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# Nantesense

## Bastille Day, la Fête Nationale

By Jaclyn Eruhow-Hagan and Margaret Johnson –

Seattle's annual Bastille Day Festival at Seattle Center is an opportunity for the local French community to invite the general community to discover French culture and traditions in honor of the French National Celebration of *liberté, égalité, fraternité* on July 14. At Seattle Center, on the sunny weekend of July 9th and 10th, many of our SNSCA member volunteers turned out to help at our booths on the Fisher Green.

Seattle City Councilman Tom Rasmussen officially opened the celebration on Saturday, and both the American and French national anthems were sung beautifully by the three Robert daughters. The Festival this year took place over the course of the two days. There were many activities to enjoy throughout the day, including live music from Pearl Django and File

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*Margaret Johnson and Jaclyn Eruhow-Hagan host the SNSCA booth at Bastille Day*



## Bastille Day (*cont'd*)



Gumbo, wine and champagne tastings, children's activities, Citroen Car Show and Waiter's Race. There were also several demonstrations, including a cooking demonstration by local French chefs, a Fencing demonstration and a pétanque demonstration provided by the Seattle Petanque Club.

At the SNSCA booth, our volunteers chatted with visitors, sharing their experiences in France and providing information about Nantes, manned the cork drawing game and sold raffle tickets. This year, the SNSCA cork drawing grand prizes featured a French cookbook and a gift certificate from *Paris Grocery*. The SNSCA raffle showcased 4 prizes, including gift

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Seattle Petanque Club demonstration



Booths along Fisher Green at Seattle Center

## Bastille Day (*cont'd*)



Jean-Loup Baer at our Bouquiniste stall. Visitors to the Festal Bastille Day celebration on July 9 and 10 enjoyed browsing the large and eclectic selection of French books in the bouquiniste at the Seattle-Nantes booth. The books, donated by individuals and libraries, include some rare editions which are currently listed on the Internet for over \$1000, yet all books sell for \$1 to \$6 according to their category.

certificates to local French restaurants, *Place Pigalle* and *Maximilien*, and *Le Panier* bakery. Also new to the SNSCA booth this year, was an educational board offering trivia questions and answers about Nantes.

Members also helped out at the Dollars for Scholars Bouquiniste next to the association booth. The proceeds from the book sale fund the Dollars for Scholars scholarships that are awarded to exceptional students who demonstrate an intense and prolonged passion for French.

We'd like to extend a big thank you to all our volunteers for making this year's event such a wonderful success in promoting cultural, educational and commercial ties with our French Sister city.



Festal activities and visitors spread across Fisher Green



Onlookers admiring the classic Citroëns

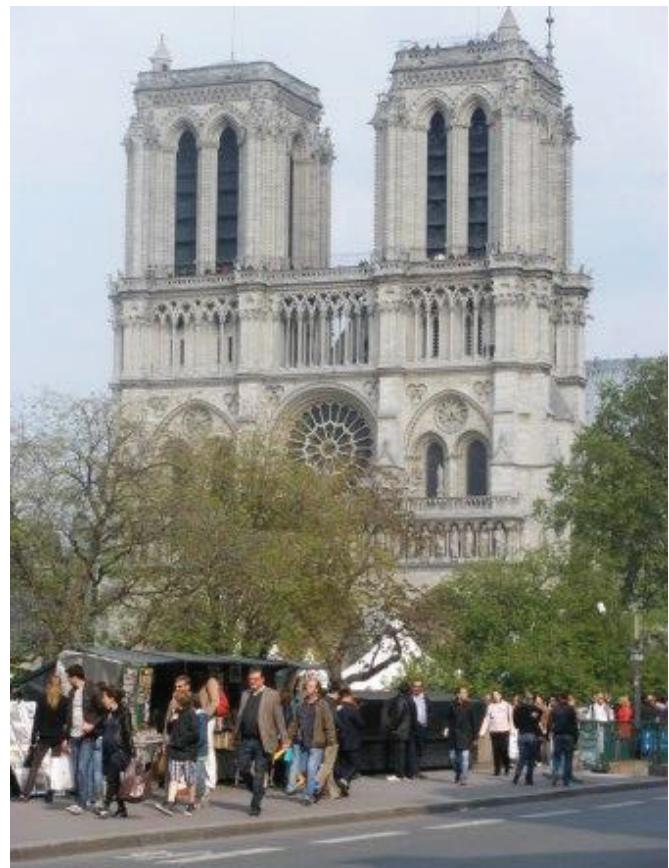


## The *bouquiniste* tradition

**By Jean-Loup Baer** – At the annual Festal celebrating Bastille Day (“le 14 Juillet”) at the Seattle Center, we have a booth to give information regarding our Association and attached to this booth is a “bouquiniste” stand where we sell used (mostly) French books donated by our members and friends. The proceeds benefit the Seattle-Nantes Dollars for Scholars scholarship fund.

