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Message from the President - - - - -

Ah, *Rentreé!* The streets are crowded with commuters and children headed back to school, and life in Paris returns to its hectic pace. *Rentreé* also means that Bloom is coming! This year's **Bloom Where You're Planted** program will be held on Monday and Tuesday, October 1st and 2nd, and **Bloom While You Work** on Saturday, October 6th. If you are new to France, these are the programs that will help you get connected and learn about the life in France. In addition to the many wonderful workshops, speakers, organizations and information, we have a special treat this year - Chefs from Le Cordon Bleu will be providing the dessert at Tuesday's lunch! Details and Registration forms are on our website, www.woac.net.

Bloom is a great time to volunteer. Here's how you can help:

Baked Goods – Home baked goods are served along with Starbucks coffee each morning at Bloom. If you can donate some goodies, they will be lovingly consumed by grateful participants and volunteers. Bring them on Oct 1st or 2nd before 9:00 am, or the Sunday before, September 30th.

Hostesses – Greet participants, help direct people to the room they need, keep the time for workshop speakers, be the friendly faces of Bloom

Bloom Cafés

- Morning – help serve coffee, tea and breakfast pastries during the morning. All 3 days.
- Lunch time – help prepare, serve and clean up the lunch. All 3 days.

Set Up/Take Down Crew – Assist with the set up and take down. Help needed on Sunday, September 30th beginning at 18:00, and Tuesday Oct 2nd beginning around 16:00, and Friday October 5th beginning at 17:00. Help is also needed on all 3 seminar days, Oct 1st, 2nd and 6th .

For more information contact Bloom Directors Susan Bradley and Anne Mulvihill through our website contact form at www.woac.net .

I would like to thank **Robin Smith** and **Tracy Sargent** who have worked for many months on the advertising and sponsorship of the 37th edition of the Bloom Book. They have done an amazing job. Their behind the scenes work and dedication contributes greatly to the continued success of the Bloom Programs. Thank you so much Tracy and Robin. Consult the Yellow Pages of the new Bloom Book for this year's Sponsors and Advertisers, and be sure to tell them you found them in the Bloom Book!

The WOAC have a newly built office at the ACP but it's filled with ancient equipment. *If you are planning on replacing your PC and are looking to donate the old, please contact me.* We're hoping to move our hardware into the 21st Century!

Look for the Cautionary Tales column to return next month.

Ingrid Wills, President

WOAC Coffee Groups



Paris I: *8th, 16th, 17th Arr., Boulogne, Billancourt, Neuilly & Western Suburbs*

September Coffee Morning - Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 10:00 -12:00

Beverages will be provided, please bring a few pastries, etc to share. Special presentation by Image and Makeup Consultant Brigitte Bigeard who has generously offered to give us a brief talk about image and makeup followed by a mini-makeover with one participant.

The coffee will be held at Kristina's apartment. Please RSVP to Fiona Scott via the WOAC website contact form for location and door codes.

Group Leaders Fiona Scott and Kristina Soleymanlou

Paris II: *All other Arrondissements & any Southeast or Southern Suburbs*

September Coffee Morning - Thursday, Sept 27th, 10:00 – 12:00

The coffee will be held at Regina's apartment. Please RSVP to Janet Charles via the WOAC website contact form for location and door codes.

Group Leaders Regina Jorg, and Janet Charles

Evening Group: *For those who have difficulty attending daytime events and to allow for spouses/partners to attend*

For details on the next Evening event please contact

Group Leader Roxy Madison through the WOAC website contact form.

You are welcome at any or all of the coffee groups.

Contact WOAC Coffee Coordinators Misun Lu and Paulyn Woodburn, or Coffee Group Leaders through www.woac.net contact form.



[WOAC September Salad Luncheon](#)

Monday, September 17th, noon until 14:00

American Church in Paris – G7 & G8

Please bring a salad to share. Bread, dessert, coffee, tea and water will be provided.

