

CLARION

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE CLAIBORNE COMMUNITY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 9-12

Spring Garden Day
at The Claiborne Hall*Rain date Sunday*

Please join Janet and Priscilla for a fun morning of gardening. We will tidy up our existing beds as well as add new plants. All are welcome, no experience needed. Pizza will be provided for our gardening warriors!

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Cinco de Mayo Potluck

Sunday, May 17 4 PM

Cory Seznec & Friends
African-influenced Roots & Blues

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Audrey Noyes	1
Abby West	2
Peter Bruns	2
Jamie Frailey	3
Tom Beaver	5
Lynn Marr	7
Alice Sewell	11
Barbara Reisert	14
John Fellingner	17
Laura Boecker	20
Carrie Gould-Kabler	26

May on the Eastern Shore

A Note from Rob Todd, Claiborne Association President

I love May on the Eastern Shore. The marshes and spring flowers have come alive. Neighbors and birds that left last fall for warmer climates have returned, and the ospreys are back on their platforms, tending their nests.

On our daily walks with Emma Rose, Suzanne and I have noticed several gardens have been planted and lawns are getting mowed, some for the second or third time this spring. It's good to see neighbors out again, waving from driveways, pausing to talk, maybe comparing notes on plans for the summer.

Speaking of planting seeds for future growth, at the spring potluck and general meeting, the Association presented a recommended budget for the next fiscal year. You can review the recommendation which is posted in the Hall. The Board also announced the members of this year's Nominating Committee – Mary Gregorio, Kirke Harper, and Sarah Sayre. The three-member committee will recommend next year's slate of officers for the Association Board.

Next year's budget and slate of officers will be voted on at the next general meeting in August. Questions about the budget or next year's slate of officers can be directed to Rob Todd at robert10431@outlook.com.

While spring can be a very busy time with all the outdoor chores and activities, be sure to take some time to enjoy and appreciate the beauty of the season on the Eastern Shore. This place is remarkable — unhurried, and quietly magnificent.

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



CLAIBORNE PROGRAM COMMITTEE NOTES



We've had a Cinco de Mayo-themed potluck for many years now, and they are always fun and delicious. Make your entry on the sign-up sheet at the hall so that we can make sure it will come out in some kind of proportion!



Our final concert of the season will feature Cory Seznec and Friends, on Sunday, May 17 at 4:00. If you enjoy roots music and blues, this will be a must!

WHAT A GREAT APRIL IN CLAIBORNE!



Concerts

The dynamic duo of Mark Schatz & Bryan McDowell filled the Hall with their lively tunes.

Magpie was magical, and made a very appreciative audience very happy. Seems they have known for decades absolutely everybody at the intersection of environmentalism and music! A perfect Earth Day event.



Meeting and PotLuck Dinner

It was a lovely evening at the hall Saturday night, April 18 at the Claiborne Community Spring Potluck. Neighbors arrived carrying food and drink to fill the community table to overflowing. That included the dessert table too. But before everyone could tuck into the crabcakes, shrimp cakes, curried chicken, and other delights there was a quick General Meeting. President Rob Todd announced that the state of the community was healthy, and the nominating committee would be out soliciting suggestions for the board. Phil Sayre reported the financials of the budget were top notch with details available for any who wished a deeper look. Specifics were kept short and sweet so the revelers could get to the real delight, good food and great conversation with neighbors. – *Elizabeth Crenshaw*





