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Being the president of the friends of Blasco Mentor's work forces me to reflect on the interest of our collective project; to know how to make known as much as possible his work including his house / workshop: Casa Nieves. Often our ideas come up against the immobility of some, the skepticism of others and so on.

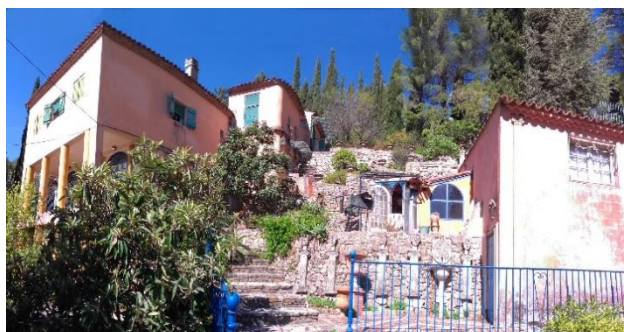
But there are days like the ones we are currently living in when everything is going well and that bring us great satisfaction. A hope was born...

Indeed, in this year 2022, the Heritage Mission entrusted to Stéphane Bern, deployed by the Heritage Foundation and supported by the Ministry of Culture and FDJ, has selected the casa Nieves rehabilitation project presented by the municipality. This project will be able to benefit from a financial boost to carry out the necessary restoration work on the property. The town hall speaks of 1.6 million euros of work. I encourage you all to look at our site where you will find the details of the operation.

Thank you to all those who worked on this file to get to this point.

Mission Bern 2022

After a first announcement in March concerning the 18 "emblematic sites" of French heritage that will benefit from significant financial assistance to be restored, the **Heritage Mission**, chaired by **Stéphane Bern** unveiled on Monday, August 29 the 100 "departmental sites" that will also be entitled to financial assistance to be able to be renovated and saved from destruction.



The Heritage Mission 2022 is 760 applications received, 100 sites selected, 1 per department.

Casa Nieves has been selected to be one of the 100 departmental sites supported this year:

This singular residence, a real labyrinth, also including the painter's studio, now requires major restoration work. They will focus on:

- putting water out by protecting roofs and managing rainwater
- the control of the foundations of the roof terrace
- the repair of facades and major developments.

The month of November 2022 should see the start of work

Regardless of the financial aid expected from Mission Bern, a grant of 63,000 euros has just been granted by the region for the renovation of Casa Nieves.

On this occasion, the Blasco Mentor property was the subject of significant media coverage:

On September 1st, a team from FR3 Toulon came to film the place and interview the main actors of this candidacy; we were there. To review the FR3 report:

https://youtu.be/CcaGMuYv_1k



BFM Télé also made a report on Casa Nieves, broadcast on 08/09/22

To review it:

https://www.bfmtv.com/var/replay-emissions/bonjour-var/mission-du-patrimoine-la-maison-de-blasco-mentor-a-solliès-toucas-va-subir-de-lourds-travaux_VN-202209080131.html

Our president, Alain de Lespinois was interviewed by RCF radio on 30/08/22.

To listen to it again:

<https://www.rcf.fr/actualite/3-questions-a-4?episode=280804&fbclid=IwAR2pV6Fz0QXTSowfPLwBcl75zakPn0S1BIuNel8H-cQ5RiobE3eVpmlvbY>

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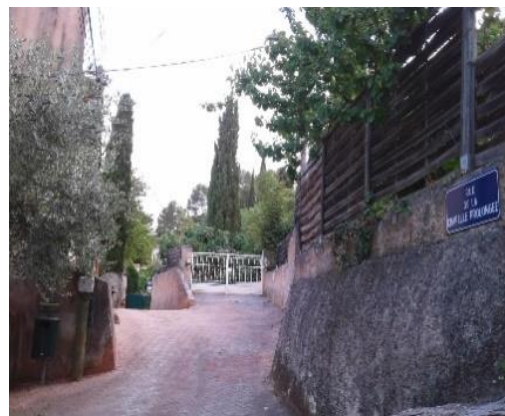
Our projects are moving forward!

- Blasco Mentor Street

As we announced in our little newspaper N°4 of June/July/August 2022, our municipality will very soon pay tribute to Blasco Mentor by renaming the street of the extended cha-shovel which becomes street "Blasco Mentor".

At the last municipal council on September 29, a deliberation formalizing this name change was voted unanimously. The official installation of the street sign should take place before the end of the year. We will not fail to keep you informed of the date.

Our association (with the support of Crédit Agricole Provence Côte d'Azur) will publish a leaflet that will be distributed to all Toucassins and which will be entitled: Mentor and Solliès-Toucas.



- The virtual tour of Casa Nieves

Recently we informed you of our grant application to the FDVA (Mission Vie Associative et Education Populaire). The latter granted us a subsidy of 1052 euros out of the 1724 requested, in order to complete the budget of the project to carry out a virtual tour of the casa Nieves. (see our small newspapers N°2 and N°3) The amount was credited to our association's account in September.

As a reminder, the cost of this project is 3,447 euros, whose support is 671 Euros by the association, 1,724 euros by the municipality and 1052 euros by the FDVA.

The municipality is planning a meeting on October 19 with Univers mentor and the Friends of The Work of Blasco Mentor in order to obtain the agreement of all parties before the implementation of this project.

Film

This summer our President met **Luc Bénito**.

Member of our association, Toucassin for several years, but above all author, director and Director of the International Festival of Screen Music, Luc began the production of a documentary film on Blasco Mentor. We are delighted with this association between Luc Benito and the friends of Blasco Mentor's work for the realization of this beautiful project.

This film will see its completion at the end of next year



Forum 2022



This year again we were present at the Forum of Associations of Solliès-Toucas on September 10th. Thank you to those, members and supporters who came to support us on our stand

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