

*The Society
For The Preservation
Of The Greek Heritage*



*Membership & Donor
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Mission Statement

Founded in 1974, The Society for the Preservation of the Greek Heritage (SPGH) encourages increased awareness and understanding of Greek culture and classical Greek philosophy which has blossomed through the ages. The Greek legacy has contributed to the development of Western civilization from the birth of the democratic principles 2,500 years ago to its profound influence on art, architecture, dance, poetry, theater, and the Olympic games.

In the United States, SPGH provides opportunities for American audiences to learn about Greek culture while emphasizing its relevance in contemporary society and promoting the importance of classical studies.

The goal in Greece is to preserve and restore historic buildings and monuments and to conserve the priceless contents within the structures.

In the United States and Greece, SPGH seeks to encourage sound environmental concepts which protect cultural and natural treasures.

Programs & Projects

In the United States

SPGH fosters a deeper understanding of the Greek heritage by:

- ▣ Sponsoring lectures and seminars by prominent scholars on classical, byzantine and modern literature as well as philosophy and art.
- ▣ Hosting screenings of classical and contemporary films and discussions of ancient and modern Greek drama.
- ▣ Establishing fora that encourage environmental protection in Greece and around the world.
- ▣ Recognizing individuals and organizations that have undertaken exemplary activities to protect the environment.
- ▣ Publishing the proceedings of its seminars, and a quarterly newsletter that describes SPGH's projects in Greece and in the United States, reviews books and films, and reports on Greek-related cultural activities throughout the United States.
- ▣ Collaborating with other institutions that share SPGH's goals including:

The Smithsonian Institution

The Archaeological Institute of America

The Departments of Classics and
Humanities at several U.S. universities.

The Dumbarton Oaks Research Library
and Collections

The Alexander S. Onassis Center for
Hellenic Studies at New York University

The National Gallery of Art

The American School of Classical Studies
at Athens

The Greek Ministry of Culture

Achievements:

Restoration & Preservation Projects in Greece

SPGH has collaborated with its Greek affiliate, Elliniki Etairia, on projects in Greece which restore and preserve historic structures and their priceless contents. Three such projects have recently been completed:

Plaka House is located in one of Athens' oldest continuously occupied areas. This neo-classical building represents three centuries of architecture and five distinct building phases. It serves as the new headquarters for Elliniki Etairia, the Greek Center for Environment and Cultural Heritage, and the Mediterranean Information Office of the European Environmental Bureau. SPGH trustees and sponsors are welcome to use the Plaka House as headquarters when in Athens.

Restored friezes and objects in the **Refectory of St. Catherine's Monastery** in the Sinai Peninsula.

SPGH and Elliniki Etairia are in the process of preserving historic documents in the **Manuscript Library at the Monastery of St. John at Patmos**. The Monastery contains one of the most complete collections of Medieval books in existence, featuring more than 1,000 manuscripts dating from the 5th through the 19th centuries. SPGH is building a document preservation library and will train the monks in modern techniques of manuscript preservation, conservation and binding.

The Monastery of Osios Loukas. This 10th century monastery, which is located near Delphi, is one of the finest Byzantine monuments in Greece. SPGH has restored the refectory which now houses a Museum of Byzantine Relief Sculpture. SPGH has also helped repair the adjoining 10th century church of Theotokos.



Elliniki Etairia, a leading organization in **environmental preservation**, manages wetlands, protects lakes, encourages local communities to form safe environmental policies and frequently discourages industrial construction near areas of historic importance and natural beauty.



Future Goals

SPGH aims to expand its programs and projects in Greece and the United States to:

- Serve as a major center for scholars, authors, and artists who share its mission;
- Offer scholarships to students whose prospective careers promise to expand the understanding of classical Greek ideals; and
- Offer an international seminar on the issue of returning the Parthenon marbles to Greece.



What SPGH Means to You

By joining SPGH you are making a personal contribution that will help revitalize the link between past and present, and preserve a record of human achievement from which we are the benefactors and the sole protectors.

In return, you will be kept informed through a quarterly newsletter, describing the Society's work and the ways your support is being utilized. You will be invited to attend regional lectures and programs, and participate in the discussions which follow. SPGH members are also given the opportunity to join expertly conducted tours to Greece.

The Society for the Preservation of the Greek Heritage is a non-profit corporation recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a public charity (501-c-3) with tax exempt status. Membership subscriptions and contributions are tax deductible.

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Membership Application

- ☐ Yes, I want to help. Please enroll me as an SPGH member and send my annual membership card and the current issue of the newsletter. I have marked the appropriate category below:

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|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| ☐ Benefactor | \$5,000 | ☐ Sustaining | \$100 |
| ☐ Patron | \$2,000 | ☐ Family | \$50 |
| ☐ Sponsor | \$1,000 | ☐ Individual | \$35 |
| ☐ Donor | \$500 | ☐ Student | Free |

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- ☐ I would like to contribute an additional

\$_____ for on-going projects.

- ☐ My check for \$_____ payable to
SPGH is enclosed.



You and/or your company can become a Corporate Sponsor and help support SPGH programs and projects. Levels of support begin at \$1,500.

For more information,
call or fax SPGH at (202) 363-4337.



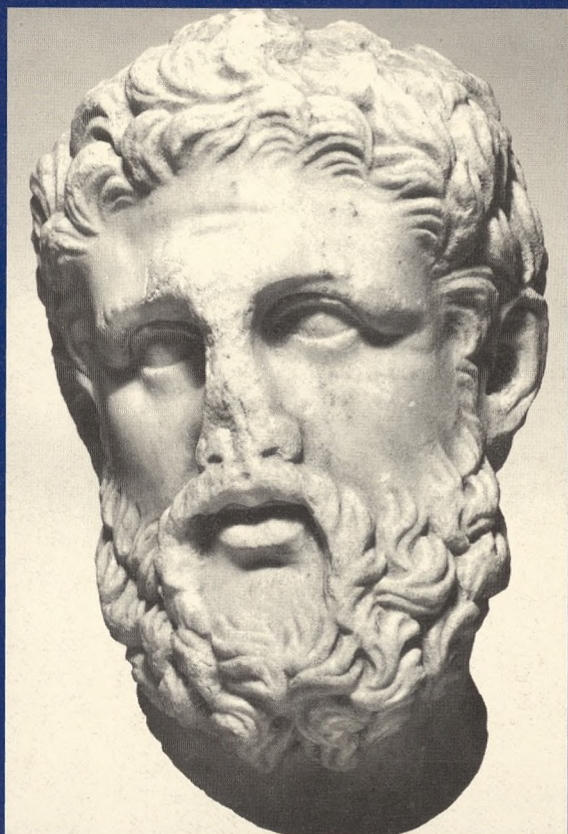
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