A DATE WITH HISTORY SPEAKER SERIES

"When Claiborne Bridged the Chesapeake"

with Marty Bollinger

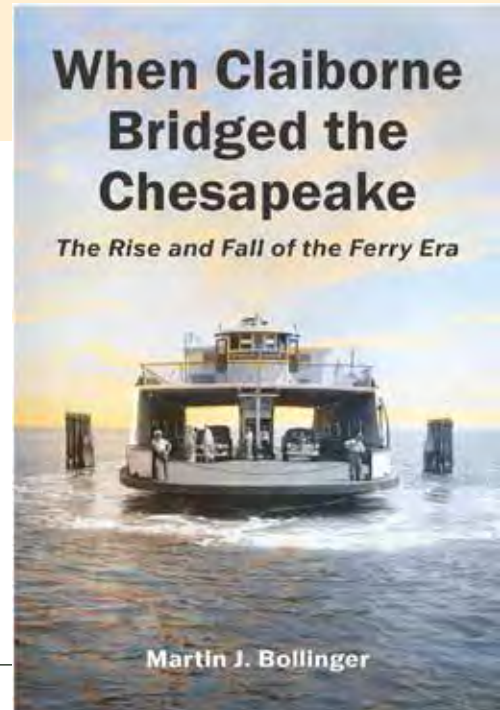
For those of us that missed Marty's earlier presentations, we have another opportunity!

Wednesday, May 20 at 1:00pm

Talbot County Free Library

100 Dover St. Easton, MD

This lecture is the same as the one presented in January.



PINOCHLE (Pee'·nuh·kl) in Claiborne

A few of us in Claiborne have begun playing Pinochle on an irregular basis. We play a popular four-handed version of the card game where players are teamed in pairs. It's a fun game. Learning the basics is easy, and playing is rewarding as you progress. We're all more-or-less beginners, so learning as we go.

Pinochle workshop at the Village Hall on Tuesday May 12th from 1 to 3PM

In an effort to share the fun, find more players and thus create more opportunities to play, David Crenshaw will lead a Pinochle workshop at the village hall on Tuesday May 12th from 1 to 3PM.

The workshop is for anyone interested in the game and players of all levels. All are welcome. We'll review the rules and stages of play. We'll play some open demonstration hands and finish up with some regular play if time allows.

So that he can get a sense of how many might participate, please contact David to let him know if you plan to attend the workshop or to get on the Pinochle mailing list for future opportunities. Email David at crenshaw.mail@gmail.com with your contact information. If it turns out you can come at the last minute, we would be happy to see you!



A Century Apart: A Century Together

April 12, 2025:

We gathered in front of the Village Hall to hold our spring Association meeting, to say good-bye to the Kuperbergs, and to take a photograph. It was chilly and we bundled up.

April 18, 2026:

We gathered in the Village Hall to hold our spring Association meeting, to welcome new neighbors, and to unveil the NEW Claiborne portrait. (And it was warm!)

Thanks go to all the many people who made this happen:

First: Mike Keene's group of yogis who stared at the old portrait, taken 100 years ago, during the grey winter months and thought "Why not take a NEW one?"

Second: Photographer John Rock who kindly shared his eye and expertise and captured our community in all its vigor and variety.

Third: Jim Richardson who oversaw, ordered, framed, and hung the new photograph. But most of all, to the wonderful village of Claiborne and its commitment to community. You made this happen! BRAVO ALL!
Now let's see what they can do in 2125!



If you want to purchase a copy for yourself, go to John Rock's website and the private gallery with pictures from that day.

Tidewater Images Claiborne Village Hall

You can select a photo and select the green "buy photo" button on the bottom right and choose a size you wish from the menu on the left. It will be mailed to you within a couple of days.

Link below.

<https://www.tidewaterimages.com/Events-and-Places/Claiborne/Claiborne-100-anniversary-photo/n-krVSMp>



St. Michaels Branch of the Talbot County Free Library is OPEN @ 106 Fremont St.

Hours are Monday and Thursday from 9a.m. to 8p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday from 9a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please visit the new and enlarged spaces. The art gallery and exhibit cases are available for artists to reserve and display their works. There is a quiet reading room, two study rooms and space for teens and children.



My favorite tree in Claiborne at the "golden hour". -Cathy Evans



Beautiful photo from Claiborne resident Josh Galicki, who also provided the photo for the cover masthead.