



THE CLAIBORNE

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NOTE THE DATES

Tuesday, August 11, 7:00 PM
Art Night with Cathy Evans

Saturday, August 22, 5 – 8 PM
Claiborne Annual General Meeting and Picnic

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

John Scott	1
Mo McHugh	2
Mike Kuperberg	3
Jim Richardson	4
Scott Eglesder	9
Tyler Murphy	10
Jeanne Kuperberg	13
Bill Sewell	14
Jack Harrald	18
Kirke Harper	27

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to add your name and birthday
to the Claiborne Birthday List.

*Above: Happy 4th photo by
Renny Johnson*

Where Does the Time Go?

A Note from Rob Todd, Claiborne Association President

A year ago, I said yes to the role of Claiborne Association President. This being my last month in the job... I now say, "whew." Seriously, though — the year flew by, and while I think the Board got a lot done, a year is never quite long enough to finish it all.

Looking back, I'm proud of what we accomplished and here's just part of it:

- The Board ran a successful annual fund drive, and your contributions didn't just keep the lights on for another year — they also added to the endowment, with enough left over to boost next year's operating budget, the building reserves, or roll even more into the endowment.
- I was especially proud of Claiborne for thinking beyond itself, donating \$1,000 to the Bay Hundred Food Pantry through last November's Chili Cookoff. On top of overseeing the association's finances, the Board also reviewed and updated the budget format and the Strategic Plan.
- And a big shout-out to Claiborne's three standing committees: Social Engagements and Events (formerly Programs), headed by Martha Hamlyn; Hall Design and Special Projects, headed by Maura Bollinger; and the Gardening Committee, headed by Janet Friedberg and Priscilla Morris Sener.

Honestly, being Association President is nothing compared to the work of these three committees. Social Engagements and Events put in an enormous



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GUEST EDITORS NEEDED

The Clarion team is seeking guest editors for the remainder of 2026. Cathy Evans, Rob Todd and Pat Flory will happily answer your questions, help with formatting and the editing process.

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amount of time and effort to keep us all connected throughout the year. The Hall Design and Special Projects Committee juggled a whole slate of ongoing projects, including the remake of the community photo in front of the Hall and the installation of sound-dampening panels in the Village Hall Annex. Then there's getting out the Clarion which Pat Flory makes sure happens each month, the Claiborne Oral History Project that Jennifer Shea is working on, plus the Wednesday Night Movies all winter long — thank you, Paul Cooper!

Bottom line: it takes a village. Keep it going — when a volunteer opportunity opens, consider stepping in. The load is lighter when it's shared, and it really does take everyone pitching in to make this place what it is.

Thank you from the Board for letting us be part of what keeps Claiborne such a connected community, and best wishes to the incoming Board.

CLAIBORNE AUGUST EVENTS

Claiborne Annual General Meeting and Picnic

Saturday, August 22, 5 – 8 PM

Join us for our annual summer picnic, which comes with the obligatory association meeting and the election of next year's board, will be on the Lansdale lawn this year. Details will come to you as the time approaches, but it's never too early to begin planning the potluck offering that you'll be bringing! This year we will also have some merch to offer and, happily, you will already have your checkbook in your pocket because this is the time of year that we pay our \$20 dues to be a voting member of the association. Claiborne caps will be available to order, and you can sign up for to a personalized brick to be added to the walkway at the Village Hall.

Art for the Non-Artists: Oil Pastel Abstracts

Tuesday, August 11, 7:00 PM

Create abstract images or landscapes using oil pastels smeared around with mineral oil on a paper towel. Add additional marks with pencil and pastel. There's no wrong way of doing it! Bring some wine or cocktails and let your inner child out while we make some art with friends! *This is a free event, and all materials are provided.*

Other August events will be of the pop-up variety, based more on whims and the ease appropriate for the season. Keep an eye out for notices in your inbox.





Claiborne 4th of July Parade & Ice Cream Social

July 4 provided absolute proof that Claiborne (& friends) will do anything to earn a spot at the ice cream sundae bar! It was somewhere near 1000 degrees and yet we dressed up, showed up, marched up (and down!), and ate up. Keeping tradition alive!



There's A New Yacht in Tilghman Creek!



Claiborne's fleet welcomes a new addition - *Dancing Crab*. Marty and Maura with the help from Cap't Jake brought her home from Annapolis last week. They look forward taking her out to enjoy some sunsets with friends.

