

The French Faculty and French Club at the College of St. Benedict / St. John's University are once again organizing an informal **poetry event** and we invite you to attend with any of your French students you think might be interested in reading, or simply in listening. Please come for any portion of the following activities:

CSB/SJU FRENCH LYRIC FESTIVAL

Wednesday February 10, 2010

You are welcome to attend any or all of the activities:

- **Asteria Musica!** 3:30 pm reception, 4:15-5:15 pm Lecture / Concert in AV1, Alcuin Library
- Student, Faculty, and Staff Poetry **Festival Lyrique:** 5:30 pm in Q346 (Little Theatre)
- Dinner in SJU Refectory 6:30 pm

We are delighted to welcome to the campus the renowned early music group *Asteria Musica*, with Sylvia Rhyne, soprano, and Eric Redlinger, tenor and lute (check out their website at www.asteriamusica.com). Their lecture is sponsored by MCL, HMML, Humanities, and the French Club. They will speak about their preparation of 15th Century music from Bourgogne, giving us some fabulous samples. The reception and presentation will be in the lower level of Alcuin Library at SJU, and is free and open to the public. Here is a link to the SJU Campus map: http://www.csbsju.edu/About/At_a_Glance/SJU_Campus_Map.htm

After their lecture/concert, we will stroll over to the SJU Quadrangle's Little Theatre (third floor, Q346) for our own presentations (the brick building just to the right of the Abbey Church, across the green diagonally from the Alcuin Library). If you will be joining us at this point (if you can't make it to the *Asteria Musica* lecture), we'll have someone meet you at the Great Hall Information Desk in the Quadrangle to escort you to the Little Theatre. We will have signs posted as well. Students, faculty, and staff can come to listen, or, even better, to read a poem or lyrical prose passage in French or sing a French song, performing individually or with a partner or group. We will arrange for there to be an upright piano and a guitar. If you have students who would like to read, but who are shy about it, they can prepare a poem with another student or two.

Following the reading, we'll go downstairs to have dinner together in the SJU Refectory; we'll reserve some tables as "Tables Françaises," for some relaxed conversation *en français*. Other tables will be available for a mix of English and French. CSB/SJU students will use their meal plans; **you and your students will be our guests**. We anticipate the evening to conclude by 7:30 pm at the latest. If you have questions, don't hesitate to write or call Karen Erickson (3074; kerickson@csbsju.edu). If you can let us know by February 8th how many will be coming, meal tickets will be ready. If you send titles and names of the readers by Feb. 8th as well, we can prepare the program.

We hope to see you on February 10, 2010!