

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

La Route du Prince Impérial, Louis Napoléon

28th Anniversary Commemorations

52nd Anniversary of the Alliance Française, Pietermaritzburg

186th Anniversary of Pietermaritzburg

141st Anniversary of the International Alliance Française Mouvement

151st Anniversary of the death of the Emperor Napoléon III (20 April 1808 – 9 January 1873)

104th Anniversary of the death of the Empress Eugénie (5 May 1826 – 12 July 1920)

145th Anniversary of the Anglo-Zulu War & the death of the Prince Impérial

125th Anniversary of the Anglo-Boer War

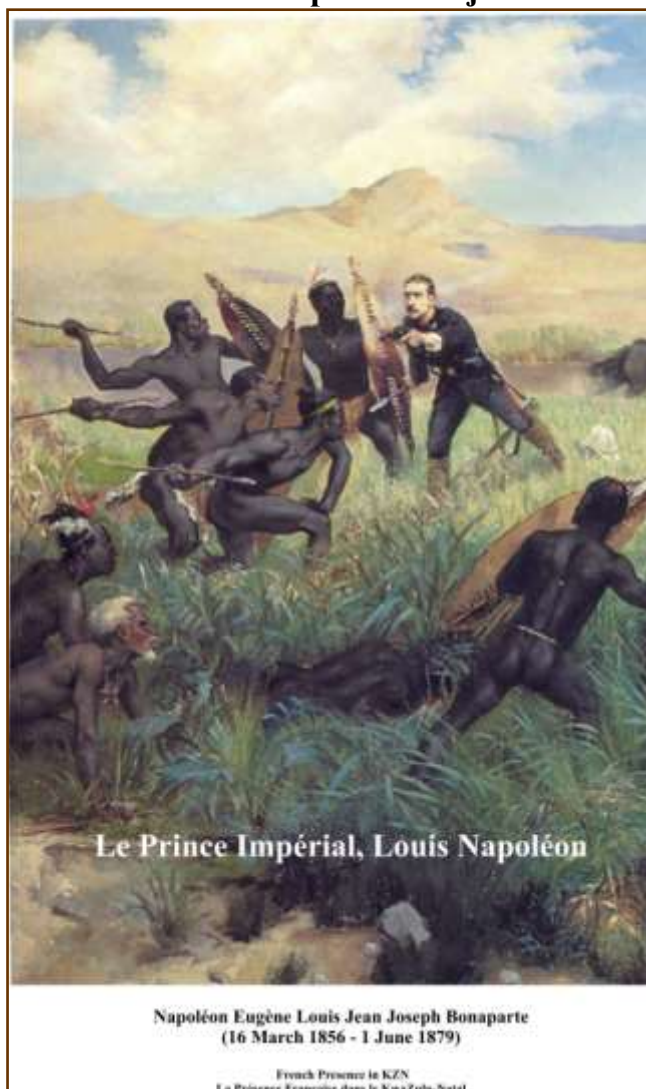
105 years signing of the Peace Treaty of Versailles to end First World War

