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A scene from the Mouffetard Market, June 2007

## A Sunday Afternoon in Paris

*By Anne-Marie Lucchese*

A perfect Sunday afternoon in Paris consists of the following: Perusing the Mouffetard Market in the 5th arrondissement and taking un repos in the Luxembourg Gardens located within the 6th arrondissement. These sites are perhaps off the beaten path from, let's say, a typical tourist must-see such as *La Tour Eiffel* or *Le Louvre*. However, these sites capture the essence of a Parisian's *joie de vivre*. Parisians buy their baguettes, wine and cheese and their fruits and vegetables at this popular market. They jog, stroll or take their children to these gardens. The Mouffetard Market offers a fabulous array of food and wine specialty stores, fresh produce stemming from every color in the rainbow, clothing boutiques, plenty of cafés, and often, some form of entertainment, albeit, an accordion player or some other talented musician filling the market air with romantic acoustic pleasantries. The Mouffetard Market is off from *Rue Claude-Bernard* and is in walking distance from the Metro stop *Censier-*

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# Letter from the President



Bonjour tout le monde,

I hope you are all enjoying this gorgeous spring weather!

We at the Alliance have all been working very hard on the exciting upcoming projects, and with the summer session now in full swing I expect this trend to continue.

First off, I'm thrilled to announce the addition of Arabic classes to our course list. These classes will be taught by Saleck Ould

Elmoustapha, a native of Mauritania. Welcome to the team, Saleck!

We had our annual spring dinner at Le Relais last month and I'm very happy so many of you were able to attend. My thanks go to Lew Seiler and Ruth Robins for arranging the beautiful dinner, as well as Samia Kudmani who donated a terrific wine basket. Congratulations to Becca and Mike Brodarick for winning the raffle!

New board members were recently elected, so please welcome our newest members: Lee Cave, Julien Carriere, Jann Logsdon, Ward Wilson, Jim Van de Ryt and J. Edwin Webb. I know each of you will be a wonderful asset to the Alliance and look forward to working with you. Unfortunately, we also had to say goodbye to some of our present members, including Kathy Nieder, Eric Haner, Sarah Parker, Terena Bell and Sebastian Lancaster. My heartfelt thanks go out to you all for the energy and efforts you brought to our organization. I hope to see some of your smiling faces at the Alliance functions and events we have planned for the months to come.

The annual Pétanque Games took place on Sunday, May 18th. It was a beautiful day and all spectators and participants had a great time. Many thanks to Sebastian Lancaster for chairing the event!

The Director's search committee has been working very hard in pursuit of the right candidate for the job. We have received many excellent applications for the position and hope to make our selection fairly soon. My thanks go to Eric Semet for chairing the committee and to the other members who have put forth their time and energy to make sure we find the best person for the job.

The next exciting event on our calendar is the Bastille Day picnic. It will take place on Sunday, July 13th at Hogan's Fountain in Cherokee Park. Be sure to mark down the date, as this is sure to be a really fun event!

Thanks again for all your continued efforts in making the Alliance possible. I will keep you all posted with any updates as we head into the quickly approaching summer ahead!

