture will show his journey from Gare St-Lazare to the Boulevard Montmartre, from the Avenue de l'Opera to the Louvre and the Pont Neuf in an array of extraordinarily beautiful paintings showing Paris as it looked at the turn of the 19th century.

**About the speaker:** Dr. Anne Prah-Perochon, born and educated in France, holds a doctorate from the University of Aix-en-Provence. She has taught at several universities in Australia and the United States including UC Berkeley and USF. As Editor-in-Chief of *Journal Français* and France

Today, she wrote hundreds of articles on French history and art. She has lectured in various museums, universities and cultural associations in the United States including the Palace of the Legion of Honor, the De Young Museum and Stanford University. In her role as the official Conférencière of the Alliance Française, she spoke in more than thirty American cities. She has received two of France's highest distinctions, the Legion of Honor and the Palmes Académiques for her contributions to French language and culture in the United States.

This lecture will be presented in English and will be followed by refreshments. There is a \$10 fee.

**Please RSVP by March 21** by going to [our website](#) or by sending in a check.

\*Image of painting by Camille Pissarro - Public Domain, [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:3ACamille\\_Pissarro\\_-\\_Boulevard\\_Montmartre\\_%2C\\_Spring\\_-\\_Google\\_Art\\_Project.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:3ACamille_Pissarro_-_Boulevard_Montmartre_%2C_Spring_-_Google_Art_Project.jpg)

### Causeries du jeudi

French Conversation 5-6 p.m. at the Foyer avec Daphne Smith & Marina Velichinsky. Venez pratiquer!!



### 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

### Chloé's Company

C'est si bon!



Déjeuner Mensuel de l'Alliance

**Temporarily on hold**

Déjeuner mensuel seeks new location.

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## Le mot des co-présidents

Bien que la date de mardi gras soit passée, les festivités continuent avec à l'honneur: la femme en ce mois de mars.

À Paris, le Carnaval des Femmes 2016 aura lieu le 6 mars. Connue aussi sous le nom de la Fête des Blanchisseuses, celle-ci accueille également les hommes, qui doivent cependant s'habiller en femmes pour pouvoir y participer.

Le 6 mars est également la fête des grands-mères et à cette occasion pour exprimer notre amour à nos anciens, un rendez-vous appelé "I love ma grand-mère" sera à nouveau reconduit à Paris.

Puis, sera célébrée la journée internationale des femmes le 8 mars. La première journée nationale de la femme eut lieu le 28 février 1909 aux États-Unis suite à une déclaration du parti socialiste américain. Pour en savoir plus vous pouvez consulter: <http://8mars.info/histoire/>

Mars et le retour du printemps, donne place aussi au retour de l'art en puissance. Entre autre, il est intéressant de citer l'Art urbain, l'expo gratuite à l'Alliance française. Le street art a décidément le vent en poupe ! Une nouvelle grande exposition lui est consacrée, sur les murs du siège de l'Alliance française Paris Ile-de-France, du 1er au 25 mars: <http://www.alliancefr.org/actualites/art-urbain-graffiti-mars-lalliance-francaise-de-paris>

Pour notre part et afin de promouvoir la culture Française à Santa Rosa, nous vous proposons une conférence artistique sur Pissarro qui sera menée par le Dr. Anne Prah-Perochon.

En espérant vous y voir nombreux comme chaque année.

Marina et Olivier Bertrand

Co présidents de l'AFSR

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## Coin Ecole

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### A new class for travelers starts March 1st. Only two spots left in the class!

The next session of regular classes at the Alliance will start February 29th and run through April 22nd. Please consult our schedule: <http://www.afsantarosa.org/school/group-classes>

- 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.
- Our schedule is affected by enrollment and may change accordingly.
- We offer private lessons: Tutoring is tailor-made to suit small groups or individuals.
- For more information, please contact the school director: [mireille@afsantarosa.org](mailto:mireille@afsantarosa.org)

## ANNONCES

In addition to the events listed on page 1, which are sponsored by AFSR, a local group of francophones meets for dinner the first Friday of each month at the Crepevine Restaurant in Montgomery Village. 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>

**Coursera**, an online distance learning site, is offering a course on [The French Revolution](#). The course runs March 7 - April 24; March 12 is the last day to register. The course and all online course materials are free, unless you want a certificate (\$49). The professor is Peter McPhee, University of Melbourne, Graduate School of Education.

The Sonoma Film Institute will present a new **documentary, *Hitchcock/Truffaut***, about Truffaut's book-length appraisal of his filmmaking idol, Alfred Hitchcock Friday, March 4 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 6 at 4 p.m. <http://www.sonoma.edu/sfi/> for details and trailer.

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## Cercle Littéraire

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Le cercle littéraire discutera *Lettres de mon moulin*, un roman de Alphonse Daudet, mardi, le 15 mars à 3h30 au Foyer.

*"L'abbé délaïsse sa messe avant le réveillon, le sous-préfet bâcle son discours et se roule dans l'herbe, la mule du pape médite sept années de vengeance. Sans compter la jolie chèvre blanche qui cherche la liberté et trouve le loup. Ces contes souriants ont l'accent chantant de la Provence et ravivent, comme la Madeleine de Proust, tous les souvenirs d'enfance".*

Romans futurs:

Avril: *Le flûtiste invisible*, P. Labro

Mai: *La fête de l'insignifiance*, M. Kundera

Le Cercle Littéraire accueillera avec plaisir de nouveaux participants. For more information contact [Katy](#) or [Candi](#).

## Mardi Gras

Un groupe de membres enthousiastes de l'AFSR s'est réuni le 16 février pour le Mardi Gras dans notre nouveau lieu charmant pour les événements de l'AFSR, l'Odd Fellows Hall sur l'Avenue Pacifique, à Santa Rosa. Voilà les photos.



Attending members and guests



Xavier de la Pade

## AFSR Upcoming Events



Mark your calendars for upcoming AFSR events

- ★ **Wednesday, March 23 7 p.m.** Dr. Anne Prah-Perochon's lecture on the painter, Camille Pissarro, See page 1. Lecture in English. **Please note change of date.**
- ★ **April 22** **Third Annual French Slam**
- ★ **May** **Wine event**
- ★ **June** **La Fête de la Musique**

## Policy Change

For some time, the Alliance has been happy to host a majority of events at no cost to our members. Unfortunately, the Alliance finds it impossible to continue to do so. Because of recent changes in regulations at Vista del Lago, the site of our events for the past few years, we have been forced to find a new venue for our activities. Though the Odd Fellows Hall is an attractive and reasonably priced location, the rental fee has doubled in price. As a result, we are asking our members to help defray the cost of refreshments at these events. Merci mille fois!

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### Joining or Renewing Online

You can now join AFSR or renew your membership online, using a credit card or your Paypal account. Just go to <http://www.afsantarosa.org/membership/join-or-renew> and follow the simple instructions. Questions? Contact [membership@afsantarosa.org](mailto:membership@afsantarosa.org).

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How did you find about the Alliance?  Relative  Friend  School  Phone Book  
 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Alliance Française de Santa Rosa, 182 Farmers Lane, Suite 200, Santa Rosa, CA 95405-4761

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