

Avril 2008

The Alliance Française de Fresno, The Fresno Art Museum, The College of Arts and Humanities and The Department of Languages and Literatures at CSUF are pleased to announce two appearances by internationally acclaimed author Thirza Vallois. She is the author of the highly acclaimed *Around and About Paris* series and *Romantic Paris*, as well as her recent release, *Aveyron: A Bridge to French Arcadia*. She holds several post-graduate degrees from the Sorbonne, including the prestigious *agrégation*. An acknowledged expert on Paris, she is also the author of the Paris Entry to the Encarta Encyclopedia and contributes to radio, television and magazines. She has also worked for PBS, BBC, the Travel Channel, Discovery Channel and CNN.



Sunday, April 20, 2008, 2:00 PM

The Paris of Artists and Writers

Fresno Art Museum:

Admission: Adults \$4, Students \$2

The lecture will focus on the artists and writers of Paris who shook off the shackles of convention and brazenly brought about a revolution in the arts that didn't fail to outrage bourgeois Paris. The lecture will focus on the Impressionist and cubist painters and the society around them.

Monday, April 21, 2008, 7:30 PM

A Bridge to French Arcadia

Smittcamp Alumni House, CSUF

Free Admission, A reception will follow.

Until recently, the Aveyron was France at its most quintessentially rural, sealed off from the rest of the country by a rugged terrain, anchored firmly in its distinctive identity and traditions. Today the Aveyron is a dynamic area of astonishing contrasts, where Norman Foster's cutting-edge Millau Viaduct cohabits with ancient Roquefort cheese, the former home of the Knights Templar hosts anti-globalisation rallies, and pilgrims hike the old road to Compostela while Japanese tourists enjoy contemporary cuisine at the 3-Michelin star Michel Bras. *A Bridge to French Arcadia* is the captivating story of a once destitute corner of France that is now singled out for its unbeatable, idyllic quality of life.



Thirza Vallois will be selling her books at the Framers' Market (on Blackstone and Shaw) on both Wednesday, April 16, 3-6 PM and on Saturday, April 19, from 7AM-12 noon.

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE DE FRESNO FRENCH CLASSES



The Spring Session for adults and children will begin the week of April 14. Courses will be offered at all levels and for all ages. All classes are small in order to give individual attention. All instructors are native French speakers. Call 435-3285 or 227-9850 for more information. The tentative schedule is given below. Additional classes will be added to meet demand.

Adults		Children
Beginners I: T 7-9 PM	Intermediate II, T 2-4 PM	Beginners I (7-9 years) Th 4-5 PM
Beginners II: M 7-9 PM	Intermediate IV, T 9-11 AM	Intermediate I (8-11 years) Th 4-5 PM
Beginners III: F 2-4 PM	Advanced, W 9:30-11:30AM	Intermediate I (10-12years) T 4-5 PM
Beginners III: Th 11AM-1PM	Advanced, W 7-9 PM	

Cafés de l'Alliance, Jeudi, 10 avril, mai 8 de 16:30h à 18h à la Boulangerie. Votre rendez-vous mensuel avec vos amis francophones. (Occurs 2nd Thursday of each month).



Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m. Fresno Filmworks Film Festival



Fresno Filmworks presents the *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*, the opening night feature of the 2008 Fresno Film Festival at the Tower Theatre. The film tells the remarkable true story of Jean-Dominique Bauby, the successful and charismatic editor of French Elle, who believes he is living his life to its fullest when a sudden stroke leaves him in a life-altered state. Festival passes cost \$45; opening night film tickets, which include a reception, cost \$15 general. Tickets can be purchased at the Tower Theatre box office, 815 E. Olive Ave.; at JA Photography, 2003 N. Van Ness Ave.; and at the door. Tickets can also be purchased online through PayPal at FresnoFilmworks.org. For details, visit FresnoFilmworks.org or call (559) 221-0755. Another French film will be shown on Saturday, April 19: *Le Mozart des Pickpockets* is about a pair of unlucky thieves who find that their fortunes have changed when they take in a deaf homeless boy. Festival passes cost \$45; tickets for the individual program costs \$10 general and \$8 for students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased at the Tower Theatre box office, 815 E. Olive Ave.; at JA Photography, 2003 N. Van Ness Ave.; and at the door. Tickets can also be purchased online through PayPal at FresnoFilmworks.org. For details, visit FresnoFilmworks.org or call (559) 221-0755.



Thanks to everyone who promptly paid their Alliance dues for 2008. In case you have forgotten, please mail your check to Colleen Mitchell, 3785 E. Holland Ave., Fresno 93726-3602 (\$30 individual, \$40 family).

UPCOMING ALLIANCE EVENTS

April 20

Thirza Vallois: *The Paris of Artists and Writers*

April 21

Thirza Vallois: *Aveyron: A bridge to French Arcadia*

May

Christopher Thompson: *Le Tour de France*

July

25th Anniversary Celebration and Bastille Celebration