

## AATF news

Dear colleagues,

As our school year winds down, we can look forward to several events coming up.

On the professional front, the AATF is having its Annual Convention in San Jose, CA from July 2-5. Find out more about the registration deadlines (May 1 for early birds), the site (May 30 for conference rates at the Double Tree hotel and pre-registration), and the array of workshops offered on the AATF website: [www.frenchteachers.org](http://www.frenchteachers.org).

Indian Spring School is preparing its first French fun day, *Journée bucolique et citadine*, May 2. Contact [ninaseaman@bellsouth.net](mailto:ninaseaman@bellsouth.net) for more information. Bring your students!

Looking ahead to the next school year? Join the Alabama Federation of French Clubs and participate in the November French Convention. "La Provence" has been chosen as this year's theme. You should soon be able to access more information at [www.alfedfc.com](http://www.alfedfc.com), following the officers' club spring meeting.

On the cultural front, opportunities abound in our region. Are you enthusiastic about the Middle-Ages? The Frist Center for Visual Art in Nashville, TN exhibits "Medieval Treasures from the Cleveland Museum of Art" until June 7. Art in the Age of the Monasteries, ca. 1000-1200, Art in France, ca. 1150-1300, and Art at the Court of the Burgundian Dukes, 1364-1477 are among the nine sections displayed. Impressionism's lovers should travel to the Columbia, SC Museum of Art for the exhibit "Turner to Cézanne: masterpieces from the Davies Collection, National Museum Wales", running until June 7. In our own state, don't miss The Three Musketeers at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. This play adapted from Dumas' novel will run from April 26 until June 14 in Montgomery, AL.

Missed the French Film Festival at Georgia Tech? You can still catch The High Museum 10<sup>th</sup> annual *French Film Yesterday and Today*. You can also try to catch Entre les murs (The Class), the Palme d'or at the last Cannes Festival, showing in Atlanta, GA at the UA Tara Theatre.

A round of applause is in order for Dr. Steven Daniell, winner of the 2009 AAFLT Outstanding Administrator award, and now Vice-President of AATF. Congratulations also to Nina Seaman, who received the Prix d'excellence from our AATF chapter at the 2009 AAFLT Conference for her accomplishments in the classroom, her relentless work for the Alabama Federation of French Clubs, and her devotion to her students! Finally another good news, as Barbara Brousseau from Daphne, AL has been awarded the 2009 AATF Summer Scholarship to Quebec offered by the Ministère des Relations internationales du Québec.

At the Birmingham Conference several colleagues, Serge Bokobza, Catherine Daniélou, Michael Picone, and Françoise Wackenhut, made dynamic and informative presentations. In addition, Metka Zupančič and visiting professor Cecile Coquet-Mokoko and Aurélien Mokoko Gampiot spoke eloquently at our breakfast and chapter meeting. We all appreciate getting energized and challenged intellectually. Did you try something new in class with great results? Think of sharing your ideas and successes with your colleagues at the next conference! Presenting is fun and enriches our dialogs and professional life.

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