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**Friends of the Bucks County Historical Society Presentation:
“Alice Paul – The Quaker Fights for Equality”**

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. – Join the Friends of the Bucks County Historical Society (BCHS) for a special presentation of “Alice Paul – The Quaker Fights for Equality” on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 12:30 p.m at the Mercer Museum.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in America, historic interpreter Patricia Troilo presents the story of Alice Paul, one of the leading suffragettes of the 20th century. Troilo has a long career as an historic guide of over 20 years with organizations such as Historic Philadelphia, Once Upon a Nation, and American Historical Theatre, and she recounts how Alice Paul's formation of the National Women’s Party (a break-off group of the National American Woman Suffrage Association) led the charge for the passing the 19th Amendment in 1920.

Well-educated and considered one of the finest orators of her time, Alice Paul unapologetically broke the rules to get things done. Considered a “militant” and accused by many of being “unpatriotic” during World War I, Paul’s tireless efforts to secure the enfranchisement of women often put her at odds with the leaders and followers of the women’s movement.

“Alice Paul – The Quaker Fights for Equality” is a free event that is open to the public. For additional information about programs and events at the Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle, please visit mercermuseum.org or call (215) 345-0210.

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About the Friends of the Bucks County Historical Society

The Friends of the Bucks County Historical Society is an active auxiliary organization with an interest in history, art, and culture that sponsors special public programs and fundraisers to support projects at the Mercer Museum and Library & Fonthill Castle. For information about the Friends of BCBS, call 215-345-0210 ext.132.

About the Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle

Located in Doylestown, Bucks County, PA, the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle are historic castles celebrating the legacy of Henry Chapman Mercer (1856-1930), American archaeologist, anthropologist, ceramicist and scholar. Both sites are operated by the Bucks County Historical Society.

The Mercer Museum, one of Bucks County's premier cultural attractions and a Smithsonian affiliate, features both local and national seasonal exhibits as well as a core museum collection of over 50,000 pre-Industrial tools. This permanent collection offers visitors a unique window into pre-Industrial America through sixty different crafts and trades, and is one of the world's most comprehensive portraits of American material culture. The museum also features a research library that is a center for local history related to Bucks County and the surrounding region, with its roots dating back to the founding of the Bucks County Historical Society in 1880.

The Mercer Museum is located at 84 South Pine Street in Doylestown, PA and is open year-round. For up-to-date schedule and admission information, please visit mercermuseum.org or call 215-345-0210.

Fonthill Castle was built between 1908-1912, and was the home to Henry Chapman Mercer. Mercer built Fonthill Castle as his home and as a showplace for his collection of tiles and prints. The castle serves as an early example of reinforced concrete and features forty-four rooms, over two hundred windows, and eighteen fireplaces. Fonthill Castle's interior features Mercer's renowned, hand crafted ceramic tiles designed at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement.

Fonthill Castle is located at 525 East Court Street, Doylestown, PA and is open for guided one-hour tours. Reservations are not taken in advance, and tours are booked at our Welcome Center each day, on a first-come, first-served basis.

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