Program: Author Harriet Welty-Rochefort will share her experiences as a long time Parisian expat. She has written two nonfiction books, French Toast followed by French Fried. French Toast is a light-hearted but informative account of Franco-American cultural differences; French Fried is a humorous food memoir based on Rochefort's true experiences with her French family and her investigation into the world of French cuisine based on interviews and tastings with some of France's foremost sommeliers, bread and cheese makers.

Don't miss this fun event, interesting speaker, and great opportunity to connect with friends, long time and new!



Save the Date!

WOAC Annual Marché de Noël

Saturday November 17th 10:30 – 16:00

Over 45 Artists & Craft Vendors

Antiques, Tombola and Book Sale

Lunch, Coffee, Tea, Baked Goods and more!

Interested Vendors and Volunteers please contact:

Patti Bravard through the WOAC website contact form



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WOAC Events and Paris?** ? ?

**ARE
YOU
NEW
TO
PARIS?**

ACP Welcome Table - - - - -

The Welcome Table is a source of information available on **Sunday mornings** after the **11:00 am** service at the American Church in Paris. Here you will find information regarding activities of the American Church, cultural events in Paris, shopping, the metro system, and much more!

We are always looking for volunteers to help manage this table. If you can spare about 1 hour on Sundays after church to help out, please contact Charlie Pineda, Welcome Table Coordinator at woac_welcometable@woac.net

How to Obtain the WOAC Newsletter - - - - -

To keep you informed of what is happening within the WOAC, we produce ten monthly newsletters. There are two ways to obtain the WOAC Newsletter:

1. Online – go to www.woac.net/newsletter and click on “Subscribe”.
2. Via regular mail - Give 10 prestamped, preaddressed envelopes to your local coffee co-chair.



Stay updated with the latest WOAC Information by referencing the website at www.woac.net

Bloom Where You're Planted - October 1st & 2nd

The Famous Bloom Where You're Planted Seminar - an information packed 2 day seminar filled with opportunities to connect with other people, organizations, and launch a great Parisian experience! October 1st & 2nd, 2007

Bloom While You Work- Saturday, October 6th

New to France and working in France? You won't want to miss the Bloom While You Work Seminar, Saturday October 6, 2007. Bloom While You Work is a full day of speakers and workshops to help you adjust to working life in France, focusing on cultural differences in both work and daily life, and improving understanding of French culture. See website for further details.

Attendance at any Bloom seminar includes:

- Unprecedented opportunities to meet new friends & make connections
- Lunch
- Bloom Bag (full of useful goodies!)
- Bloom Book – How To Live in France
- Access to all speakers & workshops
- Access to representatives of local organizations with English speaking Expat focus
- Assistance with French language learning opportunities
- Assistance with General Products purchasing in France
- Wine reception

The Bloom programs have become the premier source of information for English speaking Expats in France. Whether you're an old hand at living in France, or just arrived, you'll enjoy **Bloom Where You're Planted** or **Bloom While You Work!**

VOLUNTARIES OPPORTUNITIES

[Become an American Church Docent Tour Leader](#)

WE NEED YOUR HELP! All but one of our docents are being repatriated back home. We don't want to lose this highly appreciated program. Visitors come to the American Church to see the beautiful sanctuary with its amazing windows and organ. Without your help we may have to cancel the tours on **Thursday afternoons 2:00-4:00 pm**.

Docents are needed to work from a maximum of 2 hours per week to a minimum of 2 hours per month. Brochures for self-directed tours of the sanctuary have been prepared. Docents need to be present to welcome visitors and answer questions. For more information please contact Florence Drillon at 06.87.53.75.62 or flodrillon@aol.com

[Friday Mission Lunch Program](#)

The ACP is currently in need of a coordinator for the ACP's once a month responsibility for the Friday Mission Lunch Program. It is a half day, once per month commitment which involves working with a very dynamic group of volunteers and is a wonderful way to serve your community. To volunteer or obtain more information, please contact Kristie Worrel at kristieworrel@hotmail.com.

