

Alliance Française–Lansing

September 2018 Newsletter

French Festivals

While July and August are the big vacation months in France, many festivals and expositions continue or occur in September. If you are travelling to France in September, here are just a few festivals to consider:

- *The International Photography Festival in Arles (Provence)*
- *The Medieval Festival in Crémieu (Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes)*
- *The Photo Festival in La Gacilly (Brittany)*
- *The Danse Biennial in Lyon (Rhône Alpes)*
- *The Musica Festival in Strasbourg (Alsace-Champagne-Ardenne-Lorraine)*
- *Les Nuits de Nacre in Tulle (Nouvelle Aquitaine)*

If you are travelling in North America, maybe your trips will take you close to these French art exhibits (from France-Amérique, August 2018)

- *“Marion and Henry Bloch Collection of Impressionist and Post Impressionist Art.” Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City*
- *“A Queen’s Treasure from Versailles: Marie Antoinette’s Japanese Lacquer.” Getty, Los Angeles*
- *“Midnight in Paris and New York.” NSU Art Museum, Ft. Lauderdale*
- *“Chaim Soutine: Flesh.” Jewish Museum, New York*
- *“Renoir: Father and Son/Painting and Cinema.” Barnes, Philadelphia*
- *“From Africa to the Americas: Face to Face. Picasso Past and Present.” Montreal Museum of Fine Arts*

Alliance Française has a subscription to France-Amérique. Members can borrow copies from the book lending library.

If you are not travelling or even if you are, take the time to go to see AF-Lansing member Darcy Greene’s photography exhibit at the MSU Museum.

ON THE JOB in Abomey

PORTRAITS OF WORKING PEOPLE IN BENIN



Through April 30, 2019 | Heritage Gallery

Despite differences in geography, history, and culture, the nature of work is a shared experience. A photographic documentation of life and traditions in Benin, West Africa is the focus of a new exhibit at the MSU Museum.

The exhibit features the photographs of Darcy Drew Greene, MSU School of Journalism Associate Professor Emeritus.

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Exhibit Reception

Saturday, September 22
11 a.m. – 2 p.m., and gallery
talk at 11:30 a.m.

Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives
Brown Bag Talk with
Darcy Drew Greene

Monday, November 5
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
MSU Museum Auditorium

(co-sponsored by the MSU African Studies Center)



This exhibition is part of Michigan State University's Year of Global Africa. This 18-month celebration highlights MSU's rich history of connection with our many partners across Africa and throughout the African Diaspora.

Support from the Michigan State University Humanities and Arts Research Program (HARP) Production Grant made this exhibit possible.

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Club de Lecture

The next book for the Club de Lecture was recommended by one of our members. It is *L'élégance du hérisson* by Muriel Barbery. The French version of this book is available at Thriftbooks.com for as little as \$4.33 (used) or at Amazon.com from \$8.45. The language and writing style are beautiful but erudite which makes reading more challenging. Get your copy now so that you can start working your way through this wonderful book. (Or, as member Mary Winter suggests, download a copy to your e-reader so that you can bring up your French-English dictionary by touching the word on the screen.) The Club de Lecture will meet at 6:30, Monday, September 17 chez Sullivan.

French conversation opportunities

AF conversation entre amis will meet September 5 and September 19 (every other Wednesday) at Aspen Lake Estates Clubhouse, 3879 Lone Pine Rd., Holt, MI 48842 at 6:30 PM.

Conversation Café meets every Thursday at Schuler's Café at the bookstore in Meridian Mall from 3:00 to 4:30.

East Lansing Public Library French Conversation participants: (Please check with the librarian, Annie, to learn about the fall schedule for this group.)

Calendar

Wednesday, September 5: Conversation entre amis. 6:30 PM. Join us for conversation at Aspen Lake Estates Clubhouse, 3879 Lone Pine Rd., Holt, MI 48842.

Thursday, September 6: Conversation Café at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

Thursday, September 13: Conversation Café at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

Saturday, September 15: Alliance Française-Lansing soirée. Chez Greene. **6:30-10:00 PM.**

Monday, September 17: Club de Lecture Chez Sullivan. **6 :30 PM**

Wednesday, September 19: Conversation entre amis. 6:30 PM. Join us for conversation at Aspen Lake Estates Clubhouse, 3879 Lone Pine Rd., Holt, MI 48842.

Thursday, September 20: Conversation Café at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

Thursday, September 27: Conversation Café at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**