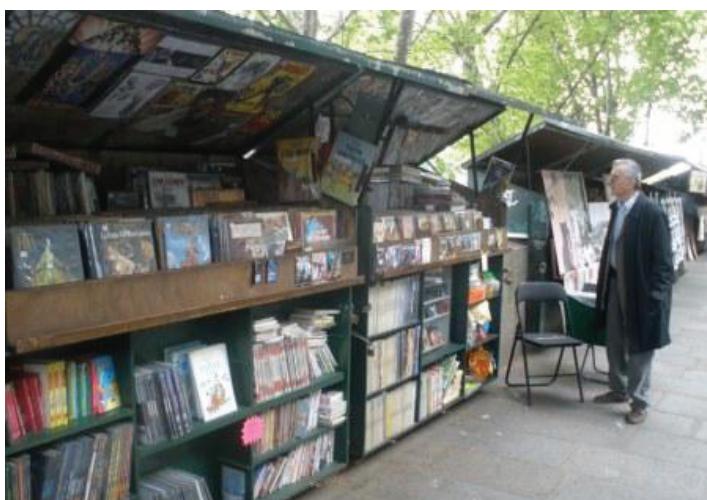
Where are the real bouquinistes located? I am sure that many of you have strolled along the *quais de la Seine* where bouquinistes show their wares: old books including some rare first editions and superb bindings, used recent books, posters, postcards, magazines, stamps, CDs, and, more recently, other (tacky) souvenirs. The bouquinistes can be found on both banks of the Seine, roughly from Notre-Dame (*quai de la Tournelle* on the left bank, *Pont Marie* on the right one) to the Louvre (*quai Voltaire* and *quai du Louvre*). My own preferred area is between Boulevard St. Michel and *L'Institut* on the left bank.

Bouquiniste concessions were sold by the City of Paris in the middle of the 19th century at some fixed points along the quais and they became a permanent fixture in 1891. There will be no expansion and the 240 current bouquinistes and their 900 standard green stands are it (the area is a designated Unesco World Heritage site). There is supposedly a 2-year waiting list to get a vacated spot. In 1930 there was a codification limiting the area per bouquiniste to 4 stands, that is 10 meters, and 3 of the 4 must have books. To be even more precise, a 1993 decree signed by then Mayor of Paris Jacques Chirac (Président de la République from 1995 till 2007) gives the exact



dimension of the stand: length, width, height when closed and opened. For example, the horizontal line of the opened lid must be 7 feet above ground. I don't think that Tom Bennett's home made one that we use at Festal adheres to these standards, but it is of the right color! And, as one of our visitors said this year, we don't have that beautiful river in the background either.

The real ancestors of the bouquinistes were the 16th century *colporteurs*, or travelling booksellers selling second-hand books, who used the Pont-Neuf for their business. The owners of permanent bookstores were not pleased by this competition and were able to outlaw the bouquinistes until they were reinstated after the French Revolution. It is now a favorite spot for book connoisseurs and tourists. I strongly recommend that you spend an afternoon there during your next visit to Paris and join in spirit former habitués such as Thomas Jefferson and François Mitterrand.



# Seattle-Nantes Sister City Association Sixth Annual Pique-Nique and Barbeque

**Sunday August 14th 2011  
2:30pm until dusk**

**Richmond Beach Saltwater Park  
Upper Shelter  
2021 NW 190th Street  
Shoreline, WA 98177**

*This is a casual, all age event.  
Come and meet up with old friends  
and meet new members!*

Please bring your own place settings, drinks and a choice of something to cook on the barbecue, plus a side dish to share.  
We'll have the coals hot by 4:00pm.

The park has a great view of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains.

Feel free to come early and enjoy beachcombing, kite flying, etc. on the beach before the meal, or come closer to meal time and stay after for the spectacular sunset and enjoy toasting marshmallows.