[Marché de Noël - November 17th](#)

The WOAC Arts & Crafts Fair has a new name! Volunteers needed to provide baked goods and to help on the day. Contact Coordinator Patti Bravard through the www.woac.net site.

[Bloom Social Group Leaders](#)

Bloom Social Groups are established for people with similar interests and life situations. Groups include Forever in France and the **newly formed Budget Bistro Lunch Group**. The Group Leaders schedule meeting time and place, communicate with the group about meetings, and respond to inquiries about the group. The position does not require hosting the meetings. Contact Patti Bravard at woac_volunteer@woac.net.

[Social Concerns/Mission Outreach](#)

Looking for a way to give back to the community and perform a worthwhile service for others in need? The [Social Concerns/Mission Outreach Committee](#) of the American Church in Paris supervises activities for Habitat for Humanity, Friday Mission Lunch, Rafiki Orphanage, Refugee Mission, other orphanage missions, and ACAT (Action des Chrétiens pour l'abolition de la torture). If one of these community service activities interests you, contact Social Concerns Chair, Carlos Argandona Aguilar at cea99@hotmail.com for more information.

[SOS Help Autumn Book Sale](#)

SOS Help is delighted to announce the Autumn Book Sale on October 13th from noon to 4pm at St Joseph's Church 50, avenue Hoche, 75007 Paris from noon to 4pm. Donated English books priced from just 1€. Lunch and home-made snacks available. Buy a book and make a difference. SOS Help seeks volunteers for the Autumn Listener training session Information and recruitment evening on Oct 3, 8 and 18th October 7pm prompt at the American Church 65 quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris. For more info, Email soshelprecruitment@gmail.com

[American Church in Paris](#)

Many activities for the entire family including Bible Studies, Music, Multi-cultural Couples, and more! See the church website, www.acparis.org for more information and details. Or phone 01.40.62.05.00.

[ACP Youth & Young Adult activities](#)

The American Church in Paris wants to be a community where youth and young adults grow in Christ, becoming passionate, unique, and dedicated Christians who are engaged in changing the world. To this end, we have three youth and young adult groups that meet regularly for fun and fellowship. Crossroads is for youth from ages 11-14; Bridge is for 14-18. Our young adult group is open to all from 18-30. Schedules are available at the reception and from the youth and young adult pastor, Ginger Strickland. Contact information: youthpastor@acparis.org. Office tel: 01.40.62.05.07

[ACP International Singles Group](#)

Singles (all ages, all nationalities) are cordially invited to the ACP Singles Group meetings on the third Sunday of every month following the 11:00 service at the church. Meet after Coffee Hour at the Singles Table in the Theatre. For more info – contact: acp-singles@hotmail.com

[The American Church Vocal Choirs and Hand-bell Choirs](#)

For people of all ages – a chance to learn. If you would like more information please feel free to contact Fred Gramann (music@acparis.org) for adult groups or Bonnie Woolley (bw@respirando.net) for toddlers through teens.

[NEW Bloom Social Group – Budget Bistro Lunch Group](#)

The Budget Bistro lunch group meets once a month to discover local cafes and bistros. Members take turns sharing their favorite neighborhood restaurant or maybe exploring somewhere they've always wanted to try. We look for good value with formules (prix fixé) menus, but locations may range from the unknown to the legendary. Contact Tamara Cuthrell for more information through the WOAC website contact form.

[Expatica's "i am not a tourist" Fair – Sunday, October 14th](#)

Expatica is once again be hosting it's "i am not a tourist" fair for internationals in France. Tickets are available online FOR FREE until September 17th - but cost EUR 10 at the door and after that date. Sign up for your tickets NOW at http://www.expatica.com/welcometofrance/visitors_info.html

[CESC Meeting](#)

The Council of the English-Speaking Community (CESC) was established in 1981 to enable the various educational, cultural and services-oriented Anglophone groups in the Paris area to get to know one another better. The CESC's main purposes are: To serve as a focal point for groups and individuals interested in knowing more about what is happening in the English-speaking community; To foster the sharing of information and ideas, and to provide a framework for networking among its various member groups; To present programs which are of interest to CESC member associations and contribute to the general welfare of the English-speaking community in the Paris region. Next meeting: Sept. 18, 9:00 am at the American Church in Paris, 65 Quai d'Orsay, 75007.