85 years since the start of the Second World War

French/Francophone Presence in PMB/KwaZulu-Natal

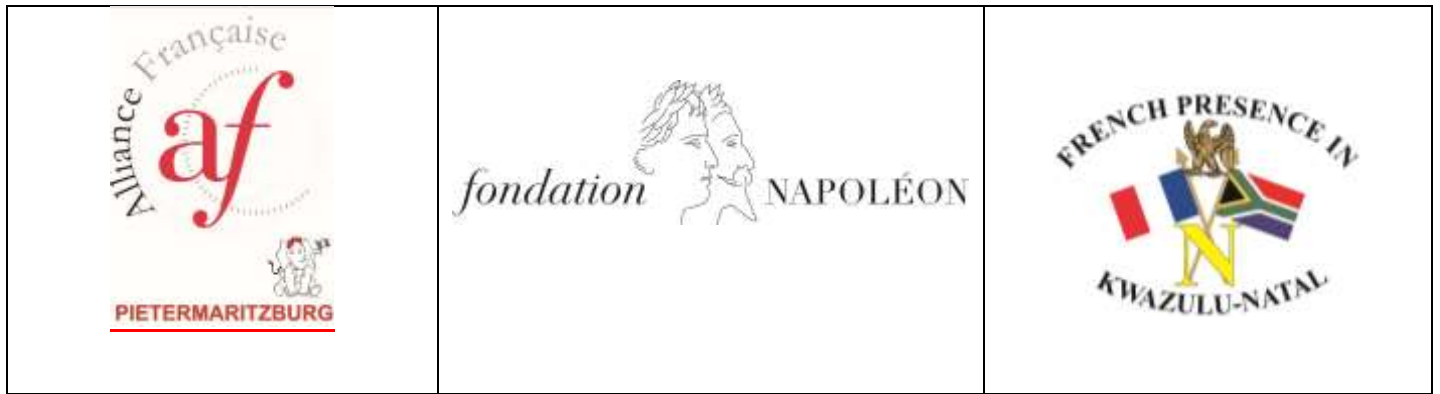
31st Anniversary Celebrations

A Cultural Tourism Research Development Project For Communities' Benefit



Artist: Paul Jamin

Courtesy of the Voortrekker/uMsunduzi Museum



FRENCH WEEK Saturday 26 May - Sunday 02 June 2024

PIETERMARITZBURG

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO WILLING PARTNERSHIPS & CHANGES IF THE WEATHER & CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE!

1. 11H00 – 12H00 Sunday 26 May 2024

Tatham Art Gallery

Exhibition Celebration over a cuppa!

View a selection of the Tatham Art Gallery's FRENCH COLLECTION &

Join us for lunch (at own expense) in the Café Tatham after the exhibition!

Dust off your berets, put a “musette” or “rumba” note in your step, perhaps a little, “joie de vivre” in your heart, sing along with Edith Piaf (“Non, rien de rien, je ne regrette rien”), and come and join other Francophiles/ Francophones in a morning of “bonhomie” & avant garde artistic inspiration!

RSVP for the exhibition to Whatsapp 082 677 9997 & the Tatham Art Gallery

2. 10H00 Monday 27 May 2024: Guided visit to the Prince Imperial Exhibition in the national uMsunduzi Museum

3. 15H00 Tuesday 28 May 2024: PP Presentation: Glenn Flanagan **Woodgrove Retirement Village, Community Centre**

PP Presentation on the French *Prince Imperial, Louis Napoleon* who died in an ambush on 1 June 1879, at uQweqwe, in the closing stage of the Anglo-Zulu War.

4. 10H00 Wednesday 29 May 2024:

Cultural Tourism Development For Communities' Benefit, through People's Stories (the case of the Prince Imperial). Grades 7 A & B. The public is welcome! The Chapel, Project Gateway

11H00 Wednesday 29 May 2024: Prince Imperial AFRICA DAY Concert – The Hall, Project Gateway.

Performers: Gateway Christian School Grade 7s - song and dance/ Gateway School of Fashion struts the boardwalk with the models from Irene's Model Agency / Chistlehurst Academics & Arts' famous CANCAN!

5. 18H00 for 18H30 Wednesday 29 May 2024 - Franco-Italian Pizza soirée! Bring a bottle & a pizza to La Dante!

6. 11H00 Thursday 30 June 2024:

EVENT TO BE CONFIRMED

I suggest an event at St Charles together with KZNLI, depending on what the Principal, Mr Allen van Blerk & Jenny Kerchoff, say.

7. 10H00 Friday 31 May 2024: Guided visit to St Mary's Catholic Church – the most Gallic church in South Africa

Michael Lambert: A guided tour of the French stained glass windows of St Mary's Catholic Church (1927-1928), Pietermaritzburg

The St Mary's interior is indeed the most Gallic of all church interiors in South Africa and a very significant example of the French Presence in Pietermaritzburg



Michael Lambert was Senior Lecturer in Classics at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (Pietermaritzburg) where he taught Greek, Latin, Classical Civilization, Spanish and Gender Studies (1980-2012). Since retirement, he has lectured at UCT and Rhodes University, where he is currently a Research Associate in the School of Languages and Literatures. Author of *The Classics and South African Identities* (Bloomsbury/Bristol Classical Press, 2011), he has also published work on comparative ancient Greek and traditional Zulu ritual, on gender and sexuality in antiquity, and on Greek and Latin literature. Former chairperson of the Classical Association of South Africa, he has represented CASA at FIEC, the international federation of classical associations, and has delivered papers at many conferences, locally and abroad (e.g. USA, Canada, Germany), and has given the Leventis lecture at the University of Ibadan in Nigeria. He directed the University Madrigal Singers at UKZN for more than 30 years and has led many tours to Greece, Italy, Turkey, Egypt, Jordan, Israel and China. He has also performed poetry in English, Greek and Latin, at arts festivals in Grahamstown and Hilton, and has been a regular speaker at French Week symposia and functions since the inception of the French Presence project.

