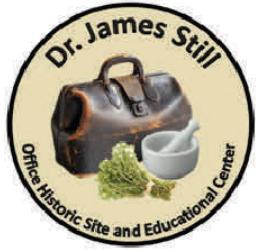


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Teaching, Restoring and Preserving the Legacy of Dr. James Still
"The Black Doctor of the Pines"*



"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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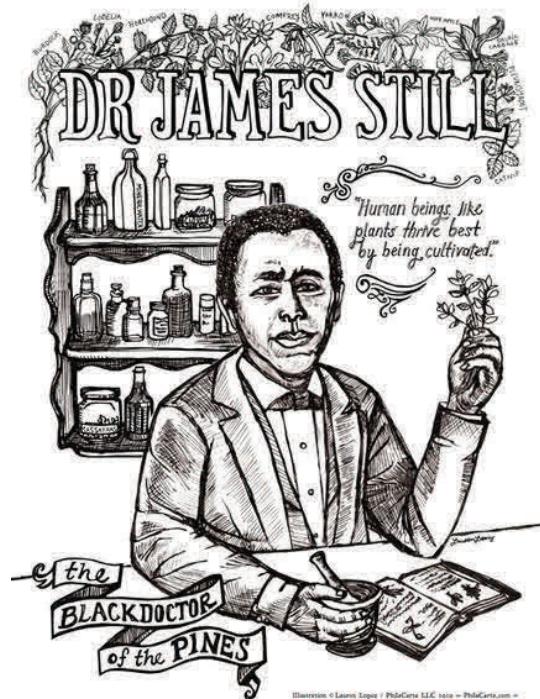
* PLEASE NOTE ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS AT THE EDUCATION CENTER HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL JUNE 2020. WE WILL PROVIDE UPDATES AS WE RECEIVE UPDATES FROM NEW JERSEY'S DIVISION OF PARKS AND FORESTRY.

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GUEST ILLUSTRATOR – LAUREN LOPEZ



The Dr. James Still Education Center was contacted over the winter months by a local illustrator, Lauren Lopez, whose works highlight historical subjects in the Philadelphia area. She and her family visited the site to learn more about the life and legacy of Dr. James Still. Thank you for sharing your artist interpretation of Dr. James Still!!!

<https://philacarta.com/blogs/news/dr-james-still-how-the-son-of-former-slaves-became-the-black-doctor-of-the-pines>

BASKETWEAVING CLASS – NOVEMBER 2019



Our Fall Basketweaving class filled up rather quickly with students of all ages. The class was filled mostly with novices, but within the first hour, reeds, tools, paper towels and spray bottles were consistently being passed amongst table-to-table conversations and laughter. With guidance from our fantastic teacher, each student left the class with their uniquely designed garlic basket completed.

A huge shoutout to Pinelands Folk Music and Basketry Center and the Carty family for partnering with us!!



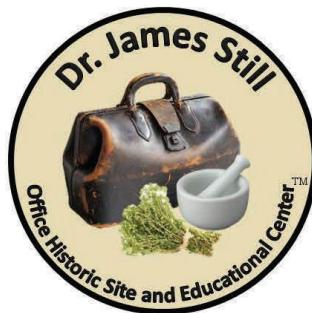
MLK DAY OF SERVICE — JANUARY 20, 2020

On Monday, January 20, 2020, the Dr. James Still Education Center hosted a community service project for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. We had over 50 volunteers come out to participate and accomplished a lot in a few hours, with many tasks both inside and outside the Education Center. Volunteers did some general cleaning of the Education Center, installed shelving, cleared the pesky wisteria out front, cleaned up flower beds, cleared debris from the Nature Trail, and much more.

We were blessed for the community support. Special thanks to all of the volunteers who came and devoted their time and efforts to the Education Center, including the National Honor Students from Seneca High School, Camden County NAACP, Southern Burlington County NAACP, NJ DEP Parks and Forestry, Buffalo Soldiers MC of NJ, AAA members, and local residents.

Your help is very much appreciated!



WE'RE OFFICIAL!!! — FEBRUARY 2020

We are proud to announce the formation of the
DR JAMES STILL HISTORIC OFFICE SITE ASSOCIATION INC.

Over the past several years, the Dr. Still Historic Office Site and Educational Center has been working through an advisory group under the Medford Historical Society (MHS) non-profit status.

Last December 2019, the MHS Trustee Board recommended to the advisory group that it form its own 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. MHS plans to continue as an Official Recognized Friends Group (ORFO) to the Dr. Still Historic Office Site.

The Association's purpose will be to execute a license agreement with New Jersey Parks and Forestry so that the Association will be able to apply for capital, educational, and preservation grants. The Association will continue to teach, restore, and preserve the legacy of Dr. James Still.



We are excited for our future moving forward and are planning to have some really new and exciting things happening at the Dr. James Still Historic Office Site and Education Center this year and for years to come.

We truly want to thank MHS for their guidance and support of the Dr. James Still Historic Office Site and Education Center over the years and also for their continued support. We also want to acknowledge the late Mr. Bill Staats whose efforts kept this project going while we prepared ourselves for this day.

**BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS PROCLAMATION —
FEBRUARY 27, 2020**

During their February 2020 monthly meeting, the Dr. James Still Education Center received a proclamation from the Burlington County Board of Freeholders which recognized our efforts for keeping African American History alive in Burlington County.

Thanks to all the volunteers that help make this happen.



