



The Claiborne Clarion

A Newsletter For The
Claiborne Community

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Note the Dates:

December 14, 7 PM

Renny Johnson, movie czar, will share the very first film version of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Bring a drink of your choice and enjoy the fun!

December 17, 7 PM

Holiday Tree-Lighting Gathering

January 11, 7 PM

Wednesday Movie Nights are back! Join us to celebrate the start of our 2023 season.

December Birthdays:

Liz Fellingner	6
Lida Klunk	8
Jess Murphy	9
Danielle Murphy	16
Celia Boos	17
Norm Haddaway	26
Owen Bond	28
Devin Lednum	28
Page Lansdale	29

Hello Claiborne Friends and Neighbors

Once again, we find ourselves at the beginning of the winter season. Thanksgiving is over, the remains of the turkey are now soup, and we will soon be hunting for the perfect Christmas tree. Winter is the time of reflection. It is therefore appropriate that we list a few of the accomplishments that have been made at the Claiborne Village Hall this year.

First, we had the largest turnout ever for our Fourth of July parade. We also enjoyed our first village potluck in two-and-a-half years at our summer picnic. In the spring, we hosted a spirit-lifting Crab Alley reunion concert featuring Chris Noyes, we were treated to the astounding talents of Tim Mooney and his one-man Shakespeare adaptations, and we listened one evening in November to Marty Bollinger who taught us the fascinating history of the ferries and railroads that built our town. On a chilly night in late October we gathered for a festive bonfire and goodies - our first backyard event. Throughout the year, we continued to gather for "ladies night" on Mondays and enjoyed movie nights on winter Wednesdays. In addition, the new orchard and gardens were tended, the bell tower was repaired, and a grand new set of steps was constructed at our front entrance. Last but not least, the program committee, ever diligent, is busy planning another Holiday Potluck and, no doubt, something special for New Year's Eve.

Thanks, and thanks again, to everyone who made all these things possible. Special thanks to members of the program committee who continue to do their magic for our enjoyment, and to the irreplaceable Will Murdoch and Jake Flory for the recent improvements (new steps and bell tower repairs) at the Hall. What would we do without you?

Lots of wonderful accomplishments! And we continue to hope that next year's calendar will be even busier. Look for a volunteer sign-up list soon to be posted next month in the mailroom. Your participation will further strengthen our community.

Jim Richardson, president

Ruffles of Claiborne



Ruffles enjoyed many rides with Libby. We will miss seeing him around Claiborne. Libby gave him a great life, but, as pet owners know, they give us so much more.

Talbot County Free Library - St. Michaels Branch Event

Lunch & Learn Speaker:
Marty Bollinger, "When
Claiborne Bridged the
Chesapeake"

Join us at noon to hear Claibornite Marty Bollinger present the history and legacy of the Claiborne ferries and how the multiple ferry lines literally put the town on the map. While it has been 70 years since the last Claiborne Ferry connected Talbot County with the far side of the Chesapeake, the legacy of those days is still with us.

For more information, please call 410-745-5877 or visit www.tcfl.org



Editor's Note – A special thanks to all the volunteers that assisted Will and Jake and a call out to Jim Richardson, the Claiborne Brick Mason.

A Holiday Tree-Lighting Gathering

(with cookies, prizes, and a short association general meeting)
Saturday, December 17th at 7 PM

The reality of the Covid/flu/cold season hit home this year when the holiday party planners had to meet by Zoom because 4 of our 8-member committee were quarantining. We did the math and December 17 also seemed uncomfortably close to when folks go travelling and meeting up with family, and we didn't want to be responsible for spreading anything other than good cheer!

So come after supper on December 17th (your beverage of choice in hand), join us to say "OOOO!" when the tree gets lit, and collect your homemade goodie dessert bag. Then we'll have a very short association meeting, followed by an event new for Claiborne - a prize drawing! (Read on for the details.)

Guest Editors Wanted

The Clarion needs guest editors for the January edition and anytime in 2022.

If you are interested, please contact Pat Flory at patflory@gmail.com or [443-472-6800](tel:443-472-6800).



Sweetening the Pot for the Year-End Donations

Generous Claibornites have offered up some great experiences, homemade goodies, and original artworks and crafts. Why? So that YOU will be even more tempted to make a donation before the end of the year to get us across the finish line in our years-long quest to become a resilience center. With the purchase of a generator, the Village Hall will be equipped to be a warm refuge in a power outage, and a place to cook and shower in a longer-term emergency. Those who donate, or pledge a donation before the end of the year, will have their names put into the pot and we will draw from those names at the Holiday Potluck on the 17th for the prizes. And there is something for everyone on this list!

Curious about the list?

The Flory's and the Kuperberg's have each offered happy hour cruises on their boats for you and your guests. If you prefer a faster trip, maybe you'll win a speed boat ride with Mike and Janet Friedberg. If you want to go more slowly, Jim and Martha are offering a sailboat ride. Jane Nigra has offered a horse & buggy ride through the village. (Is there a transportation theme here?)

Several folks have offered pieces of their artwork. Renny Johnson is offering an original drawing; Kirke Harper, an original block print; Kristen Lycett, handmade jewelry; Megan McCoy, her quilted potholders and hot pads; and John and Susanne Scott, original pottery pieces.

Hoping for something yummy? Kirke will make and deliver his famous bagels, and Suzanne Todd will make 3 (three!) pies for some lucky person over the course of the year.

Need something more practical? Jay McCoy will sharpen five knives so you can look professional in the kitchen, Jeanne Kuperberg will do two hours of canvas repair with her heavy duty sewing machine skills, and Shirley Cockey will custom embroider an item of your choosing.

Having a party or family reunion? Jonathan Williams will bring a friend and serenade your guests!

The fine print:

Donations may be ten dollars or a million; both qualify for the prize drawing.

Checks may be deposited in the box next to the annex door. Please note on the check that's it's a year-end donation. One donation per family will qualify for the drawing.