



## 2003 Year in Review

### PAULSDALE REHABILITATION PROJECT

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- The **Paulsdale Rehabilitation Project**, a 1.2 million dollar undertaking that physically started in May 2001, involved constructing the interior to meet current building code requirements for public programming and restoring the exterior to appear as it did during Alice Paul's time here (1885-1920), while maintaining the historic integrity of the building and grounds according to the Secretary of Interior Department's Standards.
- With the majority of the restoration complete, API moved its headquarters back to *Paulsdale* in July 2002 and celebrated the completion of this project with a ribbon cutting ceremony in October 2002. Continuing the *Paulsdale* Rehabilitation Project, funds for the addition of the **wraparound porch** were raised in 2003, and construction is scheduled to begin in February 2004.

### HERITAGE PROGRAMS

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- API received a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission to develop an **interpretative plan** for *Paulsdale*. Over the past year, staff, consultants and volunteers have developed draft themes for *Paulsdale's* interpretation. Themes include: the story of Alice Paul, the story of a Quaker family and the impact of religion on their lives, the story of leadership, the story of a New Jersey gentleman's farm and how rural life shaped its residents, and the importance of civic engagement through voting. We have identified the interpretative "hot spots" in the house and on the grounds and developed talking points for each of these spots. Once we have established our basic interpretation, we will begin to explore exhibition ideas using objects from the Alice Paul Archive and short-term loans from other New Jersey institutions. Since *Paulsdale* has re-opened to the public, we have scheduled and conducted numerous tours. In May, API held its first **tour guide training session**. Consultant Sandy Lloyd, who developed *Paulsdale's* interpretive plan, assisted with the training of *Paulsdale's* volunteer guides.
- Since 1995, API has sponsored "Alice Paul: New Jersey's Crusader for Equality," a **lecture and program** for community groups, school assembly and classroom programs, and faculty workshops throughout the state of New Jersey and the Delaware Valley. This year we conducted 25 presentations throughout the state.
- Throughout the year, API sponsors **public programs** that highlight women's history. In August 2003, at our annual **Women's Equality Day** celebration at *Paulsdale*, API presented several performances including Michele LaRue's satire, *Someone Must Wash the Dishes: An Anti Suffrage Monologue*, a book reading by Lynn Wenzel and Carol Binkowski, co-authors of *More Than Petticoats: Remarkable New Jersey Women*, and a musical performance by folk singer Valerie Vaughn.
- In addition to its formal offerings through women's heritage programs, API serves as a **clearinghouse** for inquiries about Alice Paul, women's history, the American and international women's rights movements, and South Jersey history. API receives frequent phone and e-mail inquiries. In March of 2003, the **Alice Paul Archive** project was completed. Now scholars and researchers have the opportunity to investigate original documents and objects at *Paulsdale*.

### ALICE PAUL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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*"I'm quieter than most people, but here I learned that it's important for us to be louder. This makes me want to try to do more things that will make a bigger impact." (Claire, 13)*

*"Thank you for this wonderful experience. I had lots of fun, and I have learned a lot about the women that helped us to get to this very great place." (Trish, 13)*

- In 2003, **Lead-A-Way** commenced in Gloucester, Mercer, and Camden Counties. This ten-week after-school workshop series explores leadership themes with a group of 15 eighth grade girls at a host middle school. Since 1999 this program has served more than 175 girls.
- In April, for the first time, a **Leadership: Share Your Voice** one-day workshop took place at *Paulsdale*. This one-day workshop draws girls from school districts in southern and central New Jersey. *Share Your Voice* has been offered in Burlington and Camden Counties since 1995; in 2001 and 2002, it expanded to Gloucester and Mercer Counties and in 2003 the workshop moved to Ocean County. Since its inception, this program has served more than 600 girls.
- **The Girls Advisory Council** is a group of girls, ages 10 to 17, who advise on program development and plan events in their school and community. More than 75 girls have participated in Council meetings and activities during the past three years.
- A pilot program, **Looking at Careers: Where Do I Go from Here?** took place in the spring of 2003 at the Camden Boys and Girls Club and at Lenape High School. Tenth grade students spoke with women who are leaders in their professions. The students learned about a variety of careers and the preparation needed to pursue them, as well as the value of self-guided career development and the challenge of taking a leadership role in a profession.

## ***NEW INITIATIVES***

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- Taking advantage of *Paulsdale's* space and beauty, API has developed a **site rental policy** that will allow individuals and organizations to rent the house and grounds for events and meetings.
- API and the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office launched the **New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail Project** to identify historic sites associated with women throughout the state. This is the most comprehensive survey of its type in the country. The information gathered will be used as the basis for creating a women's heritage tourism trail, as well as to help preservationists, educators, and community members make better use of New Jersey's diverse historic resources.
- In the summer of 2003, API staff led a four day **teacher training workshop** at Rutgers University, Camden, "Suffragists and Suffrage in New Jersey." The class examined print resources and objects and created curricula for a regional website. This teacher training will be an annual program for API.
- On Sunday, September 21, API hosted the **Paulsdale Palate**, a successful fundraising event for the *Alice Paul Leadership Program (APLP)*. This dining event featured fine restaurants from the local South Jersey community, elegant music, and a successful silent auction. The *Paulsdale Palate* will be an annual event for the Alice Paul Institute.
- In October, API held a **community yard sale** on the lawn at *Paulsdale*. Members of the Alice Paul Institute came out to sell and buy household goods, enjoy great food and take tours of *Paulsdale*.
- The first meeting of the **API Women's History Book Club** was held in October at *Paulsdale*. The book club, which will meet one Sunday a month, will read books of various genres and periods. New members are always welcome.

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