BORDENTOWN LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Our board president and committee chairman, Samuel C. Still III, was invited to the Bordentown Library to give a presentation on the Still family. The audience was captivated hearing about the legacy of Dr. James Still and showed interest in learning more by reading Dr. James Still's autobiography.

Thank you, Sam, for your years of dedication towards building awareness of the Still family's amazing legacy. We truly appreciate and value your efforts!

**THERE'S AN HERB FOR THAT!**

We are very excited to welcome our new oversight committee members in 2020, of which two are herbalists. We look forward to their assistance and expertise with herbal education and proper management and planning of the garden beds currently on-site.

With that said, we've already felt the impact of their involvement on the committee despite it being a few months. We'd like to continue to grow their team and are looking for volunteers to assist with maintaining the garden beds.



If you are interested and are able to dedicate a few hours each month, please email drjamestillcenter@gmail.com.

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 presentation in the future, please email drjamestillcenter@gmail.com.



NATURE TRAIL IS OPEN

We welcome and encourage you to walk our nature trail while practicing social distancing!! Also, visit Still Park located behind the Medford Municipal Center (17 North Main Street, Medford, NJ). Alleviate your cabin fever with a refreshing walk and fresh air.

The Education Center is currently closed until further guidance is provided by the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry. As we work collectively to flatten the COVID-19 curve, please refer to the press release and video links provided below by Division of Parks and Forestry Director, Olivia Glenn.

Press Release: [DEP Offers Seven Tips for Social Distancing While Visiting New Jersey's State Parks and Natural Areas](https://www.nj.gov/dep/newsrel/2020/20_0011.htm)

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Video about Social Distancing Protocols: [Social Distancing in New Jersey's State Parks](https://youtu.be/x4hc2doZKAM)

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**While enjoying our
NJ State Parks and Forests,
keep these helpful tips in mind.**

- 1. Wash your hands**
20 seconds of soap and water

- 2. Cover coughs and sneezes**
Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, avoid touching your face and no handshaking

- 3. Social distance**
Put distance between yourself and other people

- 4. When sick, stay home**
If you don't feel well, just stay home.


For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19
nj.gov/health | NJ Coronavirus & Poison Center Hotline 1-800-222-1222

  New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Parks and Forestry

DR. JAMES STILL COMMUNITY DAY—AUGUST 15, 2020

On Saturday, August 15, 2020, the Dr. James Still Historic Office Site Association, Inc. is celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. James Still with the community. This year marks the 150th anniversary of when Dr. James Still extended an invitation to all of his brothers and sisters to come fellowship with him as the first Still Family Reunion.

The Association has decided to invite not only family members, but also the community at large. We recognize that we are all family whether related or extended. We recognize the help from the surrounding community that kept Dr. Still's legacy alive. We want to share with you.

We are planning to have a family fun-filled event with reenactors, folk and R&B music, family/friends group competition games with prizes, children story book time under the big silver maple tree, nature walks, genealogy and archeology discussions, herbal workshops, face painting, food trucks, vendors, a dunk tank and much more!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
\$5.00 for adults and children are free!!

PROCEEDS GO TO TEACHING, RESTORING, AND PRESERVING THE LEGACY OF DR. JAMES STILL.

We are looking vendors and volunteers too!

For more information please email us at drjamesstillcenter@gmail.com

The poster features a green background with a circular portrait of Dr. James Still in the center. At the top left is the logo of the Dr. James Still Historic Office Site Association, Inc. To the right of the logo, the date "August 15, 2020" is prominently displayed in large, bold, black letters. Below the date, the event name "Dr. James Still Community Day" is written in large, bold, black letters. Underneath the event name, the tagline "Teaching, Restoring Preserving the Legacy" is written in a smaller, bold, black font. To the left of the tagline, there is a small circular portrait of Dr. James Still with the text "Dr. James Still The Black Doctor of the Pines" below it. To the right of the tagline, there is a small circular portrait of a crowd with the text "Celebrating 150 years of Family Reunions Since 1870!!" below it. Below the tagline, the words "Family Fun!!" are written in large, bold, black letters. Below "Family Fun!!", there is a list of activities in red and blue text: "Music - Food - Games - Face Painting", "Health Screening- Herbal Workshops", "Discussion - Botany - Herbal - History", "Dunk Tank", "Children Storybook Reading", "Nature Walks", and "Reenactors". To the right of the list, there are two small portraits: one of a woman named Valerie Yannan performing original "Son of Charlie" NJ Troubadour, and another of a man named Don Tate, Author/Illustrator of "William Still and His Freedom Stories: The Father of the UGRR". At the bottom of the poster, the address "209 - 211 Church Road - Medford, NJ 08055" and the email "Email: drjamestillcenter@gmail.com" are provided.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS AND PARTNERSHIPS!

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Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of New Jersey

Boys Scout Troop 48 of Medford Lakes, NJ

Boy Scout Troop 26 of Medford, NJ

New Jersey Department of Parks and Forestry

Medford Township

Medford Historical Society

Rockland Lawn Care

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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 for the EDUCATION CENTER:

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

Donations toward the RESTORATION of Dr. Still's Historic Office:

Check written out to: Treasurer, State of New Jersey.

Mail to: Dave Robbins
Superintendent, Dr. James Still Historic Site
Brendan T. Byrne State Forest
P.O. Box # 215
New Lisbon, New Jersey 08064

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

We thank you for your support!

