

Membership Application for 2020 and/or donations to preserve history.

*****MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE*****

Of course if you have already paid, Thank You for your promptness. Many of you have taken advantage of a MHS Lifetime Membership and may also disregard this notice.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Please make checks payable to the

Medford Historical Society, PO Box 362, Medford, NJ 08055

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership | \$ 12.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership | \$ 20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership | \$ 125.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donation for Kirby's Mill | \$ _____ |

Through a charitable bequest in your will or living trust, you can ensure that the Medford Historical Society will continue in its mission to research, record, preserve, maintain and promote the general history of Medford and Medford Historical Society holdings, making them available to the community, schools, and other organizations.

All that is needed is a short statement in your will or trust.

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Medford Historical Society, registered Charity SIC#5006-04935, Federal Tax Exempt Number 22-1911164, located at PO Box 362, 275 Church road, Medford, NJ 08055 (the sum of \$_____, or state a percentage of your residuary estate, or designate real and personal property, including exact location) for the benefit of its purposes."

This is merely a suggested wording; please consult your attorney or an estate planning professional when preparing legal document.

Interested in: Attending Meetings Setup Refreshments at Meetings

Volunteering:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Quilt Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Country Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Show & Sale |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apple Festival | <input type="checkbox"/> Mill | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Still Center | <input type="checkbox"/> School House | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa at the School House |

Donation of time & skills, such as: plumbing, electrical, carpentry, etc.

Please indicate area of skill/s _____



Medford Historical Society circa 1966 Newsletter

Mill Phone: 609-654-7767

www.MedfordHistory.org

Kirby's Mill, 275 Church Road, PO Box 362, Medford, New Jersey 08055

Dr. Still Education Center, 211 Church Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055

Cross keys One-Room Schoolhouse, 55 Mill Street, Medford, New Jersey 08055

APRIL - MAY

In the interest of health & safety of our members and the attending public during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have decided to cancel the following events, programs, meetings, demonstrations and museum hours through the end of June, 2020

May
General Meeting
Country day

June
General Meeting & Annual Vote
Quilt Show & Art Show
Corn Grinding Demonstrations

Our September General Meeting
We will hold our Annual Vote for Officers and Trustees
We have 1 Trustee position open if you have an interest in serving please contact our President, Richard Bucko

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TRUSTEES EXPIRES 2020 Kelly Maguire, Libby Zimbleman, Coles Roberts, Carol Douglas, Dave Vaughn

EXPIRES 2021: Edmund Gager, Sam Still, John Hines, Theresa Freedman, Bernadette Longo

EXPIRES 2022: Pat Alvino, William Pflug, William Frederick (Rick) Young, Carol Milich, Richard Bucko

Medford/Cowtown

by Edmund R. Gager

When I was a young lad growing up in Medford in the forties and fifties, Medford was a dairy community. In those days going to Kirby's Mill was a big deal. Farmers were in there by the dozens ordering and grinding feed for their herds. They almost had to take a number to get service.

In addition, at that time Medford had several milk platforms where farmers would place their milk cans seven days a week for pick-up by Prickett's Express. The express would deliver the milk to various creameries in Camden and Philadelphia.

There were so many dairy farms in Medford, and I am going to attempt to name all of them, knowing that I will probably miss a few.

- Himmelien's farms (largest herd) Stokes, Himmelien, and Taunton Roads
- Charles Whalen farm on Stokes Rd.
- Mrs. Milovitch's on Himmelien Rd.
- Dick Barnett farm on Taunton Rd.
- Lafferty farm on Evesboro Rd.
- Herb Harriett farm on Evesboro Rd.
- Clinton Shontz farm on Hartford Rd.
- Ed Ingling's Big Tree Farm, Bill McCoy's farm, Joe Adam's farm, Tom Prickett's farm, and Albert Forsythe's Locust Lane Farm on Church Rd.
- George Pearson's Sunny Side Farm, John Manning's farm, Fred Frohm's farm, Harry Evans's farm, Harry Wilkins's farm, Raymond Prickett's farm and Russell Worrell's farm on Medford/Lumberton Rd.
- Albert Hennisee's farm on Wilkins Station Rd.
- Joe Miller's farm, Ben Milich's farm, Harold Joyce's farm, Cecil Allen's farm, Ezra Evans's farm, and Herb Johnson's farm on Eayrestown Rd.
- Jack Fahrnwalt's farm on Route 70
- Harry Adams's farm and Charlie Adams's farm on New Freedom Rd.
- Ralph Prickett's farm and Wilbur Engle's farm on Chairville Rd.
- Warren Scott's farm on Hawkin Rd.
- Elmer Adams's Flora Lea Farm on Branin Rd.
- Brick's farm, and Bill Allen's farm on Chapel Ave.
- Russell Prickett's farm on Union St.

Only two of the above-mentioned farms had their own bottling and processing capabilities and they were George Pearson's Sunny Side Dairy, and Albert Forsythe's Locust Lane Farm. Much has changed in Medford, and today the only evidence of these dairy farms is the occasional silos that dot the landscape.

