Franco Gathering, 2024 : Rassemblement, 2024

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Good morning everyone! Bonjour!

The time of our annual Rassemblement or Gathering is fast approaching.

April 5-7, 2024 (in person)
April 13, 2024 (virtual)

All times in Eastern Standard Time.

Click here to register

Tentative schedule

IN-PERSON EVENT in Orono

Friday, April 5, 2024

4pm: Panel Discussion: Franco American Centre, 50+ years (Josée Vachon, Jim Bishop, Paul Paré have confirmed; we've invited a couple others too)

5:30pm: Pot-luck Dinner at the Franco American Centre. Bring something if you can, don't worry if you can't. There is always more than enough food.

7pm: Screening and Discussion of "Bien des mots ont changé" This film, made in 1980 by director Daniel Louis (https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0521858/), includes interviews with Yvon Labbé, Claire Bolduc, and Bob Perrault.

Saturday, April 6, 2024
9am-12pm: **Sharing our work**: We will establish this schedule once we get a better sense of who is planning on attending, and who would like to share their work.

12pm: **Lunch**

1:30pm-3:30pm: **Sharing our work** (or if everyone who wishes to present has already presented, a moderated discussion or a walk in the woods)

4:00pm: **Panel Discussion: Franco America today and going forward** (Patrick Lacroix, Tom Pinette, Joey Leblanc, Melody Keilig, Camden Martin, Timothy Beaulieu)

6pm: **Dinner**

7:00pm: **Pick-up Jam Session** and quiet spaces upstairs for those who want to chat, hang out, and mingle

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

10am-12noon: **Debrief and wrap-up** (in-person, Orono) -- Optional informal discussion to wrap-up the weekend, provide feedback, and say good-byes.

**VIRTUAL EVENT** on Zoom

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

10am-12pm: **Sharing our work**

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**TO ATTEND EITHER GATHERING, PLEASE REGISTER THROUGH THIS LINK.** You will receive further information via email, including the full weekend agenda and Zoom links for the virtual Saturday. Registration helps us establish the schedule and prepare for catering. There is no charge for either event.

**Donations are welcome.** They make events like this one possible.

Please register even if you have already emailed or called Lisa or me.

For assistance or further information, please contact Lisa Michaud at lisam@maine.edu or (207) 581-3789 or Susan Pinette at spinette@maine.edu

**We can't wait to see you!**

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