RSVP to Margaret Johnson by email to [revedelavie@yahoo.com](mailto:revedelavie@yahoo.com)

## ***Directions***

From I-5 Northbound or Southbound:  
Take exit 176 for NE 175th toward Shoreline  
At the light go west onto NE 175th Street  
Take the 2nd right onto Meridian Ave. N.  
Turn left onto N 185th Street  
Continue onto N. Richmond Beach Road  
Continue straight onto NW 195th Street  
Turn left on 20th Ave NW  
Take the third right onto NW 190th Street  
The picnic will be in the Upper Shelter.



# Macy's Provides Much-Needed Funding

By Tom Bennett –

Seattle-Nantes Dollars for Scholars was invited to participate in Bellevue Macy's spring fundraising event for local charities. This event is held in only a handful of selected stores in California, Hawaii, and a few other states. Bellevue was the only store selected in Washington. We raised \$750 from ticket sales and received nearly \$700 from Macy's based on the number of people who on the day of the sale (May 14) deposited stubs from tickets purchased from us. We greatly appreciate Macy's generosity in supporting our scholarship program through this event.

This summer all Macy's stores nationwide will participate in the "Shop for a Cause" promotion. If you donate \$5 to Seattle-Nantes Dollars for Scholars you will receive a Macy's discount ticket good in any Macy's store on August 27 for a 25% storewide discount on most merchandise, plus one entry per pass for a \$500 gift card drawing held on August 27th. (There will be one winner for every Macy's store!!) In addition you will enjoy fun and exciting entertainment in the store on August 27th, and best of all, 100% of your \$5 donation will be used for scholarships for local students studying French.

To purchase discount tickets for August 27, email Jean-Loup Baer at [Jean-Loup.Baer@seattle-nantes.org](mailto:Jean-Loup.Baer@seattle-nantes.org) giving your mailing address and the number of tickets you wish to purchase.

## The Goldmark Scholars

By Jean Leblon –

The Goldmark scholarship, established in memory of the Goldmark family, is awarded each year to one or more college students who are going to Nantes in order to attend the university or another institution of higher education. This year two applicants received an award: Brent Kirshenbaum and Dana Talant, both juniors at the University of Washington.

Brent, who graduated from high school with an International Baccalaureate diploma, is majoring in French and pursuing the prescribed pre-medical course of study. He is a cross-country runner and was captain of his high school track and field club. He is already at ease in the language, which augurs well for the knowledge he will gather and the contacts he will make in France. Brent received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Dana is majoring in French and International Studies (Western Europe Track). While in high school, she studied in France long enough to find herself quite at home over there, having established strong friendships with French students and their families. At UW, she was executive vice president of her sorority. After college, she plans on going to law school in order to specialize in international law. Dana received a \$500 scholarship.

# Four Students Awarded Seattle-Nantes Dollars for Scholars Scholarships

By Tom Bennett –



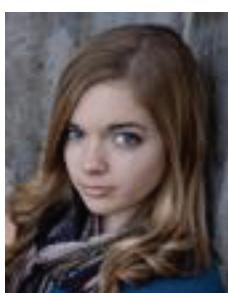
**Griffin Taylor**, a graduate of Skyview High School in Vancouver, WA, who will attend the University of Washington, was awarded the Frances Bennett endowed scholarship. Griffin was President of his school's chapters of the Honor Society and French National Honor Society, as well as distinguishing himself as a talented musician, actor, and athlete. He plans to major in Linguistics and International Studies.



**Ari Kamaliazad**, a graduate of Skyview High School in Vancouver, WA who will attend the University of Washington. Ari maintained a 4.0 grade point, was Vice President of the French Club, a member of the Honor Society and French National Honor Society, tutored students, and spent several hours a week volunteering in her church and a local hospital. She plans to major in French and Biology.



**Sophie Kangas**, a graduate of R. A. Long High School in Longview, WA who will attend Western Washington University. Sophie was President of her school's French Club, taught French to elementary grades, was a counselor and mentor, and received awards for tennis and cheerleading. She plans to major in French and Education.



**Jess Wagner**, a Seattle Pacific University student who has a double major in French and Nursing. Jess completed an AA degree from Highline Community College while in high school, which allowed her to enter advanced classes at SPU. In spite of her very heavy academic load, she finds time to volunteer regularly at Swedish Medical Center, and plans to tutor in French in the coming year.

Each of these students was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Seattle-Nantes Dollars for Scholars.

## Scholars Meet the Public

By Tom Bennett

Photos by Afton Tyler

Members of the French Community and friends met recent winners of scholarships awarded by the Seattle-Nantes Sister City Association and its affiliate organization Seattle-Nantes Dollars for Scholars at an event held at the Stonington Gallery in Seattle on May 26.

