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April Birthdays

Phil Sayre	April 5
Martha Hamlyn	April 10
Elizabeth Crenshaw	April 22
Linda Harper	April 23
Carrie Kahn	April 24
Terry Babb	April 30
David Crenshaw	April 30

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

Signs of Spring at Claiborne

A Note from Rob Todd, Claiborne Association President

From the recent temperatures, it may be hard to tell, but spring is finally here. And with it comes time to think about pulling the covers off those boats, getting garden beds ready for planting, and making plans for summer fun.

One welcome sign of the season is the return of the osprey. Suzanne and I spotted our first of the year on March 19 at the Claiborne jetty. We haven't seen it since, but it – or another – is sure to return soon.

On the association front, the Board finalized a recommended budget for next year at its March meeting. The proposal will be presented at the April 18 Potluck and General Meeting, along with an announcement of members for the three-person Nominating Committee, which is responsible for filling vacancies on the 2026–2027 Board.

Recently, the Claiborne Welcome Committee unveiled its “Welcome to Claiborne” brochure. Intended for newcomers to the village, the brochure includes information on how to receive mail at the Hall, sign up for the newsletter, get trash service, as well as a bit of Claiborne history and yearly events. A big thank you goes out to Cathy Evans, Josh Galicky, and Carrie Kahn. A copy of the brochure is available at the Hall.

In the meantime, enjoy the arrival of spring – I look forward to seeing you at the Potluck!



Picture above is one of last year's butterflies. They aren't due to arrive for a while yet.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 4/1

April Fools Movie Night
Amelie

Sunday 4/12 at 4:00 pm
**Concert - Bluegrass &
Old Time with Mark Schatz
& Bryan McDowell**



Saturday, 4/18 at 6:00 pm
**Association Spring
General Meeting and Potluck**

Wednesday, 4/22 at 7:00 pm
**Concert - Folk
Magpie**



CLAIBORNE PROGRAM COMMITTEE NOTES



Veronneau Concert

We had a packed house for the Blue Tapestry celebration in song (& film!) of the music of Joni Mitchell and Carole King. It makes such a difference when the people who were there in the middle of that extraordinary time share their perspectives. Thanks to all who contributed to the impressive and delectable spread that concertgoers enjoyed.

Potato Bar Potluck

We had a great turnout, as you can see, and proved, once again, that simplest is best!



Tidy Up Talbot: Saturday, April 11

Past Claibornite, Kristen Lycett, the director of Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, has asked Claiborne to get involved!



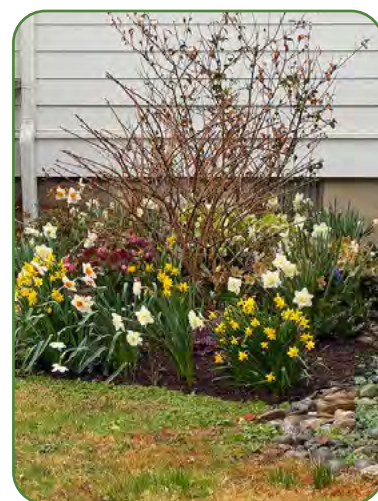
The format for this is that folks are welcome to pick up trash anywhere in the county that they feel could use some attention. Supply pick up will take place inside Easton Point Park on Saturday, April 11th from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Then, pick up trash anywhere in Talbot County that you think needs some cleaning up! When you're done, bring your bagged

trash and recycling back to Easton Point Park between 12 and 3. The dumpster will be picked up Monday the 13th. Please join our litter team let Abby know how many bags of trash you collected so we can let Kristen add to their tally. abbywest406@gmail.com



All are welcome to the 10:00 am Easter Service at the Sherwood U. Methodist Church located on Sherwood Landing Road April 5.



LOOKING AHEAD

Spring Garden Day at The Claiborne Hall

Saturday May 2, from 9-12.

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, light refreshments included.

Hope to see you there! Janet and Priscilla

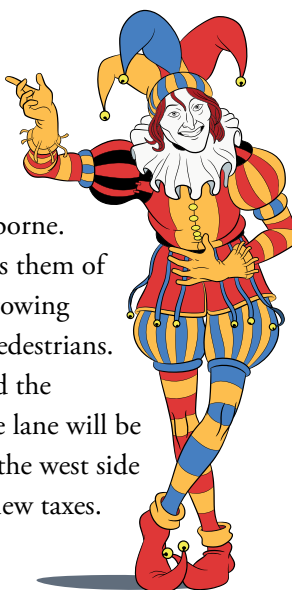


Stella Kabler will be attending the University of Connecticut after graduating from Easton High School in June. Stella will be spending her freshman year in Prague Czechia through the UConn Huskies Pathway Program, and then join her class for her sophomore through senior year in Storrs Connecticut. Stella leaves for Prague on August 23!

