

About Friends of FAI



Friends of FAI was formed in response to the great passion that so many Americans share for Italian art and culture. Our mission is to foster in the United States a deeper appreciation and support for the **preservation of Italian cultural and historical heritage** reflected in buildings and properties of architectural and environmental significance in Italy.

One way that we meet our cultural and educational objectives is by supporting the work of FAI - **Fondo Ambiente Italiano**, in its efforts to restore, preserve and open to the public important Italian monuments and properties. Thanks to the generosity of our members and donors, we have provided **over 2.5 million dollars** in funding towards selected FAI restoration projects in the last 5 years alone.

In addition to supporting the work of FAI, Friends of FAI also organizes numerous events, including conferences, seminars, exhibitions, and concerts in the United States, and tours in Italy, to promote our mission and to spread awareness of Italian culture.

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FAI - **Fondo Ambiente Italiano** functions as the **National Trust for Italy**. In this important role, FAI has successfully restored dozens of landmarks throughout Italy, and opened them to the public.

FAI's mission is threefold: to preserve Italy's treasures for **present and future generations**; to **educate the public** about Italy's environmental, cultural and artistic heritage; and to **protect and monitor** Italy's natural and cultural assets.

FAI currently oversees and maintains **over 50 historic sites** including castles, villas, parks and monasteries. Thirty of these sites are regularly open to the public, and offer numerous cultural and educational opportunities to visitors from Italy and abroad.

*To learn more about FAI
and the properties it has restored, please visit:
<http://eng.fondoambiente.it>*

Membership Levels & Benefits

By becoming a member of Friends of FAI, you are helping to preserve some of Italy's most cherished landmarks for future generations. Learn about the exciting benefits offered to our members, and decide which level of membership is right for you.

YOUNG FRIEND (under 40) \$75

- International FAI Card, allowing the member to visit, free of charge, all FAI properties in Italy.
- Friends of FAI's electronic newsletter and invitations to exclusive Young Friends of FAI social events in the US.

FRIEND \$150

- International FAI Card, allowing the member to visit, free of charge, all FAI properties in Italy.
- Friends of FAI's electronic newsletter, and invitations to Friends of FAI social events in the US.

SUPPORTER \$500

- All the benefits accorded to a FRIEND
- Il Libro del FAI, a handsome hardcover book containing photographs and detailed information about FAI's properties.

BENEFACTOR \$1,500

- All the benefits accorded to a SUPPORTER
- A 12-month subscription to The Magazine Antiques, bringing you the fascinating worlds of architecture, interior design, and fine and decorative arts from the dawn of civilization to the modern era.

BALBIANELLO CIRCLE \$6,500

- All the benefits accorded to a BENEFACTOR
- Access to an exclusive Italian journey organized especially for the Balbianello Circle. Members will enjoy invaluable access to the treasures of Italy's museums and historic homes, with special viewings as personal guests of the venerable families who are Italy's greatest patrons of art and culture.

PATRON

\$15,000 and up

- All the benefits accorded to a BALBIANELLO CIRCLE MEMBER
- Every year, Friends of FAI identifies a special restoration project in Italy that it wishes to support. A Patron's donation will be designated to support that project. As a patron, you will enjoy great recognition for your generosity: plaques with the names of the Patrons who have made the restoration possible will be featured prominently at FAI projects for various levels of support.

JOIN US TODAY & HELP SAFEGUARD ITALY'S TREASURES TOMORROW



Villa Panza, Varese. Photo ©: Maja Galli

Kolymbetra Garden, Agrigento. Photo ©: Vincenzo Cammarata

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www.friendsoffai.org/join*

a snapshot of our work

BEFORE & AFTER



The Abbey of San Fruttuoso, Camogli (Genova)

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Detail of fresco at Manta Castle, Cuneo (Piedmont)

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*To become a member, make a donation,
or to learn about our upcoming
programs, events, & restoration projects,
please visit our website at:*

www.friendsoffai.org



*From left: Villa Della Porta Bozzolo,
Villa Della Porta Bozzolo, Abbey of Cerrate*

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Villa del Balbianello, Lake Como

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