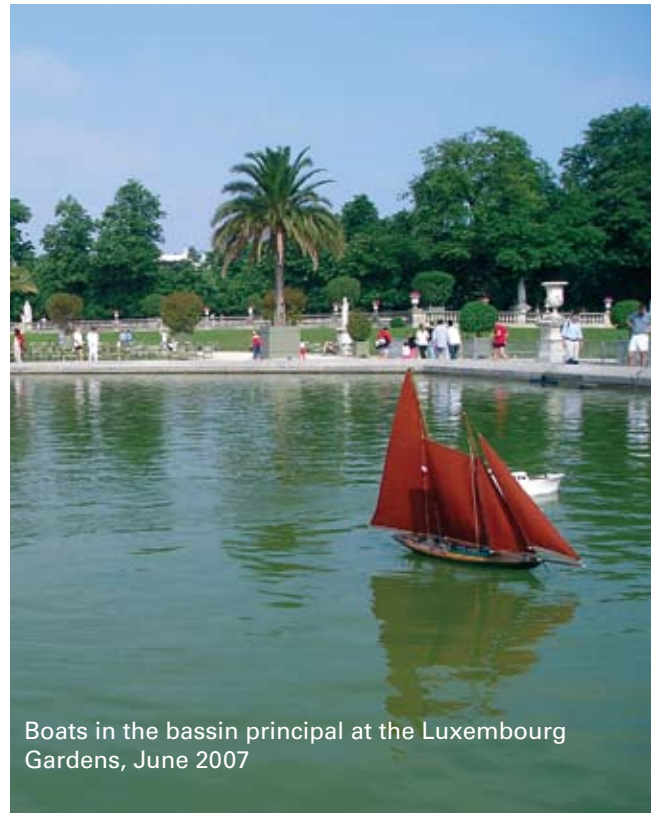
À bientôt,

*Aïda*

## Mission Statement

The Alliance Française de Louisville is an international organization dedicated to providing programs and services that engage our community in the language and cultures of French speaking peoples.

*Daubenton.* The Luxembourg Gardens is accessible from *Boulevard St.-Michel* and the RER stop Luxembourg. It provides its visitors with shady park benches, walking/running paths and the occasional puppet show at the park's gazebo. Under the sunshine, green metal chairs surround the bassin principal where young children operate their remote controlled boats or happily push along their sailboats. If you have not yet been a visitor to Paris or have been to the City of Lights before and have not had the opportunity to visit these attractions, a Sunday spent at these spots will surely be a pleasure.



Boats in the bassin principal at the Luxembourg Gardens, June 2007



**Le Relais Spring Dinner, April 11, 2008:**

**Wine Basket** - Sabina and Samia Kudmani sell raffle tickets for the wine basket.

## Bastille Day Picnic



By Eric Semet

The Bastille Day Picnic is changing location. It will take place at Cherokee Park from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday July 13th. It is open to the public so bring your friends for notre *Déjeuner*

*sur l'Herbe. Quoi de mieux que Cherokee Park pour célébrer les beaux jours de l'été et la fête nationale française?*

Even though park regulations prohibit drinking alcohol on the premises, it should not keep you from singing and having fun.

**Pétanque in the park, May 18, 2008:** Marc Southard of Pétanque Louisville, pictured top right, joins the AFL pétanque players following a fun afternoon of tossing boules.



In pétanque, every centimeter counts!



## Immersion Weekend

By Melody Carriere

I would like to extend a warm thank you to all of those who joined us for the French immersion weekend at Mount St. Francis. It was a pleasure to lead classes in such a beautiful and tranquil environment, and we certainly had fun playing *pétanque*, watching films, taking walks – all while speaking in French! It was also a big treat to have Pascale Ciak visit us to lead us on a wonderful hike and make her decadent mousse au chocolat. The whole weekend provided everyone with a wonderful opportunity to be completely immersed in the language, and I believe all of us left with more confidence in our French speaking abilities! I encourage members of the Alliance to take part in this weekend next year – you will not regret it.

**Immersion Weekend at Mount Saint Francis, March 28-30, 2008:** Immersion instructors Julien and Melody Carriere pose with the immersion participants.



Santé!- Santé!





# Summer Lavender in Provence

## Calendrier

June 12	Susan Harvey discusses Paris memoirs
June 24	Club de Conversation
June 25	End of summer session
July 13	Bastille Day Picnic
July 22	Club de Conversation

## Club Conversation

The Club de Conversation is changing headquarters! Our next Club de Conversation will meet on June 24th at Heine Brothers' Coffee, 3060 Bardstown Rd. in Gardiner Lane shopping center. An iced coffee on a hot Summer night, doesn't that sound good? A la prochaine!

Club de conversation always meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information, contact Eric Semet at [esemet@aol.com](mailto:esemet@aol.com) or Charlie Pooser at [clpooser@ius.edu](mailto:clpooser@ius.edu).



## Author Discusses Paris Memoirs

*Zut alors!* Can't get to Paris this summer?

Take a vicarious trip with artist-memoirist Susan Gilbert Harvey as she follows her Great-aunt Anna through nineteenth-century Paris. *Tea with Sister Anna: a Paris Journal* is the inspiring story of Susan Harvey and Anna Lester, two Georgia

artists in Paris, a century apart. Anna Lester's charcoal nude sketches from 1898 and her Paris memorabilia will be on display. Also available: a walking tour of Anna Lester's Paris.

### Thursday, June 12

The University Clue, Louisville, Kentucky

**6:00 p.m.** Hors d'oeuvre and cash bar

**6:30 p.m.** Informal program by Susan Harvey followed by book signing

Program is free, but please respond by June 9 to:

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