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Dr. James Still Historic Office & Education Center Teaching, Restoring and Preserving the Legacy of Dr. James Still "The Black Doctor of the Pines"



"Although your sky may often be clouded, the sun will shine forth in the end, and its rays brighten your road to victory." -Dr. James Still 1877

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UPCOMING EVENTS

* PLEASE NOTE ALL ON-SITE EVENTS AT THE EDU-CATION CENTER HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. WE WILL PROVIDE UPDATES AS WE RECEIVE UPDATES FROM NEW JERSEY'S DIVISION OF PARKS AND FORESTRY.

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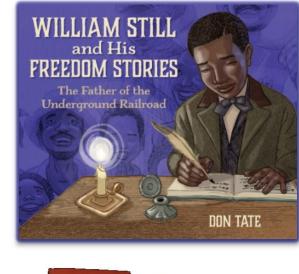


NEW CHILDRENS' BOOK AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IS HERE!!!!

We are excited to have William Still and His Freedom Stories now available for sale on our website. Written by <u>Don Tate</u>, this non-fictional childrens' book depicts the life of Dr. James Still's youngest brother, William Still. with vibrant illustrations and a timeline of his life. This book was also featured during our first episode of Storytime with Ms. Sequoia and the Sasassafras Kids. <u>Purchase your copy today!</u>

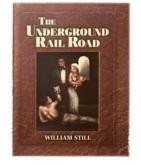
Visit our YouTube page and read along with us: Storytime with Ms. Sequoia and the Sassafras Kids

This book, along with the entire Still Brother Trilogy. can be purchased through our website: <u>https://dr-james-still-historic-site.square.site/s/shop</u>



William Still and His Freedom Stories





The Underground Rail Road (William Still)

PRICE INCREASE JUNE 6, 2021

Due to the increased cost of publishing, the price of the Still Brother Trilogy books will increase beginning on Sunday, June 6, 2021. Please refer to the updated pricing below:

- Early Recollections and Life of Dr. James Still (\$15)
- William Still: His Life and Work to this Time (\$15)
- The Kidnapped and the Ransomed: The Personal Recollections of Peter and Vina Still after Forty Years of Slavery (\$20)

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PAST EVENTS

BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATIONS – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2021

Whether you were able to attend all or one of our February events, thanks to all who celebrated Dr. James Still's legacy with us! In addition to our featured events, our volunteers also participated in presentations with the KROC Center's 'A Celebration of Black History' and WHYY's 'You Oughta Know' series.

You can watch both recordings on YouTube if you were unable to attend.

- <u>KROC Center Camden, NJ presents the Dr.</u> James Still Story: The Black Doctor of the Pines
- <u>The History of Dr. James Still You Oughta</u> <u>Know (March 2021)</u>

Find out more about the KROC Center in Camden, NJ: <u>http://www.camdenkroccenter.org/</u>



A huge thanks goes to all of our volunteers for dedicating their time, hands and knowledge!!

WEEKDAY SPRING MIGRATION BIRD WALKS-APRIL/MAY 2021

During the Spring, local naturalist and birder Patty Rehn lead bird walks through various habitats at the Dr. James Still Historic Site . Meeting on Thursday afternoons and maintaining social distancing, attendees spotted various species of birds along our nature trails and enjoyed the crisp fresh outdoor air.



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JOIN US IN JUNE!!! Our Committee Chairman, Sam Still, will be a guest speaker!





THE DIVERSITY & EQUAL OPPORTUNITY NETWORK-D.E.O.N. IN CONJUNCTION WITH EVESHAM TOWNSHIP INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH & MARK THE END OF THE DEON 'DIVERSIFY OUR LIBRARIES' BOOK DRIVE.

> 3pm-7pm Memorial Park 1010 Tuckerton Road Evesham Township

POETRY GUEST SPEAKERS

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SCAN THE CODE TO SEE OUR WISHLIST. HAVE YOUR SELECTION SENT DIRECTLY TO US OR LOOK FOR THE DEON TABLE AT THIS EVENT! DROP BOX LOCATED INSIDE OF THE EVESHAM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING UNTIL MONDAY JUNE 21ST 2021 VENMO: DEON_donations

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THERE'S AN HERB FOR THAT! HERBAL CORNER



https://unsplash.com/s/photos/milkweed

Milkweed (latin name: Asclepias) is mainly known to attract monarch butterflies. Despite its name, it's actually not a weed at all, rather a species of wildflower that is native to North America and named after the Greek god of healing, Asclepius. Milkweed blossoms into small, colorful, starshaped flowers that are great for pollination. The plant secretes a white, milky film when the leaves are damaged, which can be an eye and skin irritant and harmful to pets if ingested.

Despite this plant's hazardous self-defense system, milkweed has a lot of benefits to add to your garden. It suppresses pests, like stink bugs and aphids, and also absorbs toxic oil spill contaminants. It's a vital source of nectar for bees and wasps and can be used to remove warts. Milkweed leaves have also been used in salves for asthma, cough suppression, rashes, swelling and typhus fever. Commercially, milkweed seeds' feathery fibers are cultivated for pillow and mattress stuffing. We recently planted milkweed in our butterfly garden on-site and are excited to enjoy its blooms along the trail.

ON-SITE UPDATES

We are proud to announce that the stabilization project for Dr. James Still's office is now complete! We are very grateful to see the office brought closer to its original structure. Check out before and after pictures on our website.

Our volunteers have been very busy over the past few months around the site. You may have driven by and seen them on mowers, raking, pushing a wheel barrel or watering the plants. Garden beds were weeded and tended to, new plants potted, the nature trail has been continuously cut down and cleared, and new raised beds were installed.

Stay posted for future webinars and virtual events through our website and Facebook page. You can also follow us on Instagram. We are very grateful to have your support and look forward to your con-

tinued participation as we build awareness of Dr. James Still and work to preserve his legacy.

SCHOOL TOURS CANCELLED UNTIL **FURTHER NOTICE**

Please note that our school tours have been cancelled until further notice. However, we are exploring other options in the interim. If you or your organization would like to coordinate an on-site or virtual presentation in the future, please email drjamesstillcenter@gmail.com.





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DONATIONS FOR THE HISTORIC OFFICE SITE & EDUCATION CENTER

The volunteers at the Dr. James Still Education Center are a grass roots organization dedicated with a purpose to teach, restore and preserve the legacy of Dr. James Still.



Be a Friend of the Dr. James Still Historic Office Site & Education Center with a monthly contribution

Level 1 contributor \$10 Level 2 contributor \$20 Level 3 contributor \$50 Level 4 contributor \$100

Donations will go to the Education Center, site improvements and/or programming:

Online: https://dr-james-still-historic-site.square.site/

Check written out to: Dr. James Still Historic Office Site Association, Inc.

Mail to: Dr. James Still Historic Office Site Association, Inc. 54 Chapel Hill Road Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

All donations of any value are welcomed and very much appreciated!

We thank you for your support!