8. 16H45 for 17H00 Friday 31 May 2024

Tatham Art Gallery

By Invitation

Walkabout & Guided Visit (Pinky Madlabane –Nkabinde) to the FRENCH COLLECTION that is exhibited and
Reception to welcome our Guests-of-Honour:

HE the Ambassador of France, M. David Martinon, the Consul General of France, M. Etienne Chapon & M. Alexandre Barrière-lzard, Conseiller des français de l'étranger, élu à l'Assemblée des Français de l'Étranger (Representative of French people living abroad, elected to the Assembly of French people living abroad) and other visitors.

9. 09H30 Saturday 01 June 2024:

Allard House Chapel

Memorial Mass for the Prince Imperial in the first Catholic Church built in KwaZulu-Natal by the French Missionary Order of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Father Paul Decock OMI will be officiating.

Scola Musicae Sanctae Choir directed by Michael Lambert

POMEROY

After mass we leave in convoy, along **La Route du Prince Impérial** and ..

10. 14H30+/- Saturday 01 June 2024;

Augustinian Convent, Pomeroy

We have tea with the French-South African Augustinian Sisters..

Special rendez-vous with Samkelesiwe Msane, French teacher & Rev Siphon Zondi from the Pomeroy Christian School.

(R33 - 145 kms +/- from Pietermaritzburg to Pomeroy. A very scenic road! Takes about 2.5 hours)

DUNDEE

CHEZ NOUS B'n B

11. 18H00 for 18H30 Saturday 01 June 2024

(R33 - 56 kms to Dundee from Pomeroy. Takes some 40 mins)

Soirée to Celebrate our French / Francophone presence in KZN & Francophone Africa

RSVP to Elisabeth Durham, Chez Nous B&B: 072 779 5949

uQWEQWE -

PRINCE IMPERIAL monument

12. 10H00 Sunday 02 June 2024: Commemorative Ceremonies for the Prince Imperial

Special Guest-of-Honour from the French Consulate: HE the Ambassador of France, M. David Martinon, the Consul General of France, **M. Etienne Chapon & M. Alexandre Barrière-Izard**, Representative of French people living abroad, elected to the Assembly of French people living abroad.

Special Guests-of-Honour from our communities: Mr S. Madlalose, Chief of the Hlahlindlela Tribal Court; Mr M. Mncube, Chairperson of the Hlalindlela Development Committee; Councillor L. Mtshali, Abaqulusi Municipality; Mr N. Buthelezi, Head of the izindunas; Induna Mbatha, uQweqwe; Pietermaritzburg; M. Louis Eksteen, Curator, Fort Amiel Museum, Newcastle; M. Billy Villiers, Bagpiper; Mme Elisabeth Durham, Township Tourism Member of the Endumeni Tourism & Patronne of Chez Nous B'nB; Mr D.M. Buthelezi, Chairman of the Hlahlindlela Taxi Association; M. Thulani Mbatha, Principal of Jojosini Primary School, uQweqwe; Samkelesiwe Msane, Pomeroy Christian School; Samkelisiwe Sihlongonyane, Dundee.

WELCOME: Mr M. Mncube, Chairman of the Hlahlindlela Development Committee

RESPONSE: HE the Ambassador of France, M. David Martinon to respond

CONTEXT of EVENT: The Project Leader, Mme G. Flanagan

PERFORMANCES: Song & Zulu Dance performances ?

DONATION to Mrs Khumalo who looks after the monument

LAYING OF WREATHES:

Prince Imperial: HE the Ambassador of France, M. David Martinon

Trooper Abel: The Consul General of France, M. Etienne Chapon

Trooper Rogers: Mr N. Buthelezi, Head of the izinduna

The Zulu Guide: Mr Alexandre Barrière-Izard & Mmes Samkelesiwe Msane & Gugu Buthelezi

DEPARTURE of Visitors

For those returning to Dundee and spending the night there, we would encourage you to book a late lunch at the Miners' Rest Restaurant, Talana Museum. We enjoyed a delicious Sunday roast there last year after the ceremonies (and in years gone past) at a most reasonable price!

THE MINERS' REST: Vryheid Rd, Dundee: 060 926 8269

FRENCH WEEK 2024: Sunday 26 May to Sunday 2 June



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