

## AATF-Virginia Annual Report (2012-2013)

### Meetings

The Executive Board held its annual meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> 2012, in Charlottesville. The annual meeting of the chapter, followed by a luncheon, took place at the FLAVA conference in Williamsburg on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2012. The minutes of the meetings are available on the AATF-VA website.

### Awards

Three members of the chapter received awards at FLAVA:

- Laurel Maughan, French teacher at James River High School was named *FLAVA Teacher of the Year* and received the *David E. Cox - Excellence in Teaching K-12 Award*.
- Amy DeGraff, who has been teaching French since 1978 at Randolph-Macon College, received the *Helen Warriner-Burke Award for Distinguished Service*.
- *The 2012 Best of FLAVA Award* went to Fabrice Teulon from Virginia Tech for his presentation on "*Antonin Carême: When Cooking became an Art.*"

### Presentations

Members of the chapter have presented the following papers:

- Karine Boulle (Ste Anne's Belfield School): *Crafting Bilingual Storyboard/Play + Turn your Students into Magazine Editors*
- Zac Neumann (Larkspur Middle School), *Les Misérables: Teaching Culture, History, and Listening Skills*
- Isabelle Jayat-Reeves (Ste Anne's Belfield School): *Teaching Film Shorts in the Language Classroom: **Demain la veille**, a Case in Point + New AP French Language and Culture Exam Swap Shop!*
- Fabrice Teulon, (Virginia Tech), *Antonin Carême: Quand la cuisine devint un art*
- Alison Levine and Rebecca Glasberg (University of Virginia), *Teaching Film and Filmmaking*
- Wade Edwards (Longwood University), *Les hommes, les femmes, et les origines misogynes des Jeux olympiques*
- Jamie Favazza (Norfolk Public Schools/Retired), *Increasing Languages Skills Through telling Stories*

### Workshops

- Enrica Piccardo from the University de Toronto offered two workshops: *Pathways Through Assessing, Learning and Teaching the CEFR (Part 1 and 2)*.

### **Visit of Director /Screenwriter/ Actor Slony Sow sponsored by AATF-VA**

After completing a tour of Virginia that took him to St Anne's School (Charlottesville), Randolph-Macon College (Ashland), VCU (Richmond), Lynchburg College (Lynchburg), and Virginia Tech (Blacksburg), director /screenwriter/ actor Slony Sow presented his latest short movie, *Grenouille d'hiver* starring Gérard Depardieu, at the annual luncheon of the AATF-VA in Williamsburg on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2012.

### **Videoconferences in the Classroom**

In Spring 2013, Fabrice Teulon organized at Virginia Tech a series of videoconferences with French directors/actors/screenwriters Mathieu Simonet and Slony Sow, and French director/actress Julie Voisin as part of his *Introduction to French Literature* class (FR 3304). Students had previously completed several assignments on two movies and had prepared a series of questions prior to the videoconferences.

### **5<sup>th</sup> French Film Festival at Longwood University**

This year again, Longwood University hosted its 5<sup>th</sup> French Film Festival under the direction of Wade Edwards with the help of the AATF-VA on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 2013. The movies presented at the festival for free included *Ma vie en rose*, *Les Intouchables*, and *À bout de souffle*. A showing of the short movie *Prunelle et Mélodie* was also organized for a younger audience and was followed by a morning of French conversation and a lunch.

Longwood University has been very active in promoting the French Film Festival for the last several years and has offered to the public an excellent choice of French movies, including *Coco avant Chanel*, *Potiche*, *Entre les murs*, *Le fils de l'épicier*, and many others.

### **Teaching Guide**

The Teacher's Guide to accompany the short movie by Julien Lecat and Sylvain Pioutaz, *Demain la veille*, created by Amy DeGraff (Project Director) and Isabelle Jayat-Reeves (Assistant Project Director) is proving very successful. The Teacher's Guide + film is available for \$ 25.00 (shipping included) or \$10.00 for just the Teacher's Guide. Please contact Amy DeGraff ([adegraff@rmc.edu](mailto:adegraff@rmc.edu)).

The same team is now working on a new Teacher's Guide to accompany Mathieu Simonet's short movie with Julie Voisin, *Prunelle et Mélodie*, about the moving story of a young blind girl and a young deaf mute girl.

### **Le Grand Concours**

This year 2149 students participated from 52 schools with 70 teachers. Seven students were gold medal winners, 10 were awarded a silver medal (2<sup>nd</sup> place), and 21 were awarded a bronze medal (3<sup>rd</sup> place).

Two hundred and twenty six received a *Lauréat National Certificate*, 97 an *Honneur Certificate* and 542 a *Réussite Certificate*

- Lauréat national certificates: National ranks 1-10 percentile
- Certificat d'honneur: students in the top 80<sup>th</sup> percentile
- Certificat de Réussite: students in the top 50<sup>th</sup> percentile