Guests had an opportunity to chat informally with the outstanding students about their experiences and future plans. All scholarship winners must exhibit a passion for French and pursue a course of studies which incorporates French language and culture. University students accepted for study in Nantes, France are eligible for the Goldmark Scholarship which is awarded in memory of the family of Annie Goldmark, one of the original members of Seattle-Nantes Sister City Association.

For more information about Seattle-Nantes scholarship programs, visit [www.seattle-nantesscholars.org](http://www.seattle-nantesscholars.org).



*Jaclyn Eruhow-Hagan entertained the guests with her adventures living in Nantes while studying at the Audencia School of Management. Jaclyn now is employed by Ipsos, the third largest survey-based research company in the world, and serves as Corresponding Secretary on the Board of the Seattle-Nantes Sister City Association.*



*Daniel Fievez, Professor Lucien Rico, Randy Revelle, Tom Bennett, Misa Bourdoiseau, and former State Senator Ken Jacobsen listen to scholarship winner Jaclyn Eruhow-Hagan.*

*Senator Jacobsen was responsible for bringing the Dollars for Scholars program to Washington, and now serves on the board of Scholarship America, the national organization which oversees the Dollars for Scholars programs.*

# A Message from Your President

By Tom Bennett –

It's good to see so much activity in our Association. We are cooperating with other French organizations to publicize their events, and they are distributing notices of our events. We all benefit from these opportunities to enjoy more varied experiences while meeting new people with similar interests.

As I write this, I think of the past weekend with the very successful Bastille Day celebration at Seattle Center. Many thanks to Board members Margaret Johnson and Jaclyn Eruhow-Hagan as well as their dedicated volunteers who worked so hard to make this such a success. Now we are getting ready for next Sunday's participation in the West Seattle Garden Tour. Pamela Hughes and a group of our

other members will staff a table telling people about Nantes Park and its challenging plan for future development, as well as informing people about our Association and soliciting new members. We thank Pamela for her work in organizing this and sprucing up Nantes Park with fresh flowers for the occasion.

Next month we will have our annual picnic on Sunday, August 14. We have a new venue and are inviting members of other Francophile organizations in the area. You can read about the details of the picnic elsewhere in this issue.

Summer weather is here and we have lots of activities for all tastes. Please plan to join us.

## New Members

We welcome enthusiastically the following persons who have joined or rejoined the Association this year:

Michelle Beauclair  
Tatiana Hidalgo  
Ariana Kamaliazad  
Sophie Kangas  
Claire Laufer  
Mia Naetziger  
Mackenzie Oscar  
Megan Rosenfeld  
Griffin Taylor  
Jessie Wagner

We hope to see all of our new members again soon.  
With thanks and best wishes from the Board.

## Nantes Park and the West Seattle Garden Tour

### By Pamela-Ann Hughes –

The West Seattle Garden Tour was held on July 17th and, as you may recall, our grant application for Nantes Park improvements was accepted, making the success of the event near to the association's heart.

The park was decorated with red, white and blue flowers, balloons and tape, and we had an information table in one of the open gardens. From there we were able to see that, despite the rainy weather, many people seemed to pass through. Questions directed to us were mainly about the park's location and the

reason for its name, so now we will have more local people with their eyes on it. Comments were positive and we had many well wishers. Our grant money will be available in the fall, the perfect time for tree planting.

Also in the fall, we plan another volunteer maintenance party as the upkeep of the park is never ending. The new trees will, however, help to keep the ivy and blackberries shaded so they may be less rampant in the future.

We hope to see many of you, tools at the ready, defeat of dandelions in your hearts, sometime in late September.

## 2011 Officers

## SNSCA Board Members

**President:** Tom Bennett

**Vice-President:** Margaret Johnson

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Susan Hulbert

**Corresponding Secretary:** Jaclyn Eruhow-Hagan

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**Dollars for Scholars:** Tom Bennett

**Events Coordinators:** Jaclyn Eruhow-Hagan  
Margaret Johnson

**Historian:** Marie-Pierre Koban

**Hosting:**

**Membership/Website:** Jean-Loup Baer

**Public Relations:** Alaina McCallum

**University/Scholarship:** Jean Leblon

## Other Positions

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**Newsletter Layout:** Maggie McGehee

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Margaret Johnson

**Nantes Park:** Pamela-Ann Hughes