New Traffic Pattern Announced

The Talbot County Council has developed a solution for the excess traffic on Claiborne Road in downtown Claiborne. Residents have complained for years that the traffic reminds them of Easton, with cars and trucks in and out at all hours, often towing boats and lawn equipment, bringing noise and danger to pedestrians.

To remedy the situation, Bayside Drive will be designated the official through-way to the boat launch. The existing single lane will be expanded to four, two in each direction. Homeowners on the west side of Bayside drive are expected to assume the costs through new taxes.





Actual size.

Claiborne Connection

Dr. Kristen Lysett, Director of Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, is the daughter-in-law of Barbara and Norman Haddaway.



Finally upright!

Teeny Tiny Turtle Tale

On New Year's Day this year, bundled up against the frigid temperatures, I decided to take a walk down to the Claiborne beach. While climbing over the rocks to the sand, my eye was caught by an unusual pattern among the stones. I picked it up with my gloved hand and was sad to find a motionless terrapin hatchling covered in sand and grit. I put it in my pocket to take home and continued on my walk.

When I showed it to Jamie, he asked me if I was sure it was dead. I told him it had not moved since I had it, placed it belly down on our entry table and went about my day. Every once in a while I would walk by to check on it. No change. I was just getting into bed about 10pm when I decided to take one more look. The turtle had flipped itself over and was flailing it's tiny arms in the air. Damn.

I put it in a box for the night, planning to find help the next day. By morning of course, it was on it's back again. We collected some water and sand from the beach and put it in a shallow bowl while we searched the internet for help. Unfortunately it was a holiday weekend, so our calls went unanswered until the next day when Jamie found the Phillips Wharf Environmental Center.

He talked to a lovely young woman named Kristen, graciously accepted the tiny terrapin to the center, promising to contact the right people in order to provide the best outcome. She placed it in it's own tank (it could not go in with other terrapins) and promised to make some calls.

It turns out that diamondback terrapin hatchlings commonly overwinter in their nest, remaining buried 2-10 cm deep to survive cold weather by staying in a dormant state. Because we had some weird warm weather patterns in December, this little turtle got confused, thinking it was spring. By burying it back near where it was found, hopefully it would go back to its dormant state and wait for the real Spring to arrive! - *Cathy Evans*

Join Us in celebrating World Turtle Day!

WHAT: World Turtle Day is held annually on May 23rd. This year, we're celebrating early before the holiday weekend. Please join the Phillips Wharf Environmental Center to celebrate all things turtles and support our nonprofit.

WHERE: The Golden Hour (605 South Talbot Street Suite #8, St. Michaels, MD 21663).

WHEN: **Thursday, May 21st, 2026** from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 at the door. Your ticket includes a welcome drink (additional drinks available for purchase), light hors d'oeuvres, and supports our environmental education work, including the Fishmobile. There will be a silent auction with several themed baskets up for grabs, with all proceeds benefiting Phillips Wharf.



Visit phillipswharf.org to purchase advance tickets!



Please note this event is 21+ and in person ticket sales are cash or check only.

YOUR NEIGHBOR DOES WHAT? SECRETS REVEALED.

A story about a Man, His Bow, and 30,000 other history nerds.