[Tennis Anyone?](#)

We are a group of ladies that originated from Bloom more than nine years ago. Members of the group come and go as is the nature of work in France for many non French people. At the moment we are looking for new people interested in playing Tennis on a Tuesday morning. We need people who can play good to very good tennis but not beginners. We play at Aquaboulevard (line 8 Balard) from 10 am to noon. Permanent members pay a yearly fee and reserves do not pay anything at all if they fill in. If you are interested please contact me for more information: Judy Scorpecci (coordinator) at djscarpecci@noos.fr

[Cancer Support Group in English](#)

English-speaking group for those living with cancer and their families. Community service sponsored by the Junior Service League of Paris. 01.45.51.26.93 jamsinparis@wanadoo.fr www.pariscancersupport.com



Bloom Where You're Planted News and Volunteer Need



Bloom Where You're Planted & Bloom While You Work
(October 1st & 2nd, 2007) (October 6th, 2007)

**Annual Orientation Program for English Speakers of all
Nationalities & Affiliations**

Pre-register for a 15 euro savings!

Join the Bloom Team - Now recruiting for the following Bloom positions for October:

Bloom Volunteers 2007:

Bloom Bakers – Each morning at Bloom it's wonderful to hear participants' reactions to the baked goodies that are served along with Starbucks coffee. Bring your baked goods to the ACP on Sunday, Sept 30th or Monday morning before 9:00, October 1st.

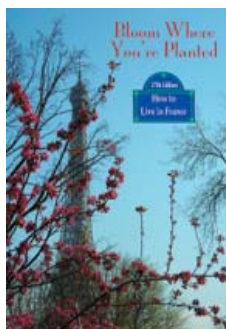
Bloom Volunteers – Bloom Committee Chairs need your help! Contact the Bloom Directors to volunteer.

2008 Bloom Book Editors

The Bloom Book Editor(s) are responsible for coordinating a team of chapter editors who annually update the book, and working with the printer throughout the layout process. The timeline is primarily January to June. Previous experience not necessary, but helpful. Several former editors act as advisors to help you through the process.

Bloom Book Advertising/Sponsorship Co-Chairs 2008 - - - - -

The advertising/sponsorship chair(s) are responsible for contacting previous advertisers/sponsors by email or mail, and providing information to prospective new advertisers/sponsors. As ads are committed, the advertising/sponsorship chair collects the ads, forwards them to the printer, and collects the money. Previous experience is NOT required, and the position is mostly administrative. The timeline is focused on January through June, a few hours each month. Previous advertising/sponsorship chairs are available to provide advice and direction.



Advertising Opportunities in the Bloom Where You're Planted Book

The world famous book, *Bloom Where You're Planted - How to Live in France* is updated and re-published every year. Bloom books have staying power, as many people keep them for years, relocation companies give them to clients, and friends collect them and pass them around to other friends. As a result, advertising in the Bloom Book becomes a **very good value**.

In addition – the brochures table at Bloom seminars will now be exclusively reserved for brochures and pamphlets from non profit organizations, schools, and businesses that purchase advertising in the Bloom Book. You now have a double (and exclusive) opportunity to get your message in front of Bloom participants, **AND** people all over the world who purchase Bloom books throughout the year. Consider supporting Bloom programs by advertising in the Bloom Book – **a great value for everyone!**

Ad Rates

Full page	110mm wide by 170mm long	750.00€
1/2 page	110mm wide by 82mm long	400.00€
1/4 page	52mm wide by 82mm long	225.00€
1/8 page	52mm wide by 38mm long	125.00€
1/16 page	52mm wide by 24mm long	75.00€

Contact Ingrid Wills, WOAC President, through www.woac.net