



Les Amis De l'œuvre de Blasco Mentor

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Editorial

2023: a new year begins.

Over the past year, our association has presented projects with the support of the municipality.

Unfortunately, the projects we talked about in our previous small newspapers will not come to fruition; the endowment fund "Univers Mentor" opposing these. The municipality, although owner of Casa Nieves, would not be the works of Mentor and the toucassins, to whom they were bequeathed, are dispossessed.

Nevertheless, we are satisfied with the work accomplished in 2022.

It is in this difficult context that we send you our best wishes, thanking you once again for renewing your support.

A look back at 2022

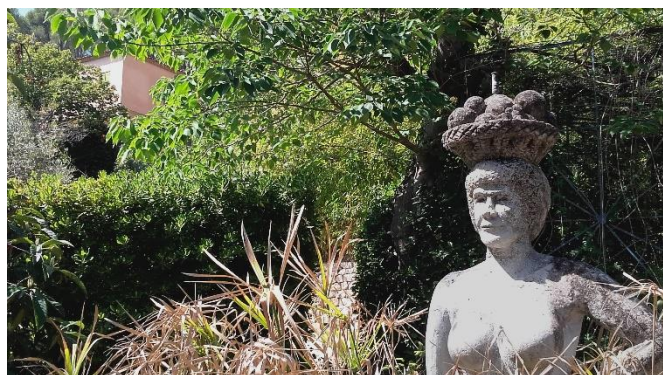
- **Early September:** Mission Bern, supported by the Heritage Foundation, selects Casa Nieves, the only site in the department to have been selected for the year 2022.

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

- **December 2022:** Mission Bern allocates 277,000 euros for the renovation of the property, which should make it possible to carry out the first two phases of the work:

- 1 - Putting out of water by protecting roofs and managing rainwater
- 2 - Control of the roof terrace foundations

- **2023:** There are still many funds to raise (the municipality estimating the total renovation of Casa Nieves at 1.6 million euros) but a big step has been taken for a national recognition of our heritage.



Update on ours projects

- The virtual tour of Casa Nieves

The virtual tour of Casa Nieves that we had proposed in agreement with the town hall will not be done. Indeed, "Univers Mentor", at our meeting on November 19, 2022, opposed our proposal on the pretext that there was enough documentation available and that the state of Casa Nieves did not allow this presentation. The financing of the operation was completed, between an exceptional subsidy from the town hall, the association's own funds and a subsidy obtained from the departmental fund for associative life (FDVA). We were forced to return the latter subsidy, explaining why we could not use it.

- The mural project

The mural, suggested by the municipality and our association, has also been refused to date. However, "Univers Mentor" has not ruled out that this idea could be taken up one day...

News

Didier Ellena will take over, in the course of 2023, the administration of our website, replacing Mr. Jean Michel Pourret who is due to retire.

The town hall has asked two members of the board of our association, Paule Forner and Alain de Lespinois, (subject to the agreement of "Univers Mentor"), to join the Advisory Board of the Endowment Fund. We are waiting for the answer from "Mentor Universe".

Greetings 2023

For the third year, an artist is pleased to create a signed and numbered engraving for the wishes of our association.

Didier Chiarabini, painter, touches everything and passionate, defines himself as a lover of art. It is this definition that pushes him to lead this difficult fight: to live his art and express both the concern to preserve and the taste to invent.

To discover his creations: <http://www.artmajeur.com/chiarabini/>
<https://www.criticart.fr/les-artistes/didier-chiarabini/>

