



The Claiborne Clarion

A Newsletter For The
Claiborne Community

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Note the Dates:

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 6:30 PM

Soup and Movie! Join us for soup at 6:30 pm before the 7 pm movie.

Friday, Feb. 7, 7 PM

Film, Dessert and Coffee with Jennifer Shea

Tuesday, Feb. 11th, 7 PM

Claiborne Association Board Meeting. All are welcome.

Tuesday, Feb. 18th, 10:30 AM

Sherwood Seminar - "Back Stage at the Avalon"

Sunday, March 8, 4 PM

Pop-Up Book Club

February Birthdays

- 13 - Anna Kabler
- 14 - Kim Titus
- 14 - Susan Cornish
- 16 - Marie Deck
- 24 - Terry Boos

Claiborne Village News

Claiborne Website

Please visit the redesigned and up-to-date Claiborne website at claibornemd.org/. The website offers links to the Clarion, bylaws, board meetings and other facts about Claiborne. You can download the Clarion on the website at <https://www.claibornemd.org/copy-of-2019-2>.

Claiborne Movie Series

Soup and Movie is the first Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in contributing soup or something else to the shared meal, please contact Martha Hamlyn at designs@atlanticbb.net

Claiborne Lecture Series

"Til-Made: Remembering the Tilghman Packing Company", a film by Jennifer Shea, one of our newest Claiborne residents. Over a period of ten years, Jennifer has made eight films about the history and culture of Tilghman. This film was shown on MPT in June 2018.

Jennifer will talk with us about producing the film and has invited some of the residents featured in the film to talk about their experiences living on Tilghman. Please join us for desserts and coffee. *(Of course, bring your favorite liquids.)*

Claiborne's First Pop-Up Book Club

On March 8, at 4 PM... come to the Hall to hear the author of the award-winning new book, *Five for Freedom: the African American Soldiers in John Brown's Army*. It will be part book club discussion, part author's talk about how he came to write the story, and other interesting facts.

Order your book soon or get it from the library, so that you will have astute and insightful questions to ask or just come anyway and hear the story for the first time. And not to worry, there will be refreshments!

[In Remembrance of Lyn](#)



Our friend and neighbor, Lyn Camp Lansdale, passed away on January 13th from complications of metastatic breast cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband, Page, and their children, Sadie, Patrick and Chloe.

Lyn loved the Eastern Shore, Claiborne and our community, and we will miss her gracious and warm friendship.

A celebration of life service and reception will be held on February 8th at 11:00am at River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6301 River Road, Bethesda MD 20817. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made in her name to Planned Parenthood or River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

[Sherwood Seminar Series – Backstage At The Avalon](#)

The Sherwood Seminar will continue its winter field trips series with a backstage tour of the historic Avalon Theatre, the heart of the arts in Talbot County. See the newly restored 400 seat Art Deco theatre, go behind the scenes to learn the history of this magnificent building and learn the intricacies of bringing performing arts to our community.

Group will meet in the Avalon lobby Tuesday, February 18th at 10:30AM. There will be an opportunity to order lunch from Hill's Cafe and have it delivered to the theatre for those who want to continue to mix and mingle and ask follow-up questions.

RSVPs required to Doris Nielsen at Sirodhn@aol.com

[Follow the Red Brick Pathway...](#)

It's almost a sidewalk! The bricks finally arrived and are being set in place. If you've purchased an inscribed brick you will be seeing it soon.

Jim Richardson, master brick layer, has led the new sidewalk project. There's more work to do, so please drop by and give him a hand if you have a spare hour or two.

As always, many thanks to our volunteer masons!



[President's Message](#)

For me the beginning of February is the beginning of the end of winter. Days are getting longer and by early February plants begin to stir, with leaf buds expanding and daffodils showing color through last year's leaves. Even though this has been a mild winter so far, it's been wintery enough. Now, if there had been a cold spell that froze the cove enough to allow us to sail the ice boats. I, for one, would have welcomed more cold weather. But the boats have remained hanging in garages and storerooms, ready if another cold winter ever comes. And I'm ready for more warm days.

Guest Editors Needed

The Clarion needs guest editors for the March edition and anytime in 2020.

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

The start of the Winter film series has been a success. More than 30 people turned out for the opening “soup and a movie” night. Films are every Wednesday at 7:00. Soup and a movie the first Wednesday of each month. Please join us.

The Board announced a fund drive at Holiday Potluck dinner, but I’m afraid many of you missed that dinner. We’re part way to our \$20,000 goal and the Board has decided to extend the fund drive through March 31. We will send out a letter explaining how far we’ve come and why we still need money to complete the renovation and creation of the Resilience Center.

Village Hall Updates

As we near completion of the Hall and have used the building more and more, the cost of operations has gone up as we expected. When we purchased the building and had only a few events per year, our expenses were simply an insurance policy and a small electric bill. Last year our operating costs were nearly \$6000, and we can expect them to continue to increase as we find more ways to use the building. The budget this year is \$7080:

2020 Budget Items	Projected Cost
Insurance	\$2500
Electricity	\$1540
Programs	\$1000
Septic tank pumping	\$800
Bay Tax	\$60
HVAC maintenance	\$280
Printing and mailing	\$300
General Maintenance	\$500
Furnishing and supplies	\$500

Eventually the cost of general maintenance and HVAC maintenance as well as repairs will be taken from the Endowment Fund. But insurance and other costs will continue to increase.

The Board is reviewing ways to raise funds to cover operating expenses separately from our building fund drives. Some things we are considering include asking folks to donate “A Dollar A Day,” which could be done by way of an automatic payment. We might ask for donations at all events, and charge for some special events. We will also continue to use some events at the Hall as fundraisers, and plan to encourage some outside use of the Hall. We are exploring adding a PayPal donation button to our website to make donating as simple as possible. Starting in 2020, we will account for operating funds separately and not use building donations to pay operating expenses. You’ll hear more about this in the weeks to come.

Any member of the board will be happy to hear your fundraising suggestions.