



A Newsletter for the Claiborne Community

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May Birthdays

Abby West	May 2
Peter Bruns	May 2
Tom Beaver	May 5
Lynn Marr	May 7
Jane Nigra	May 9
Alice Sewell	May 11
Beth Ellen Dawson	May 13
Barbara Reisert	May 14
John Fellingner	May 17
Carrie Gould-Kabler	May 26
Jesse Greenspan	May 28

If you want to add your name to the birthday list please contact Pat Flory at patflory@gmail.com



Hello Friends and Neighbors!

A merry band of Claibornites gathered in their virtual spaces on 4/13 for the Claiborne Association's General Membership Meeting. Solo, with partners, and in little groups, the folks sipped their favorite beverages and discussed the business of the Association.

Some old friends dropped in to say hello. It was great to see Barbara and Jack and Judy in the crowd - well, "crowd" might be a bit of an exaggeration, but we were happy to see all the folks.

If you are not a member and would like to be, please contact me (gregorio27@gmail.com). Membership is \$10/adult - children are costly enough, so there is no charge for them. If you live outside of Claiborne, you can also join as a "Friend of Claiborne".

We are looking forward to being able to gather again; hopefully, that will happen soon.

The smarter we are about COVID precautions, the sooner we will be able to gather.

You're doing a great job!

<https://youtu.be/zvr0wQuddKc>

- **Mary**

Program Committee Continues to Hold It's Horses...

But as things improve, we have high hopes that we will be able to safely pull off our traditional Fourth of July Parade & Ice Cream Social. Whether we have hand-dipped ice cream and an array of toppings or just provide ice cream sandwiches, we promise to follow all the recommended health protocols (as they apply to the pandemic, not as they apply to consuming too much ice cream!).

So, start thinking about your parade float and festive costumes, and we will let you know as soon as the board makes its official decision.



What to Serve the Association?

Please contact a member of the Nominating Committee (Pat Flory, Barbara Haddaway, Carrie Gould-Kabler and Mike Kuperberg) if you are interested in serving on the board, a board committee or if you have a suggestion or comment. Elections will take place at the August general meeting.

Patti's Orchard Takes Shape



Here's a picture of the blank canvas that will one day be Patti's Orchard! As anyone who has painted a room knows, preparation is the most important part of a project. So get your mud boots ready and your shovels polished! This week sometime - the actual day will be decided by weather - we will need a cadre of volunteers to take first steps. We will have chores for every age and ability level from hole-digging, to mulch shoveling, to hauling cardboard & newspapers, to cleaning the deck and its furniture. It is all outdoor work, but masks will be expected for anyone working closer than 6 feet apart. Please keep an eye out for an email announcing the exact date and time. You'll be glad you did when you get that first handful of blueberries!

Our first plantings will please both wildlife and people - there will be persimmons and bayberries, paw paws and figs, cherries and blueberries. We will add more fruit trees as we see how our first round plantings do. We are very lucky and grateful to have Choptank Electric Cooperative providing many of these plants.

The front of the Hall will be getting some attention as well. A garden in honor of our dear friend and ardent Claiborne supporter, Jo Batters, is in the process of being designed. We look forward to the loveliness that will remind us of her.

Please contact [Martha](#) with your questions.

“Mike on the Bay” Yoga

One of the joys that has come out of living through a pandemic is the creative way our Yoga Sessions came to life. Based at the Claiborne Landing, we are able to spread out comfortably in a Covid-safe platform while enjoying the beauty of our home environment. Sessions include Yoga, Qigong, Tai Chi and meditation. Mike Keene’s leadership adds an atmosphere of relaxation, safety, and good spiritedness.

The goal is to bring more strength, vibrancy, flexibility, awareness, and presence into our lives. There is something terrific about building community through personal growth in this manner.

All levels are welcome to join the classes. Sessions are Tuesday and Thursday at 10 AM at Claiborne Landing. Stop by or find Mike Keene on Facebook.



From the Port – Reported by Mike Kuperberg

The Port of Claiborne is experiencing its annual reinvigoration. Traffic of all kinds has been increasing steadily with the temperature. The caravan of cars to watch sunset is again becoming a regular event. The workboat “Montessa” was recently splashed and now resides in her slip – it’s really nice to have resident boats back in the Port. A Maryland government boat came out recently and carefully repositioned the #3 buoy (western-most buoy in the Claiborne “channel”) to its long-standing position away from the channel. It continues to challenge non-locals by leading them into shallow water. The kite-boarders are frequenting the cove – any time there’s a good wind from the north, you can expect a show.

Sightings at the Landing:

- Claiborne’s osprey couple have returned to the platform. Bill and Alice held their reservation by attaching a plastic bowl to the platform to discourage the geese from adopting the nest. It worked and we now know another use for Tupperware.
- Tenny cruised by with his re-gearred Plymouth hot rod – it looks and sounds great.
- Traffic and parking on Claiborne Landing RD are also on the upswing.
- DNR and Talbot County Sheriffs have been visiting the landing regularly.
- The clambers are back, and they appear to be respecting the “Clam Line” in our cove.
- Boating activity in Eastern Bay has also returned with regular sightings on most days.
- Mike Friedberg showed off Janet’s 1968 Camaro convertible fresh off a long-term renovation in Baltimore. The car looks great and runs well, though we understand it will be returning to the shop for a punch list of remaining projects.