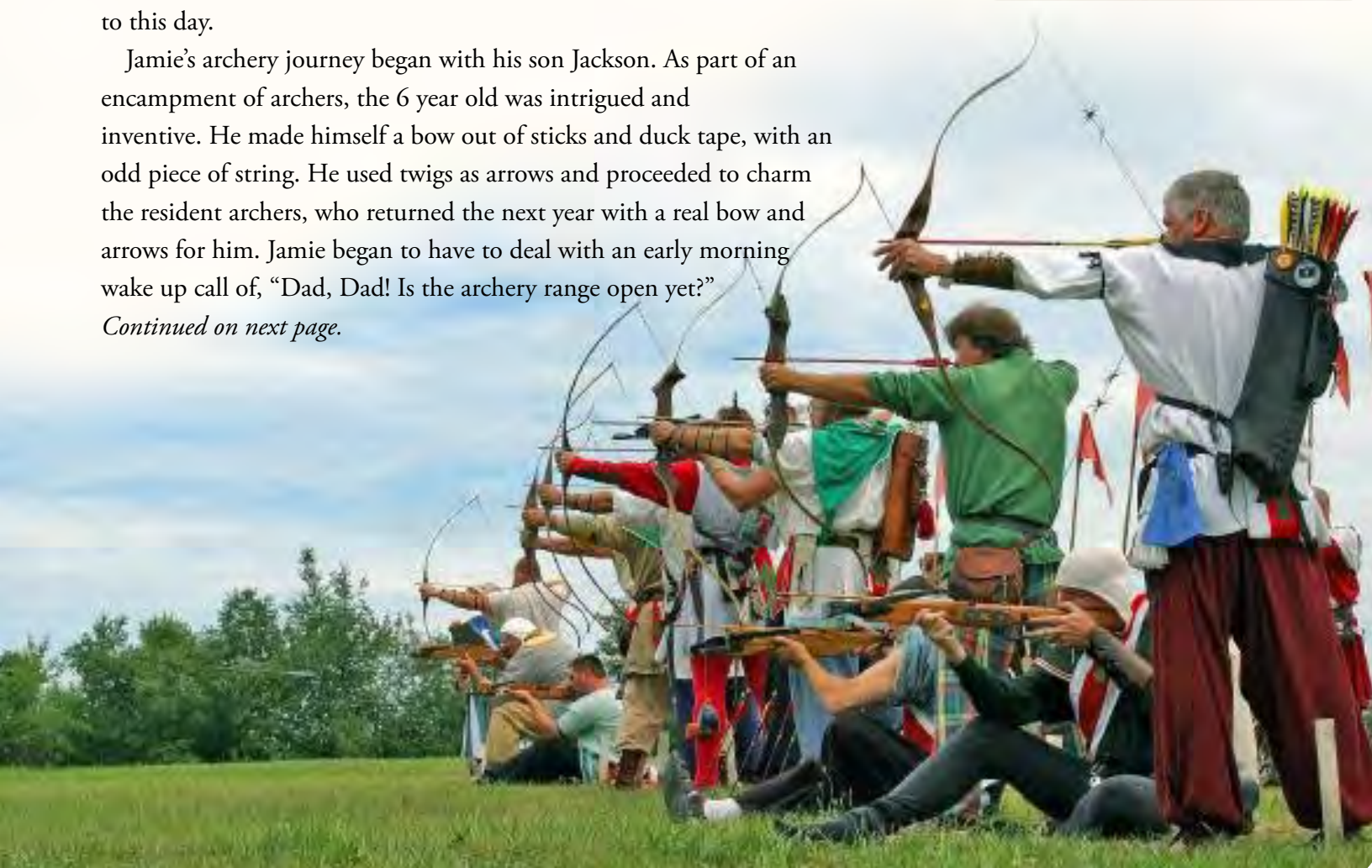
The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) was started by a group of friends in Berkley, CA in 1966. Since then, the community has grown to include over 30,000 members in 20 kingdoms around the globe. Participants learn about the arts, skills, and culture of the Middle Ages and Renaissance in an atmosphere of fun, through tournaments, royal courts, feasts, dancing, classes, hands-on workshops, and more.

For the Fraileys, it all started when they went to War. The Pennsic War that is.

Long time fans of Maryland's Renaissance Faire, Cathy heard from friends about an event described as "the renfaire on steroids". In 1997 she attended her first Pennsic War located at Cooper's Lake Campground near Pittsburgh, PA. Jamie claimed it was not "his thing" but once he saw the pictures and heard stories he was hooked, and remains hooked to this day.

Jamie's archery journey began with his son Jackson. As part of an encampment of archers, the 6 year old was intrigued and inventive. He made himself a bow out of sticks and duck tape, with an odd piece of string. He used twigs as arrows and proceeded to charm the resident archers, who returned the next year with a real bow and arrows for him. Jamie began to have to deal with an early morning wake up call of, "Dad, Dad! Is the archery range open yet?"

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At every SCA event Jamie was required to accompany Jackson, until finally another adult handed him a bow and said, “Why not give it a shot?” And the obsession was born. Even as the rest of the Frailey family eventually drifted away from the reenactment game, Jamie became enmeshed in the SCA and the archery community. At one point, when he had mastered target archery, he decided to also become a combat archer and quickly became known as the guy to watch out for during battle.

Jamie’s love of archery extends to non-SCA events as well. He is an active member of the Baltimore Bowmen, teaches classes to anyone interested, and has even done a little target practice in the backyard. He shoots a traditional longbow, a more modern recurve, and period crossbows, both at targets and at people. Jamie also makes his own arrows novelty targets. He does not hunt for sport. Want to learn more about the Frailey’s nerdy hobby? Go to www.sca.org and www.pennsicwar.org.



Jamie has won numerous awards and titles in the SCA including:

- Three-time Kingdom Royal Archery Champion
- Five-time winner of the Lochmere Arrow
- Four-time recipient of the Shark’s Tooth for combat archery
- Companion of the Order of the Yew Bow (for excellence in archery)
- Companion of the Order of the Sea Stag (for excellence in teaching archery)

His official SCA title is Baron Seamus McRay, Master of the Order of the Pelican and the MARK. Nerd? Maybe. You decide.

