



Claiborne Cove - Suanne Todd, Photographer

The Claiborne Clarion

A Newsletter For
The Claiborne
Community

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Note the Dates:

Wednesday, March 4 –
Claiborne Soup and Movie
Night. Soup at 6:30 PM and
movie at 7 PM

Sunday, March 15, 4 PM-
Concert at the Village Hall

Thursday, March 19, 7 PM -
Claiborne Association Board
Meeting

Friday, March 20, 6 PM -
Baked Potato Bar – a sign up
potluck

March Birthdays

Ted Jones	9
Suzanne Todd	9
Kevin Garber	12
Mike Kabler	13
Rebecca Cockey Mullins	14
Penny Rhine	14
Baba Groom	15
Josh Galicki	30
Alan Farr	30

Frozen Fun and Future Plans

A Note from Rob Todd, Claiborne Association President



Punxsutawney Phil seemed to have gotten the long-range weather forecast right this year, because it certainly has been week after week of winter. One bright spot amid all the cold and wind was the fun that scores of people had ice skating, playing hockey and sailing ice boats at Broad Cove. Other than that, I think a good plan would have been to be somewhere south at a tropical latitude.

Far from any tropical latitude, the Board met on February 19 for its regular monthly meeting and continued to discuss and formulate next year's budget. All are welcome at any Board meeting. The next one is March 19 at 7pm at the Village Hall. Finalizing the budget will be the focus, ahead of presenting it to the membership at the April Potluck and General Meeting. Hope to see you there. Until then, stay warm — Spring is just around the corner.

*One of the many duties and
responsibilities of the
Claiborne Association
President*



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

Clarion Guest Editor

A guest editor is needed for the April Clarion. If willing, please contact Pat Flory at patflory@gmail.com or [443-472-6800](tel:443-472-6800)

St. Michaels Branch Library News

The grand re-opening of the St. Michaels Branch of the Talbot County Free Library will be on Saturday, March 21st from 10 AM – 2 PM

There will be many family-fun activities and a lot of surprises. Please plan to join in the fun. We hope you are as excited as we are!



Claiborne Program Committee News

Your program committee brightened up February as best they could, offering up the occasional hot soup with our movie nights, an easy-peasy Friday pizza night and the much-appreciated concert featuring Linda Harris & David Cole of Mainstreet Blues, and special guest Nanako Sato. We listened to the warmest blues, jazz and a musical celebration of Harriet Tubman's journeys.



You'll absolutely want to make plans to come to the March 15th for the Celebration of Song. Veronneau (Lynn Veronneau and Ken Avis) will be performing their Blue Tapestry show, featuring songs from Joni Mitchell's Blue album and Carole King's Tapestry album.

There will also be a we-can't-talk-about-it-yet presentation after the concert! (If you're curious, ask a member of the program committee.) *Suggested donation \$20- \$30. As always bring the drink of your choice.*

<http://www.veronneausic.com/>

Claiborne Writers Corner

Winter Holds Fast

by Jim Richardson

Winter holds fast
Like a dog with a bone In its
teeth,
Unwilling to give up its grip
To the promises of spring.

And yet the blizzard that last
visited us
With all its white wintry fury,
Its gusty winds tossing and
turning the treetops,
And the cove churning, was
pure beauty!

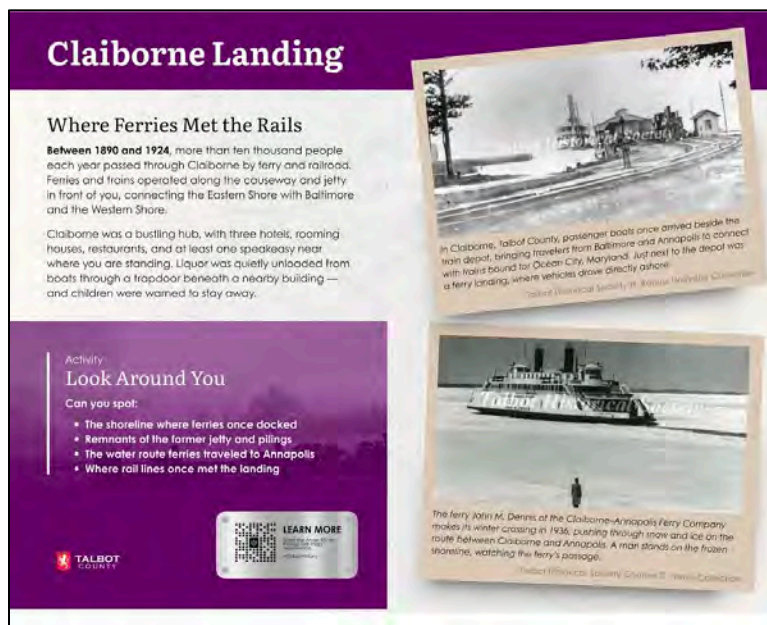
The gigantic snowflakes outside
my window
Suddenly turned everything
From dull notes to a glorious
crescendo.
I can't help but sing along!



