

## Octobre 2008



### **October 6, 7:30 PM Annual Membership Meeting, Alliance Française de Fresno San Joaquin Gardens in the Fellowship Hall, 5555 N. Fresno St.**

All members and guests are welcome. Please join us to learn about Alliance Française activities for the coming years and to give us your input on future activities. The year-end financial statements will be available on the website: <http://www.affresno.org>.

### **October 15, 7:00 PM, Lecture in English (with some French) Céline Meyet, Curatorial Intern at the Clark Center for Japanese Art & Culture *The Japanese Influence on French Decorative Arts***



Woodward Park Library, 944 E. Perrin, near Champlain, 433-3135

There is no charge for the lecture. The public is invited to attend. A reception will follow the lecture. Céline was born in Annecy (Haute-Savoie) but moved to Paris to enter the Ecole du Louvre where she studied general art history. After the undergraduate degree, she decided to focus on Japanese art, and therefore entered La Sorbonne (Paris 4) for a Masters degree. As language is an important part of the study of art and civilization, she learned Japanese at the INALCO Institute (former Langues'O). After different research in Japan and experiences in the museum field in France and Germany, she had the great opportunity to come to the United States and combine her love of Japan with museum work at the Clark Center for Japanese Art and Culture in Hanford, California.

**Tombola Tickets Now Available: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, \$2,000 for 2 Flights to Paris** (details: [www.affresno.org](http://www.affresno.org))  
**Additional Prizes:** Two tickets Fresno Grand Opera *Faust*, 2 tickets Fresno Philharmonic concert, 2 season tickets Keyboard Concerts, 6 tickets Fresno Film Works, Alliance Française French Course Tuition, Dinner for two at Café Rousseau, Gift Certificate for Ripe Tomato, Gift Certificate for Sephora French beauty products, Gift basket from Trader Joe's, Gift Basket from Campos Brothers Farms, 2 Gift Certificates for massage by Tatiana at The Spa.



Call Micheline Curnyn at 435-5532 for tickets or more information.



**Tuesday, October 28, 2008**

**12:00 NOON:** Alliance Française de Fresno members are cordially invited to a ceremony honoring the friendship between France and America, at the Merci Train Memorial at the American Legion Post 509, 3509 N. First St. (north of Shields) in Fresno. The French Consul from San Francisco, M. Mourier, will express the gratitude of the French nation for the help and sustenance given by US citizens to France after World

War II. This event will take place at the newly renovated 1949 Merci Train located at the Legion Post. If you are interested in attending this ceremony, please contact Jim Cardella, 485-1321 or [jmc69@cvip.net](mailto:jmc69@cvip.net).



**1:00 PM:** The Alliance Française will host the French Consul General at a luncheon at Café Rousseau, 568 E. Olive Ave. at Echo. At the luncheon, the French Consul General will address the members of the Alliance Française de Fresno in French (with some English) on *Europe and France in Today's World*.

If you are interested in attending the luncheon (salad, quiche, choice of three lunch entrées, wine, dessert and coffee), the cost will be \$15. Please RSVP before October 24, 2008 to Jim Cardella, [mc69@cvip.net](mailto:mc69@cvip.net) or 559-485-1321.

Interested in learning or improving your French? Contact Alliance School Directress Odette Cohen at 435-3285 for information on adult classes and Micheline Curnyn at 435-5532 for children's classes.



#### **CAFÉS DE L'ALLIANCE**

**Jeudi, 9 octobre, 13 novembre** de 16:30h à 18h à la Boulangerie. Votre rendez-vous mensuel avec vos amis francophones. (Occurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month).

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).



#### **Tentative Calendar of Events for 2009-10**

- Oct. 6 Annual Membership Meeting, San Joaquin Gardens,
  - Oct. 15 Céline Meyet, Japanese Influence on French Decorative Arts, Woodward Park Library, 7 PM
  - Oct. 28 Ceremony and Luncheon: Visit of French Consul General, Monsieur Mourier, 12:00 Noon, Post 509, Luncheon at Café Rousseau, 1 PM
  - Nov. 23 Beaujolais Nouveau Wine Tasting, La Boulangerie, 6:30 PM
  - Jan. 25 La Chandeleur & Tombola. La Boulangerie, 6:30 PM
- Dates to be announced:**
- Feb. Yannick Himber, A Chef's Tour of Alsace
  - Mar Monique Giroux, Eternal Charles Aznavour et Edith Piaf
  - Apr. David Ross, The Plot to Undermine the Old Regime in France
  - May Christophe Laudamiel, Fact and Fiction of French Perfume,
  - July 12 Bastille Day Festivities