



# VIVE L'AMITIÉ FRANCO-AMÉRICAINÉ!

**FRENCH HERITAGE SOCIETY** is pleased to announce The Black and White Ball, our annual black-tie gala in New York City, to be held on Thursday, November 21, 2019, honoring Gregory and Margaret Hedberg for their invaluable contributions in the fields of art and philanthropy and world-renowned interior designer Geoffrey Bradfield. Our gala chairmen include CeCe Black, Michael A. Kovner and Jean Doyen de Montaignou, Jay Paul, Jean Shafiroff, and Ann Van Ness. Guy N. Robinson and Odile de Schiètere-Longchamp are our New York Chapter co-chairs. The evening will include an elegant dinner followed by music and dancing to The Bob Hardwick Sound. We hope you will join us!

From the time of the American revolution to the Battle of Normandy, France and America have been allies. French Heritage Society celebrates this friendship. FHS restores bricks and stone in France and French-inspired buildings throughout the U.S. We also support student exchanges between our two countries, and more than 500 students have benefited from these opportunities. Friendships are forged

through both restoration projects and summer internships.

Over the past 37 years, French Heritage Society has given close to 600 restoration grants to properties throughout France and the U.S. To date, we have awarded \$21.2 million in grants (including required matching funds) to châteaux, landmarks, and monuments. Projects supported in France include the Bibliothèque Nationale de France and the Mont Saint-Michel Abbey. Projects in the U.S. include the Rochambeau Monument in Rhode Island, the Beauregard-Keyes House and the Seignouret-Brulatour House in New Orleans, and the Laura Plantation in Louisiana.

The tragic fire that devastated Notre-Dame Cathedral provided an urgent reminder of the fragility of our beloved

*This page: Jennifer Herlein, CeCe Black, Maureen Nash, Elizabeth Stribling, Johnsonie Casimyr, Elizabeth Hartnett, and Victoire de Vaugelas. Opposite page, clockwise from top: Michael Kovner, Jean Doyen de Montaignou, and guests; Christian Draz and Marifé Hernández; Sana Sabbagh, Franck Laverdin, and Margo Langenberg; Juan Pablo and Pilar Molyneux.*



architectural marvels. Not only a symbol of France, it is a universal testament to human achievement, and FHS is more grateful than ever in times like these to play an important role in ensuring that these treasures survive to inspire future generations. Within 24 hours, FHS established the Notre-Dame Fire Restoration Fund, and to date, nearly \$2.5 million has been raised with more than 3,300 donations from 40 countries received, including a very generous contribution from the Lauder family and The Estée Lauder Companies.

You can see more on our website, frenchheritagesociety.org, or by contacting us at 212.759.6846 or at fhs@frenchheritagesociety.org.

French Heritage Society does so much to forge a better understanding of our respective cultures. A society of friends, we have 11 chapters across the U.S. and one in Paris. Come join our famille and celebrate at our fête! ♦

Un grand merci,  
Elizabeth F. Stribling, Chairman  
CeCe Black, Special Events Chair  
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