Claiborne Landing Signage Update - by Kirke Harper

Sarah Kilmon, Talbot County's Public Information Officer, has suggested this sign design for the Landing from a draft we sent to her. We have proposed installing three signs at the Landing that describe the railroad-ferry connection, the car-passenger ferries, and the importance of the wetland. Sarah has developed interpretive signage guidelines so that there will be consistency in all future signs.

We are also working with the Waterman's Association and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on the project. After the designs are developed and approved, we will have the signs made and installed.



One Book Committee 2026 - by Abby West

It's been another fun year on the Maryland State Arts Council's One Maryland One Book committee! Our group started with a list of over 100 books, whittled it down to 10 and then proceeded to read and report on a book. I reported on "The Trouble of Color" by Martha S. Jones. If you're a fan of genealogy and family history, then this book is for you. I have a copy if you'd like to borrow it.

Members vote on which books to include in the final three and then which book to select as the 2026 One Maryland One Book! It's a very enjoyable process. The three titles that made it to the final round are:

1. *No Sense in Wishing* by Lawrence Burney
2. *Claire McCardell: The Designer Who Set Women Free* by Elizabeth Evitts Dickinson
3. *Silenced Voices* by Pablo Leon

The MSAC will announce the winner early March. Stay tuned!

Welcome New Claibornites



And from our west coast
Claibornites



Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Don and Sarah Robertson are so excited to have stumbled into this little haven called Claiborne. They can't believe their good luck. They were looking for a project and a place to enjoy the water but have already realized it's the neighbors that are the treasure here. They are starting to figure out the second half of their lives by deciding what they want to do with their time.

After 32 years in the military and living in more locations than they can count, they settled in Washington, DC where they have both embarked on "second careers". Don is following up his military career with a retirement job that he adores as a teacher for young military officers entering the diplomatic world. Meanwhile, Sarah has chosen to re-utilize her design skills and passion from years spent in architecture in her own small business in reclaimed fashion. They have two sons, Archie and Eli, Talie the dog, Oopsie the cat, and a plethora of cousins and friends they can't wait to invite here to their second home. They are settling in on Claiborne Road between the North's and the Todd's.

In Honor of St. Patrick's Day – By Mary Gregorio

Limericks are strongly associated with Ireland, and the form takes its name from the city of Limerick, though the exact connection is a bit murky. The most popular theory is that the form was popularized by a group of poets in County Limerick in the 18th century, and that there was a practice at parties and gatherings of singing improvised verses followed by a chorus of "Will you come up to Limerick?" — the repetition of which eventually gave the form its name.

The AABBA rhyme scheme itself predates the Irish connection, appearing in manuscripts as far back as the 14th century. It shows up in Shakespeare's plays and in various English folk songs. But the limerick as a recognized, named form really took off in the 19th century thanks to Edward Lear, who popularized it in his *Book of Nonsense* (1846), though he never actually used the word "limerick" himself. His verses made the form beloved for humorous and absurdist content.

The word "limerick," as a label for the five-line comic verse form, first appeared in print around 1898, so it's a relatively recent term for a much older structure. Today the form is so tied to Irish culture that Limerick city actually holds an annual limerick-writing competition.

One Saturday morning at three,
A cheesemonger's shop in Patee,
Collapsed to the ground,
With a thunderous sound,
Leaving only a pile of de brie.

An oyster from Kalamazoo,
Confessed he was feeling quite blue.
For he said, "As a rule,
When the weather turns cool,
I invariably get in a stew."