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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bonjour tout le monde,

Enfin, 2020 est fini--and there's little I can say that hasn't already been said. Even now we must wait and see if we'll be able to return to our usual FSCA activities sometime in 2021. So, as a diversion, think about how you might celebrate January in France and what you might say as you celebrate:

- ***le premier janvier ("la fête du jour de l'An"):*** *On New Year's Day, you might visit friends ("rend visite aux amis") and give little gifts (des "étrennes") or pieces of money ("des pièces de l'argent"). You would wish "Happy New Year" ("Bonne Année"), perhaps while kissing under the mistletoe ("s'embrassant sous une boule de gui").*
- ***le 6 janvier ("la fête de l'Épiphanie"):*** *On the 12th day after Christmas, in honor of the Three Kings who came to offer gifts to the newborn Christ Child, an old tradition includes a King Cake ("galette des Rois") with a bean ("une fève") hidden inside. Whoever finds the bean in his/her piece of cake becomes king for the day ("le roi d'un jour").*

Voilà! Un petit peu de français... I hope you were "king for the day" somewhere....Bonne année !

A la prochaine fois,

Judy

Judy Hansen, FSCA President

Thomas Baer's updates to our website are:

Eliza Monroe's Tombstone Story: <https://fredericksburgfrejus.com/about/in-search-of-eliza-monroe/>

FSCA Newsletters: <https://fredericksburgfrejus.com/organization-documents/fsca-newsletters/>

Student Exchange Program: <https://fredericksburgfrejus.com/student-exchange-program/>

Merci mille fois to Thomas for making these major additions to our web site. Share them with friends, former, and potential FSCA members.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Dear members, As the Directors voted to exempt member dues for 2021 for those members who paid dues in 2020 I want to remind you **any extra donations or contributions to FSCA are always greatly appreciated.** For your convenience, I invite you to click on our website , shown at the head of this newsletter, and use the membership application that is there.

Looking forward to future events and participation, I am in the process of forming a membership committee. If you are interested in helping with greeting prospective members and/or are knowledgeable in XCEL spreadsheet date input, contact me - Nancie Lightner, Membership Chair ncblightner2014@yahoo.com or call me at 434-378-1556

FRANCE-AMÉRIQUE Has introduced a new boutique – check it out at.....

[eShop - boutique en ligne - France Amérique – France-Amérique \(france-amerique.com\)](http://france-amerique.com)

NEWS FROM FRÉJUS

Fréjus



Maryse Rigoulot
Director of Fredericksburg Section

Fredericksburg



Across the ocean - The last full moon of a very tumultuous year

We are looking forward to a peaceful and healthy new year



Bonne Année



HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS



Remembering the good times. With hope that What is Past is Prologue

2009

Frejus Librarians visit Fredericksburg: We were delighted to have Catherine LECAT and Christine ORTUNO from the Frejus Library visit us this year



Mayor & Mrs. Tomzak welcome visitors at a dinner



The Welcome Display at our Library



FSCA's Welcome reception



At Lafayette Elementary School



Belmont tour with Director David Berreth & Mandy Carr



Dinner at UMW



Touring the city with Margaret Rose



Visit with Prof. Pearce at UMW

More visits and more dinners followed. But that wasn't all.....
A special Bon Vivant Dinner was held. A few photos are on the next page

BON VIVANT DINNER



Guests get special treatment from Wilbur Brown The Pepperier* for the evening Entertainment by Mandy Carr and Deborah Tripp

*What is a "Pepperier"? Ask anyone who was there in 2009.

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2010

French are here for 30th Anniversary Celebration



July 16 – Mayors Brun & Tomzak sign to reaffirm our relationship. Mayor Davis and FSCA members join in.



This tree was planted near city dock in memory of our friend Michel Herbiet



Bastille Day Celebration was extra special this year because Philippe Rigoulot and his band traveled to our fair city for a special performance.

A Bastille Day Celebration
Dancing on July 14th is a French tradition.

Music by
Jour de Fête
from Frejus, France



Wednesday • July 14
7:00-10:00

Market Square
at the Fredericksburg Area Museum & Cultural Center

Food, wine, & ice cream available.