Changes To The Dr. Still Project

The Dr. James Still Historic Office Site and Education Center has been an interest for many volunteers who have been working to under the umbrella of the Medford Historical Society (MHS). The site was purchased in 2006 by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), as the Dr. Still Historic Site. Since that time, much has been accomplished by the Medford Historical Society (MHS). But work by the DEP on the stabilization and restoration of the Dr. Still Office has been slow.

In 2013, MHS formed the Dr. James Still Oversight Committee to conduct the business of the Education Center under the umbrella of the MHS. Since that time hundreds of students and interested individuals have toured the Education Center's "house museum" and walked the nature trail.

In 2019 DEP began to release funding to provide design and construction funds to "stabilize" the Dr. James Still Historic Office. However, the Education Center continued to operate on private donations and community volunteers.

At the MHS Trustee Board meeting on December 16, 2019, MHS concluded it would not sign a license agreement with the NJDEP. MHS would prefer to be an Officially Recognized Friends Organization (ORFO) to the Dr. Still Historic Site and Education Center. The Trustee Board recommended that members of the Dr. Still Oversight Committee proceed in creating their own non-profit organization. The 501(c)(3) was approved in February of 2020.

The new organization known as The Dr. James Still Historic Office Site Association, under the guidance of Mr. Sam Still, may now actively apply and manage capital improvement, preservation, and educational grants that NJ State DEP cannot apply for. Why? simply put, the State cannot give itself grants. It is the intent to go into negotiations with NJDEP and execute a License Agreement in order to apply for various grants that will support the associations mission.

MHS involvement with the Dt. Still Education Center, allowed time for a separate organization to evolve. The story of Dr. James Still ("The Black Doctor of the Pines) is a fascinating one - he was a true historical figure. For Medford, the new site is an historical treasure tells the story of a remarkable man.

New Calendar of Events for 2020

all dates subject to change, please consult our website for the most current information

CANCELED:

Country Day

Quilt Show -and- Art Show

Milling Demonstration Day for May & June

Events remaining on the calendar:

Milling Demonstrations in July & August

second Saturday, 1-4 pm

Museum Hours in July & August on Sunday afternoons 1-4pm

General Meeting

Thursday, September 3rd, 7pm

General Meeting

Thursday, October 1st, 7pm

Apple Festival

Saturday, October 10th, 9am - 4pm

General Meeting

Thursday, November 5th, 7pm

Annual Charlie Zahm Concert

Thursday, December 3rd

Please be sure to check our website for the latest scheduling information as all dates are subject to change due to Covid-19

The "milling day" at Kirby's Mill will resume on the 2nd Saturday in July (11th) from 1-4 p.m. demonstrating grinding cornmeal. The "milling day" will continue every 2nd Saturday of the month thru October. If you have not had a chance to see the Mill in Operation come on out and get a sample bag of cornmeal. It is also a good time to learn how to run the Mill.

The Medford Historical Society - Status Report, March 2020

For 54 years the Medford Historical Society (MHS) has helped to maintain and share the rich history of Medford. It is one of more than 100 local Historical Societies in New Jersey. Each of these has the purpose of preserving and sharing the unique legacy of their community. We are fortunate to have capable volunteers, and welcome others to join and support MHS. They are what make MHS a vital part of Medford.

Goals and purposes of the Medford Historical Society are to:

Preserve and maintain Kirby's Mill

Preserve and maintain the Cross Keys School now on Mill Street

Share Medford's abundant history with everyone in the community

Examples of how we share Medford history:

Country Day at Kirby's Mill, May 9 **CANCELED**

The Quilt Show and Art Show & Sale, June 6 & 7 **CANCELED**

Kirby's Mill and Museum open Sundays in July and August

Kirby's Mill now has "Milling Days" the 2nd Sat. of the Month June through October

Apple Festival, October 10 - A HUGE Event

Student visits to the Cross Keys School and Christmas Open School House

Public presentations 6 times per year at meetings held in the Medford Friends Meeting

The MHS Newsletter, MHS Facebook page, MHS Website

Volunteer support for the Dr. Still Education Center, a NJ Parks Historic Site

Medford Remembers history DVD

Executive Committee:

Acting President: Richard Bucko

Secretary: Kelly Maguire

Treasurer: David Vaughn

Programs: Vacant

Membership: Theresa Freedman

- Art Show, Holly Doyle

- Apple Festival, Kelly Maguire
and David Vaughn

- Pat Alvino coordinates school visits and
Christmas at the Old School House

Volunteer Assistance

- John Hines and Bill Pflug maintain the Mill
and School, with help from others

- Gina DeSumma manages publicity

Annual Members Lasagna Dinner was well attended with considerable help and sharing of information and news.

Jeanne Woodford is the host of the Annual Lasagna Dinner, supported by others including Donna Eshelman, Mike Panarella, Bernadette Longo, Doshia Melroy, Carol Milich, Tom and Pat Alvino