

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!**

***La Route du Prince Impérial, Louis Napoléon***

**27th Anniversary Commemorations**

**51st Anniversary of the Alliance Française, Pietermaritzburg**

**140th Anniversary of the International Alliance Française Mouvement**

**150th Anniversary of the death of the Emperor Napoléon III (20 April 1808 – 9 January 1873)**

**2023 Année Napoléon III**

**103rd Anniversary of the death of the Empress Eugénie (5 May 1826 – 12 July 1920)**

**144th Anniversary of the Anglo-Zulu War & the death of the Prince Impérial**

**124th Anniversary of the Anglo-Boer War**

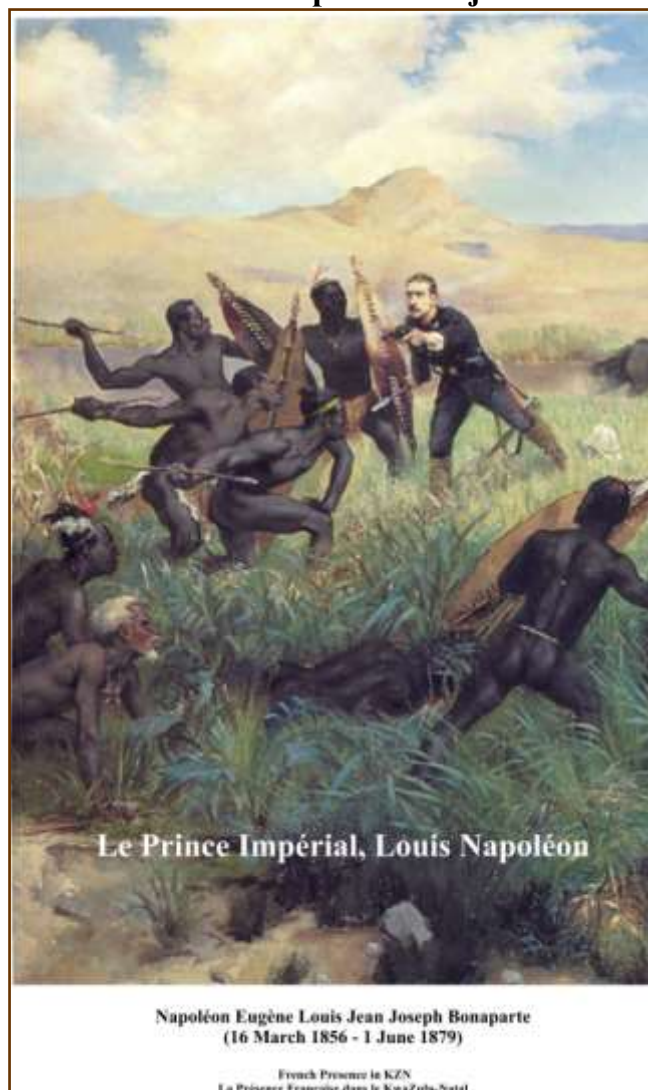
**104 years signing of the Peace Treaty of Versailles to end First World War**

**84 years since the start of the Second World War**

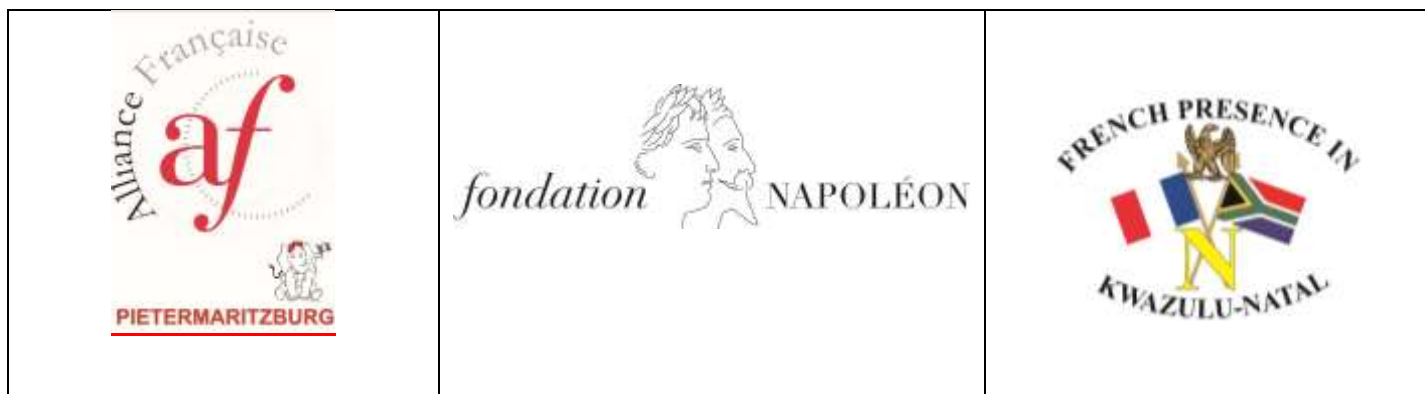
***Alliance Française, PMB & French Presence in KwaZulu-Natal***

**30th Anniversary Celebrations**

**A Cultural Tourism Research Development Project For Communities' Benefit**



**Artist: Paul Jamin**  
Courtesy of the Voortrekker/uMsunduzi Museum



## **FRENCH WEEK Saturday 27 May - Sunday 04 June 2023**

### **PIETERMARITZBURG**

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

#### **1. 13H30 – 16H00 Saturday 27 May 2023**

##### **FÊTE DE L'ABEILLE. MONTPELLIER BEES, Hilton**

An introduction to the joy of beekeeping with a distinct French flavour!