Frejus, France ★ **Fredericksburg, Virginia**
Sister Cities for 30 years



Applause to all our Directors 2010-2011

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2011

JULY STUDENT VISIT TO FRÉJUS/PARIS - Abigail Ibarra & Brian Ours were chaperones



French & American students on Mountain trip



Abigail & her hosts Yvon & Mirella



Americans in Paris

FRÉJUS FRANCE – SEPTEMBER 2011 VISIT



Mandy, Wilbur & Cathy at Welcome reception



The Parade begins



Wilbur takes a photo op while cooking the omelette



Always time for refreshments



Beautiful music by beautiful musicians



Annette Herbiet with exhibition Featuring new book by Phyllis Whitley

2012_FREDERICKSBURG ARTIST EXHIBIT IN FRÉJUS

Les artistes de la
Fredericksburg Sister City Association

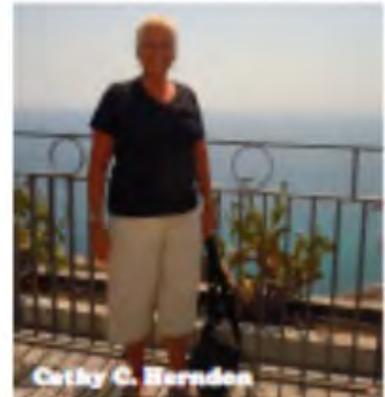


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La palette des arts*



du 15 au 29 juin 2012



* 13 Impasse Castillon 85570 Saint Aygulf (à côté du Crédit Agricole)

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More History Highlights in future editions of your newsletter

YOUR SPECIAL TREAT THIS MONTH – AN INTERESTING STORY FROM A 2011 EVENT

American Intern in France

From a report by Patsy PredHomme:

Megan Barron, a recent graduate from UVA spent the month of June in Frejus as an intern. During her stay she was hosted by three different families and each one offered something different and unique to her experience. The first two families had young adults similar in age to Megan and she loved being able to socialize with them in the evenings and meet their friends. The third family lived in downtown Frejus and Megan was able to walk around the city and take the bus to work.

Her work experience was diverse and she was interned at three different places.

- Les étangs de Villepey from June 6 to 11
- L'Ivre de mer (médiathèque) from June 14 to 17
- Aquatic Rando from June 20 to 25

She has expressed what a wonderful opportunity it was for her and how very gracious and hospitable the people of Frejus were to her. She will keep in contact with the families and hopes to host the young adults either in Fredericksburg or on the west coast where she had recently located to for grad school.

After her trip Megan wrote a summary of her internship:

While waiting at B44, my departure gate in Dulles airport, I frantically looked up last minute translations in an online French-English dictionary. I had never been to France, or even to Europe, and was nervous about my level of French fluency. Would everyone know English? How well could they speak it? I boarded the plane for my month-long visit to Fréjus, unsure of what to expect.

It took less than an hour with my first host-family to realize I had nothing to be worried about. My host-Mom was incredibly friendly, and her daughters, who were close to my own age, made me feel right at home. My schedule was at first overwhelming: I would stay with three families over the course of June, and work four short internships. I had mentioned that I would soon be starting my PhD at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, so my internships and even my leisure activities were planned around my love for marine science. At my first internship, or *stage*, I sampled and measured the water quality at *Les Etangs de Villepey*, a conservation site near the ocean. At *L'Office de Tourisme* and then *L'ivre de Mer* (a summer library on the beach) I was able to practice my French speaking and comprehension. For my final *stage*, I worked at a dive shop in Port Fréjus. My first time ever scuba diving was in the Mediterranean! During the weekends, with the help of my new families and friends, I explored the cathedral, amphitheater, and aqueducts in the historic center of Fréjus, learned the difference between a *crêpe sucré* and a *crêpe salé* in St. Raphael,

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(Megan – continued) and drove along the *Croisette* in Cannes. I celebrated the national music festival, went to a dance spectacle, tasted *fois gras* and wine, and even learned the French lyrics to some of the popular songs on the radio. I rode a boat to *L'île de Porquerolles*, an island surrounded by bright blue water, and on my last day, visited Monaco. I saw the *Palais* only days before the royal wedding, and even spent a few hours at the world famous Museum of Oceanography: *La Musée Océanographique!* I left Fréjus with a much improved French, over 1078 photos, amazing memories, and most importantly, wonderful new friends. Megan Barron

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Merci mille fois to all our Directors for agreeing to lead us into 2021

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