



The Claiborne Clarion

A Newsletter For
The Claiborne
Community

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Note the Dates:

Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 7 PM
Claiborne Movie Night at the Village Hall.

Saturday, February 14 –
Valentine’s Day 🍷

Sunday, February 15, 4 PM –
Concert at the Village Hall

Thursday, February 19, 7 PM -
Claiborne Association Board Meeting. All are welcome to attend. Meeting minutes are available on the Claiborne Association website.

February Birthdays

James Vatne	6
Beja Marshall	11
Anna Kabler	13
Kim Titus	14
Susan Cornish	14
Terry Boos	24
Carol Cockey Lyons	29

Have We Had Enough of the Cold, the Ice, and the Snow?

A note from Rob Todd, the Claiborne Association President

As January comes to an end, I find myself more than ready to welcome a hopefully less frigid, snowy, and icy February. I’m trying to be optimistic about the rest of this winter, but I’m keeping the snow shovel parked by the front door. I do have to add that the Claiborne dock in the ice and snow is beautiful.

Before all this wintry weather settled in, Claiborne managed to hold several events including:

- Ringing in the New Year at the Hall with a movie and the ceremonial ringing of the bell. Well, almost. The bell chose not to cooperate (perhaps a sign of what was to come).
- On January 6, a group of neighbors gathered at the Hall to “undecorate” from the holidays.
- Two days later, we enjoyed an excellent presentation on the state of the Bay by Ben Ford, ShoreRivers’ Miles-Wye Riverkeeper.
- Wednesday Night Movies launched its 2026 season with Black Bag, thanks to our new movie czar, Paul Cooper.
- Rounding out the month, Marty Bollinger treated a packed Hall to a fascinating presentation on the history and evolution of Claiborne, complete with many photos from the early 1900s.

On the business side, at its January meeting the Association Board began discussions about next year’s budget and priorities. As part of that effort, longtime Claiborne resident Patti Diamond generously provided a free professional appraisal of the Village Hall, giving the Board a long-sought replacement value for insurance purposes. Thank you, Patti.

Please contact Pat Flory at florypatricia485tbj@gmail.com to add your name and birthday to the Claiborne Birthday List.

Clarion Guest Editor

A guest editor is needed for the March Clarion. If willing, please contact Pat Flory at florypatricia485tbj@gmail.com

Claiborne Concert Series

Over the many years that we have been able to bring exciting performers to our village, we often catch them as we can, feeling lucky every time that some excellent talent is in our area with time to spare for us. For the upcoming concert season, however, Carpe Diem Arts has mapped out our whole season, and it's a great one. We are so lucky to have both Carpe Diem Arts and Talbot Arts to help sponsor such great programs!

The Board will continue its budget work and priority-setting through March. In the coming weeks, I'll be reaching out to those of you involved in Ad Hoc committees for updates on your projects and to learn how the Board can support your efforts. In the meantime, stay safe and stay warm.

Claiborne Art Update - 2026



On May 29, 2025, approximately 28 people gathered in Claiborne Hall to create mini-masterpieces using paint, pastel, pencil and glitter glue. To get the creative juices flowing, facilitator Cathy Evans had every participant begin on their own paper, but then repeatedly paint a bit and then pass that work along

to another person who added their own flourish. That created a wonderful collaboration of styles and gestural marks, colors and mediums. After that, participants were able to work solely on their own designs, and Cathy collected the collaborative pieces and put them together in one piece of hanging art for everyone to enjoy.

**THE CLAIBORNE VILLAGE HALL
CONCERT SERIES 2026**
Sundays at 4:00 PM
Followed by light refreshments



FEBRUARY 15 Linda Harris and David Cole with Nanoko Sato Jazz and Blues	MARCH 15 Veronneau: Blue Tapestry with author Cary Raditz Music of Joni Mitchell and Carole King
APRIL 12 Mark Schatz & Bryan McDowell Bluegrass & Old-Time	MAY 17 Cory Seznec & Friends African-influenced Roots & Blues

Claiborne Village Hall
Claiborne, Maryland
Suggested Donation: \$20-25. Children free.
Presented by Carpe Diem Arts and made possible in part by Talbot Arts



Our first concert of the season is on Sunday, February 15 at 4 PM with some blues & jazz from Linda Harris, David Cole and Nonoko Sato.

Put it on your calendar now and we'll send a reminder with more information as the date approaches.

The concert will be followed by a social hour with goodies and whatever beverage you'd like to bring. Suggested donation is \$20 -\$30.

[Don't Miss Out: Maryland's Homestead Property Tax Credit Could Save You Money - Submitted by John Scott](#)

If you own and occupy your home in Maryland, you may be eligible for a valuable tax break that many homeowners overlook: the Homestead Property Tax Credit Program.

This state program protects homeowners from sharp increases in their property tax bills by limiting how much your assessment can increase each year for tax purposes.

How It Works

The credit doesn't prevent your property's assessment from increasing, but it limits the amount of that increase subject to taxation. If your home's assessment jumps significantly in a single year, you'll only pay taxes on the capped increase rather than the full amount.

Who Qualifies?

You must be the property owner and use the home as your principal residence. The good news: there are no income limits or age requirements. Whether you've owned your home for decades or just purchased it, you can benefit from this program.

How to Apply

Contact your local assessment office to verify you're enrolled. Many homeowners are automatically enrolled when they purchase their home, but it's worth confirming your status.

For more information, visit the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation website or contact your county's assessment office directly.

More information:

https://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Maryland-Homestead-Tax-Credit.aspx?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Ice Boating at the Landing ... from Jim Richardson

This year, the ice on Broad Cove in Claiborne may be the best ice we've seen in years - a good six inches thick and smooth as glass. Mike Keene, the community's yoga guru, is also the leader of the local iceboating fleet. Last Wednesday, he declared the cove ready and four DNs (a small and agile iceboat design, originating on the Great Lakes) were soon assembled just south of the landing. The following day, a few brave souls sailed in 15 - 20 kt. winds along with biting temperatures, but Friday brought perfect wind conditions and an additional three boats joined the fleet allowing for an entire day of fun on the ice. By noon, about thirty people were there, some photographing the boats skimming over the ice at forty miles an hour, others with skates and hockey sticks. Benches and blankets were pulled out on the ice along with a fire in a barrel to keep everyone warm. Hot dogs were cooked over the fire. All of the boats were shared, allowing many people to take their first ride on the ice either as passengers or solo. Most everyone stayed long enough to watch a glorious sunset and a brilliant near-full moon.

And, good news! With temperatures expected to remaining low for the foreseeable future and no snow in the forecast, the fun should continue for at least another week or two. Come on down to the ice! *And thanks to the Martha Hamlyn, Jim Richardson, David Crenshaw and Josh Galicki for sharing their photographs.*