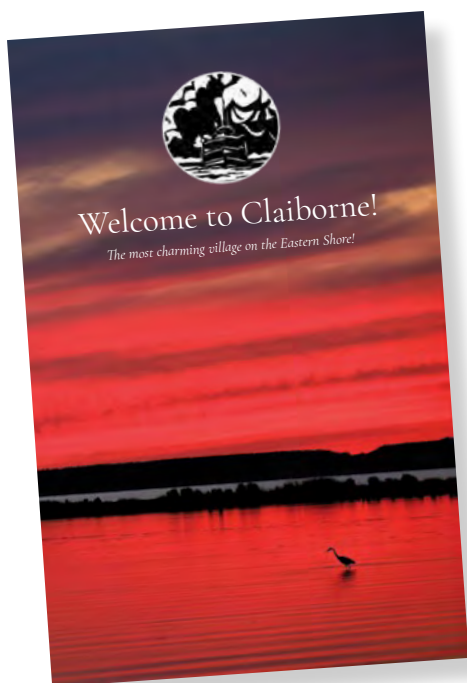
What’s your secret (or not so secret) hobby? Submit it to the Clarion and be featured in the May issue!

While the Lords were doing archery, the Ladies were learning bellydance!



These are combat arrows. They are launched from a custom crossbow from behind the battle lines. Although spongy blunt tips, and made to safety standards, they can still leave a bruise. All combatants must wear helmets and knee, neck, elbow and chest armor, and must pass safety inspection before playing.





Welcome to Claiborne!

A Claiborne Welcome Packet has been in the works for a while now. With the completion of a single fold brochure detailing things you need to know, as well as a very brief history of Claiborne, Phase I is complete. But the question I keep being asked is, “Is this a directory of names? Addresses? Any information for getting in touch with my new neighbors?” The good news is that there will be one in the future.

When Jamie and I moved here two years ago, we were puzzling out the layout of Claiborne. What is down Rich Neck Road? Where exactly is Old Claiborne? What’s on the other side of the salt marsh and which way is North? Being directionally and geographically challenged, I decided to make maps of the area with house numbers based on Google Maps. I’m still working on those and hope to have them for the website soon.

But that doesn’t answer the question of a list of resident contacts. That is about to change. Phase II is a directory of current residents’ names and addresses, and maps of Claiborne. **Inclusion in the directory is an opt-in scenario.** If you would like your name, address and contact information listed, please details to Cathy@moon-ink.com. Deadline is June 1.

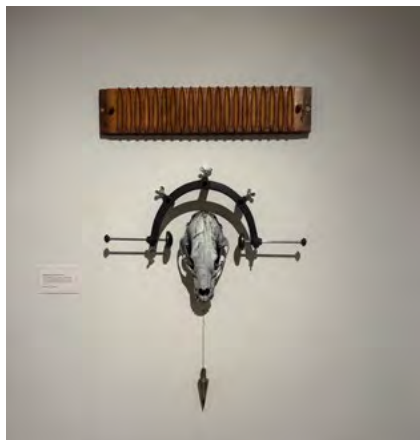
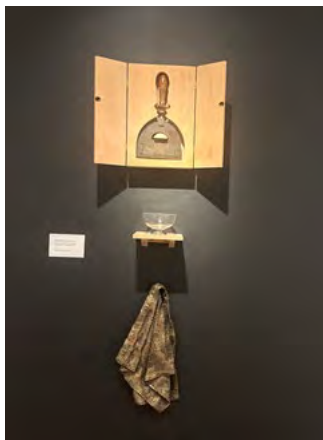
!!!YOUR PRIVACY IS IMPORTANT!!!!

- This directory will NEVER be made public and will never appear online.
- On-demand printed copies will be available for those who want one.
- If you do not want to be included, only the street address will appear on the map, with no further details.



We would like your input for future Clarions!

- Do you have an interesting hobby?
- Featured Claiborne artist.
- Favorite recipe you'd like to share?
- Any upcoming events we should all know about?
- "Meet the Claiborne Pets" photos and blurb.
- Osprey updates
- Gardening tips.
- What wild animals have you spotted in Claiborne?
- Best things you've collected from the Claiborne beaches.



A Fragile Symbiosis: The Sculpture of Ernest Cox March 3-May 24, 2026

I highly recommend the new show at the Art Academy celebrating the distinguished career of longtime Easton resident and sculptor, Ernest Cox.

And don't miss Rauschenberg 100: New Connections. Centered on the one-hundred-foot-long color photograph Chinese Summerhall (1982) is rarely exhibited because of its scale and fragility. The show ends May 1. - *Cathy Evans*