The aim of the presentation would be to provide the delegates with an opportunity to gain an understanding of beekeeping, the equipment that is used, honey tasting and a look at the bees 'in action' on a visit to an apiary site. The group would need to be limited to six to eight participants due to the logistics of working on bee colonies. Everyone would then have the opportunity to work on a beehive and handle frames fully suited. The only requirement would be to wear suitable clothing and bring gumboots or closed foot wear.

We would start off at the shop *Honey & The Hive* in Hilton where there would be a presentation introducing the art of beekeeping, the importance of bees, what we gather from the bees and honey & mead tasting. It would then be fun to discuss the importance of bees as an emblem of French culture.

Tea and coffee will be provided before we travel to an apiary site, meet the bees and open hives.

3.5 hrs / R350.00 per person

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Please confirm with Glenn on WA : +27 82677 9997 by 20 May 2023

#### **2. 11H00 - 14H00 +/- Sunday 28 May 2023**

##### **Exhibition: Rory Klopper**

Rory Klopper, a well-known artist in KwaZulu-Natal & registered PhD student with UKZN, Pietermaritzburg campus, invites us to view his artistic creations. Rory's inspiration stems from Georges Albert Maurice Victor Bataille (1897 – 1962), a French philosopher & intellectual, working in philosophy, literature, sociology, anthropology & history of art. His writing which included essays, novels & poetry, explored such subjects as eroticism, mysticism, surrealism, & transgression.

Rory's eclectic range of works is a true reflection of Bataille's inspiration. Due to the adult themes explored in some of the artworks this exhibition is not suitable for children.

RSVP for the exhibition to Whatsapp 082 677 9997 & bring along a picnic basket and liquid refreshment in order to engage the artist at leisure "over a convivial glass"!

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!

2. **10H00 Monday 29 May 2023:** Guided visit to the Prince Imperial Exhibition in the national uMsunduzi Museum

3. **10H00 Tuesday 30 May 2023:** PP Presentation: Glenn Flanagan

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.

Woodgrove Retirement Village, Community Centre

4. **10H00 Wednesday 31 May 2023:** *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 31 May 2023:** 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 31 May 2023** - Franco-Italian Pizza soirée! Bring a bottle & a pizza to La Dante!

6. **11H00 Thursday 01 June 2023:** Guided visit to works of art of the “French Collection”. Tatham Art Gallery

Pinky Madlabane -Nkabinde .

Lunch at own expense in the Tatham Café after the visit.

7. **10H00 Friday 02 June May 2023:** 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. **16H15 Friday 02 June 2023:** Guided visit to St Charles College for the Consul General of France, M. Etienne Chapon & M. Alexandre Barrière-Izard, 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. The visit will be conducted by the Principal, Mr Allen van Blerk or the Marketing Manager, Mr Dean Riley.

**17H45: The Coach House:** Welcome refreshments for the Consul General & Guests

The Principal, Mr Alan van Blerk to welcome our VIP visitor from the French Embassy. In attendance will also be the Deputy Principal, Mr Graham Stewart-Burger

9. **09H30 Saturday 04 June 2023:** 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 03 June 2023;** Augustinian Convent, Pomeroy. We have tea with the French-South African Augustinian Sisters..

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

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

## **DUNDEE**

11. **18H00 for 18H30 Saturday 03 June 2023 CHEZ NOUS B'n B**

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

**Soirée Franco-Germanic/Swiss in honour of the Prince Imperial's father, the Emperor Napoleon III.**

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

**uQWEQWE - PRINCE IMPERIAL monument**

12. **10H00 Sunday 04 June 2023: Commemorative Ceremonies for the Prince Imperial**

**Special Guest-of-Honour from the French Consulate: 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:** Councillor L. Mtshali, Abaqulusi Municipality; Mr N. Buthelezi, Head of the izindunas; Induna Mbatha, uQweqwe; M. Mitchel Clark, Principal of Gateway Christian School, 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:** Councillor L. Mtshali, Abaqulusi Municipality

**RESPONSE:** The French Consul General, Mr Etienne Chapon, 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  
 DONATION to 10 Senior Babas  
 DONATION of Tracksuits to 20 needy LEARNERS

PRIZE for the MOST IMPERIAL moustache!

LAYING OF WREATHES:

Prince Imperial: The Consul General of France, M. Etienne Chapon

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

Trooper Rogers: Councillor Mtshali & the Induna Mr Mbatha




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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***Chez Nous***  
 Bed & Breakfast



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