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September Birthdays

6 Mike Friedberg
6 Steve Friedberg
16 Will Murdoch
18 Maura Bollinger
24 Karen Wright
24 Shirley Cockey



Don't Forget

Claiborne Picnic – September 10 4PM

President's Report

Happy New Year! As if life isn't complicated enough, Claiborne Association begins its new year with the Summer Picnic and General Membership Meeting. It is also the time a new slate of officers and a new budget is presented for your approval. This year's summer picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 10, and is being hosted by the Bollingers on Tilghman Creek.

Let me list a few of the highlights of 2022-2023 as well as some of the things we can look forward to for the coming year. Beginning in January and as we slowly climbed out of Covid, Renny Johnson offered us a wide variety of movies on Wednesday evenings. Our first indoor event since Covid, a Cinco de Mayo potluck, was as fun as we thought it would be. Marty Bollinger later delivered a fascinating talk on the train and ferry systems that were part of our village's history.

Events Calendar

September 1

Sammy Miller and the
Congregation
Avalon 8 PM

September 2

Farmers Markets
St Michaels
Easton

Frederick Douglas in St
Michaels
St Michaels Museum
10 AM \$20

September 9

Shaw Bay Raft Up – Them
Eastport Oyster Boys,
Wye River Band
3-6 PM
shoreriver.org/events

Historic St Michaels: Its
People, Places and
Happenings'
St Michaels Museum
10 AM \$20

September 10

Claiborne Annual Picnic
Maura & Mary Bollinger's
4 PM

September 12

Chesapeake Forum
Classes Begin. Register at
Chesapeakeforum.org

September 13

Concert at Claiborne Hall
Janie Meneely, Rob Van
Sante, and Chris Noyes
7 PM

There were two successful fundraising events: a Bingo Night, starring Bingo Bob, and a huge estate sale at Maple Hall. Outdoor events included our Christmas Tree Lighting, a Halloween bonfire, and our annual Fourth of July Parade, the largest ever!

As far as physical projects are concerned, a new generator was installed giving us the ability for the first time to operate as a resilience center in case of an emergency. Will Murdoch built us a beautiful set of steps and a wider, safer front entrance, and we upgraded our audio-visual system thanks to a gift from Gary Saluti.

The Program Committee, with the help of Busy Graham has scheduled five exciting concerts for the coming months. They are also planning to bring back our ever-popular potlucks. So, stay tuned.

A list of future property improvements under consideration includes a partial removal of a chimney no longer in use, adding theatrical lighting in our performance space, improved track lighting and installing acoustical panels. Outside, a new storage shed is being considered as well as more trees, benches, and paths added to Patti's Orchard.

Of course

Speaking of the Board, I want to thank both Kristen Lycett and Carrie Gould-Kabler for their three years of service to the board. Their contributions were greatly appreciated. A special thanks goes to Megan McCoy who served us so well as treasurer for the past two years. You will all be missed.

Looking towards the future, a new slate of officers has been prepared and will be presented at the picnic for your approval. They are Jim Richardson, Mike Kuperberg, Terry Babb, Phil Sayre, Terry Boos, Maura Bollinger, and Will Murdoch.

See you at the picnic!

Jim Richardson

Annual Picnic Kicks Off Return to In-Person Events at the Hall – Martha Hamlyn

It's been a quiet summer in the Village after the July 4th excitement died down, but we'll be ramping things up soon. The Claiborne Picnic on September 10 has it all - food, music, neighbors, a photo booth (!), voting for new board members, and the intriguing opportunity to look at Tilghman Creek from yet another unique vantage point. It never gets old. You'll be getting as email with picnic details as the time approaches.

And reserve some energy, because hot on the heels of the picnic – just three days later – comes a mid-week concert by Janie Meneely and Rob Van Sante,



Poetry Corner

If you truly get in touch
with a piece of carrot, you
get in touch with the soil,
the rain, the sunshine.

You get in touch with
Mother Earth and eating
in such a way, you feel in
touch with true life, your
roots, and that is
meditation.

If we chew every morsel
of our food in that way,
we become grateful, and
when you are grateful, you
are happy.

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joined by their old friend and neighbor, Chris Noyes. We are happy they are on this side of the pond and willing to share their time with us.

“Ask Norman”

When recently asked how his garden was doing this summer, Norman expressed great pleasure with his results. Even though he suffered some damage from two windstorms that tore down tomato and cucumber supports, the summer has been good. Some days he has harvested up to 25 pounds of nearly one-pound tomatoes.

And speaking of gardening, Greg North is also having a great year, although he is focused on getting their house restored from the house fire earlier this year. Greg has been giving away much of his production because he and Ann can't freeze and can nearly as much as in a normal year.

“Ask Norman” is an occasional column created by John Scott.

In Celebration of Claiborne's Talent

Last month John Scott invited local artists to share their art and inspiration. Here's an additional statement from Shirley Cockey:

When my husband died in 2009 my mother was living with us and needed someone with her. I needed to go back to work. I was told about selling embroidered shirts and hats at horse shows. I found the machine I thought would serve my purpose and asked my daughter, Carol, to join me. Carol stayed with me for a few years and left to be a medical assistant.



I enjoy building a design when a client says, “Do what you think!”. I embroider hats, shirts, jackets, saddle pads, stable sheets, towels, and anything I can fit into a hoop on the machine. I love the challenge.

To embroider a design, I start with the program on my computer and draw the design. I work with it until I like the way it looks. The design is then put on a flash drive and the flash drive plugged into the embroidery machine where it is then transferred to the program on the machine. Next, I have to center the design and set the sequence the needles will sew. Sometimes I have to sew out the design



We remember our dear friend and neighbor Peter Gregorio, poet, photographer, and mentor to all he met.

Guest Editors Needed

The Clarion needs guest editors for the rest of 2023 and 2024. Pick one or more months to be creative. There's a template and lots of people willing to help and contribute. If you are interested, please contact Pat Flory at patflory@gmail.com or [443-472-6800](tel:443-472-6800).

several times until it suits me. (I am my hardest critic!) The design can take several minutes to a couple of hours to sew out, depending on its size.

I really enjoyed making the little Claiborne ornaments we sold at Christmas. They were more than one challenge. First, I had to think of a design, then it took weeks of sewing out and testing. The other one that was a favorite was a quilt I made for friends. I had not made a quilt before, and each block had to be hooped twice then sewn together.

I embroider caps and shirts for a variety of businesses. Seafood businesses, riding schools, catering businesses, yacht clubs and clothing stores to name a few. I have made Christmas stockings, tree skirts, monogrammed clothing, and towels for my family.

Preparedness Month

September is Preparedness Month. Talbot County and the Claiborne Association remind you to think about what you would do if threatened with a natural or manmade disaster. The Association's Resilience Center will be available in case of emergency. The new generator will provide electricity and is powered by our underground propane tank. Claiborne Water Supply has a portable generator ready to be taken to the well house and fired up to supply water to homes and the Hall. (Thank you, Renny.)

The purpose of the Resilience Center is to enable you to return to your home as quickly as possible following a disaster. It is not a shelter, and you should not plan to sleep there. It will provide a place to keep medicines and food cold, a bathroom, and a place to reheat food.

The Resilience Center will be open as needed. The generator will start automatically when power goes out and will turn off when power is restored.

You don't need permission to use the Center. It's available 24 hours a day in case you need it for any reason.
