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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"



"Nature teaches the truest philosophy." -Dr. James Still 1877

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- First Day Hike– January 1, 2025
- Vision Board workshop– January 11, 2025
- Community Wellness Fair—May 3, 2025

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COMMUNITY DAY-JULY 13, 2024

The Dr James Still Historic Office Site Association hosted our first Community Day celebration event on July 13, 2024. The 2024 Community Day was a free family event for visitors of all ages to immerse in various cultural and community activities. The event provided an opportunity for the public to visit the Dr. James Still Historic Office Site and Visitor Center to learn historical information regarding the Still Family and the Underground Railroad.

The event featured interpretative lively re-enactments of Harriet Tubman, Henry "Box" Brown, William Still and Dr. James Still. Guests also enjoyed live music, food vendors, local art and merchandise vendors as well.



COMMUNITY DAY- continued



CAR, TRUCK AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW–SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

The Dr James Still Historic Office Site Association hosted our third annual car, truck and motorcycle show on September 14, 2024.



CAR, TRUCK AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW–SEPTEMBER 14, 2024





2024 CAR, TRUCK, MOTORCYLE SHOW – continued





TRINITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL TOUR -OCTOBER 25, 2024

On October 25, 2024, students from the Trinity Preparatory School in Medford, NJ visited the Dr. James Still Historic Office Site Visitor Center. They learned about key members of the historic Still family and their historic contributions to American history. The students were provided a tour of the site where they observed artifacts from the 1800 time period, as well received information not only about Dr. James Still but also his youngest brother, William Still, and his impact as the author and "Father of the Underground Railroad."



AROMATHERAPY/CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP–OCTOBER 26, 2024

The Dr James Still Historic Office Site Association hosted an aromatherapy/ candle making workshop on October 26, 2024. Attendees learned information about the benefits of aromatic scents while exercising their own creativity by making their own candle.

Thank you to the instructor from *Waxnscents* studio: Visit their studio: <u>www.waxnscentstudio.com</u>.



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BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP–NOVEMBER 9, 2024

The Dr James Still Historic Office Site Association hosted a basket weaving workshop on November 9, 2024. We are always pleased to have Steven Carty from Pinelands Folk Music and Basketry Center conduct this workshop.

The participants each made their own garlic basket. Making their own baskets was a relaxing experience and the participants had fun!

Pinelands Folk Music and Basketry Center is a local business which specializes in a variety of folk craftmanship items. Their instructors teach classes in basket making and sell the supplies for making baskets. Their baskets make great gifts for family and friends. They specialize in one of a kind hand made gifts; all made in America!



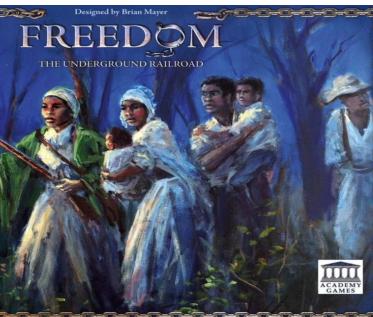
UNDERGROUND RAILROAD GAME NIGHT–NOVEMBER 22, 2024

A group of friends and volunteers joined together on November 22, 2024 to play the collaborative board game "Freedom: The Underground Railroad." The Freedom Underground Railroad board game is an experience! Players of the game are abolitionists trying to free the enslaved. The game is based on historical facts and people. The game challenges players to exercise their critical thinking skill set.

Players are moved from a passive view to an active participant working as abolitionists to free the enslaved. During the game, players walk through history in the shoes of key historical abolitionists such as William Still, Thomas Garrett, and Peter Mott.

The players work together collaboratively, learned and had fun! Some of the players included two AP high school students from Seneca High School and Moorestown High School. We plan to engage others to participate during our next game night.





DJSHOSA PARTICIPATION AT PINELANDS ALLIANCE GREEN TRADING POST—DECEMBER 7-8, 2024.

Representatives from the Dr James Still Historic Office Site Association participated in the annual Green Trading Post two-day event at Pinelands Alliance on December 7-8, 2024. The Green Trading Post event gives the public an opportunity to shop for local goods and crafts while also supporting non-profit organizations. It is also a good opportunity for the public to meet Pine Barrens based authors and crafters.



HISTORIC ARTIFACT REVIEW-DECEMBER 7, 2024

On Saturday, December 7, 2024 the Dr. James Still Historic Office Site received key support within the community. Various volunteers reviewed the historical artifacts that we have collected from our 2016-17 archeological dig conducted at the location of Dr. James Still's historic office. The group of volunteers sorted, identified, and photographed several artifacts.

The process led to in-depth discussions regarding what items were and a variety of interpretations regarding the artifacts. A tremendous amount of thanks to Michael Gall (professional archeologist), Zach Baer, Mike Brown, and three amazing high school students Grace Hurff, Faith Kim and Tessa Gall. We really appreciate your time and overall support!



DJSHOSA OFF-SITE PAINTING WITH A TWIST FUNDRAISER EVENT– DECEMBER 13, 2024

The Dr James Still Historic Office Site Association held a fundraiser event on December 13, 2024 at the local *Painting with a Twist* store in Mount Laurel, NJ. The attendees had a fantastic time creating their individual painting. The collective group laughed along as they utilized their artistic abilities to interpret each painting. We appreciate the instructor and staff at *Painting with a Twist*!



TEA MAKING WORKSHOP–DECEMBER 14, 2024

The Dr James Still Historic Office Site Association hosted a medicinal tea making workshop on December 14, 2024. Participants were provided information regarding herbal teas and how to boost their immune system during the winter months ahead.



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OPEN HOUSE: 1st AND 3rd SUNDAYS

The Dr James Still Historic Office Site Visitor Center is open every 1st and 3rd Sunday between 11:30am -4:00pm. Stop by for a visit and/or walk the nature trail; you may even see a Still family descendant during your visit. Various merchandise items are for purchase at the Visitor Center and also available on-line via the website: *www.drjamesstillcenter.org*.



DJSHOSA MERCHANDISE

The Dr James Still Historic Office Site Association offers a variety of merchandise. All merchandise supports the non-profit organization manage the site and funds our various programs throughout the year. Either stop by the Visitor Center to purchase or purchase through our on-line store via the website: *www.drjamesstillcenter.org*.





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The Dr. James Still Historic Office Site Association has continued to support the community over the years in various capacities. Our volunteers provide quality educational and community programs and services aligned to our mission throughout the year, including presentations to local libraries, schools; and through collaboration with other community groups.

If you are interested in a presentation for your group or organization or a special group tour at the historic site, please contact us via our website:

http://www.drjamesstillcenter.org or by email: DrJamesStillCenter@gmail.com.

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