

OUR PROJECTS

Marie-Antoinette's Boudoir, known as the Meridian Cabinet, is the most intimate and charming room of the Queen's Private Apartments, built as a personal refuge in 1781 in the excitement surrounding the impending birth of the Crown Prince. Despite its diminutive size, the boudoir showcases the most impressive examples of the savoir-faire of 18th century artisans. At the end of 2012, *la Société des Amis de Versailles* took on the architectural restoration of this exquisite room. This first phase was completed in 2015 thanks to the participation of 1080 donors. **The Société des Amis de Versailles continues its commitment in the final phase of the project: the restoration of the finely detailed fabrics.**

The Queen's Guardroom, where the queen's personal guards were stationed day and night, is the last room of the queen's apartments that has yet to undergo extensive — and vitally important — restorations. The badly deteriorated ceiling features precious 17th century oil paintings by Noël Coypel. In the course of the restoration the paintings will recover their unity, harmony and clarity after the removal of the successive coats of mildewed varnish and touched-up areas. **The American Friends of Versailles have undertaken the funding of this ongoing project.**

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VERSAILLES IS A TREASURE THAT
BELONGS TO ALL OF US...
BE A PART OF IT!



WHO ARE WE?

Founded in 1907 to address the alarming deterioration of the Palace of Versailles and the Grand and Petit Trianon, the *Société des Amis de Versailles* was officially recognized as a French public benefit organization (an “utilité publique”) in 1913. Now over five thousand members strong, the Société works to advance its central missions, stated below. Thanks to the invaluable support of its sister organizations, the American Friends of Versailles and the European Friends of Versailles, *La Société* reaches out to interests abroad as well as in France, continuing a long legacy of joint international support of this cultural treasure.

OUR MISSIONS

- 🕒 To contribute to the restoration and conservation of the Palace and Estate of Versailles
- 🕒 To contribute to the collections by providing the funding for acquisitions of art and antiques through the sponsorship of individual and corporate donors
- 🕒 To promote the National Park of Versailles by organizing a variety of cultural activities
- 🕒 To enhance awareness of the Palace of Versailles through publications and the scientific journal *Versalia*

Join us to ensure that the world’s artistic heritage shines for future generations!



JOIN SOCIÉTÉ DES AMIS DE VERSAILLES

Categories	Annual contribution
Jeune Ami (Young Friend / ages 0-25) includes “Duo” guest admission	50 €
Adhérent (Member) €90 for a couple €90 for “Duo” guest admission	60 €
Sociétaire (Patron) €255 for a couple €200 for “Duo” guest admission	170 €
Bienfaiteur (Benefactor) €800 for a couple includes “Duo” guest admission	600 €

BENEFITS

🕒 FOR ALL MEMBERS

Free priority entry to: Palace of Versailles, Grand Trianon, Petit Trianon, Gardens, “Grandes Eaux” musical fountain shows, all exhibitions

Exclusive access to an extensive program of cultural visits and events

Reduced fees for: Equestrian academy shows, Mini-train through the Palace grounds, and more

5% discount in the bookshop of the Palace

🕒 FOR PATRONS

All of the above, plus: VIP program, invitations to private evenings, a copy of the annual publication *Versalia*.

🕒 FOR BENEFACTORS

All of the above, plus: special receptions in the Donors’ Apartment in the Palace, option to receive exhibition catalogues.



WHY DONATE?

Donors make a vital contribution to Versailles. Their generosity allows for the return of precious objects to the collections and for restorations that are essential to the spirit of Versailles and to the experience of visiting it today. Whether individuals or organizations, donors are part of a vibrant international community of Friends of Versailles — like-minded philanthropists with a special relationship to this unparalleled artistic patrimony. By supporting the *Société des Amis de Versailles*, they ensure that future generations from all over the world can explore the rich legacy of Versailles.

HOW TO GIVE?

The *Société des Amis de Versailles* welcomes donation which can be made through our donation form online or by mail. These donations are tax-deductible for French taxpayers.

Donations are possible in many countries, including:

U.S. taxpayers

Tax-deductible donations can be made to our sister society, the American Friends of Versailles, a 501C3 charity. Please contact: knsmith@americanfriendsofversailles.org

European taxpayers

Tax-deductible donations can be made via TransGiving Europe (TGE).

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