



*Charmed Circle Tea* at 6:00 pm (4th fl café) Refreshments from the Paris Café Menu and Alice's cookbook

**Reading & performances** at 7:00 - 8:00 pm (3rd floor Library)

Hosted by Hans R. Gallas

Readings by local actors and aficionados from *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas*, *The Making of Americans*, *Tender Buttons*, *Three Lives*, *Portraits of Painters*, *Composition as Explanation* and other works by Gertrude Stein; interlaced with selections from *The Alice B. Toklas Cookbook* by Ms. Toklas, and other writers of their time.

**Tkts: \$5 - \$15**

### **Book Discussion Group**

**Monday, October 15 (Special program) at 12:30 pm**

***Gertrude Stein : In Words and Pictures* by Renate Stendhal**

In addition to this book, please read a work of your choice by Gertrude Stein. The author has constructed a "photo-biography" of the "Mother of Modernism". The book includes some 360 photographs, one hundred of which never before published. They are interspersed with timelines and excerpts culled from Stein's works and letters, plus words of others, including Hemingway. The chapters of greatest interest focus on the Paris years, when Stein opened her house at 27, rue des Fleurus to Fauvist and Cubist painters (such as Picasso) and later to American writers of the "Lost Generation". A fairly detailed chronology prefaces each chapter, and each photograph has an enlightening quotation taken from the work of Stein and others. The photographs by Man Ray, Cecil Beaton, and Carl Van Vechten document an unconventional and photogenic life.

## **COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF CALIFORNIA**

### **LGBT MEMBER LED FORUM**

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**October 3**

### ***GERTRUDE AND ALICE: THE CENTENNIAL OF A CONTROVERSIAL RELATIONSHIP***

Renate Stendhal, Author, *Gertrude Stein In Words and Pictures: A Photobiography*. Moderator: Cynthia Lee Katona, Professor, Ohlone College; Author, Book Savvy

Alice B. Toklas and Gertrude Stein's relationship has been considered in turn shocking, a reason for feminist celebration, critique and the object of intense speculation. This talk will explore how the most famous lesbian couple of modern times has stirred the imagination of readers ever since their salon became "one of the best rooms in the finest museum." (Hemingway)

5:30 p.m. reception, 6 p.m. program

Cost: \$8 members, \$15 non-members

Program Organizer: Laurie Wagner [wagner.laurie@gmail.com](mailto:wagner.laurie@gmail.com)

Co-presenter: 100 Years, 100 Roses

**AT BJE JEWISH COMMUNITY LIBRARY, 1835 Ellis Street, between Scott and Pierce, 415-567-3327 ext 703. All programs are free and open to the public; free parking available at the Pierce Street entrance.**

**What is Remembered: An Exhibit of Memorabilia from the Hans Gallas Collection  
Exhibit runs October 14 – December 20**

Focusing on native San Franciscan Alice B. Toklas, this exhibit of photographs, correspondence, and other ephemera from the Stein/Toklas collection of Hans Gallas highlights the various roles Toklas played in her almost forty-year relationship with Gertrude Stein.

**An Evening with Alice B. Toklas  
A Talk by Hans Gallas and Anthony Bliss  
Tuesday, October 23, 7:30 P.M.**

Hans Gallas plays excerpts from a rare recorded interview with Alice B. Toklas. He is joined by Anthony Bliss, Curator of Rare Books and Literary Manuscripts at the Bancroft Library. Together they will discuss Toklas's life with Gertrude Stein and her memories of San Francisco, as well as the Bancroft Library's Stein/Toklas collection, of which this recording is a part.

**Hans Gallas** is a major collector of Stein/Toklas materials and the organizer of "Gertrude and Alice: 100 Years, 100 Roses," celebrating the 100th anniversary of the first meeting of Gertrude and Alice in Paris.

**Anthony Bliss** is Curator, Rare Books and Literary Manuscripts, at the Bancroft Library at the University of California Berkeley.