



# THE CLAIBORNE CLARION

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## March Birthdays

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

## St. Michaels Library Programs

**March 6** - Library Lunch & Learn at noon. Storyteller, Jim Duffy will share stories of "Delmarva's Great Dames" Memorable Women of the Region. His talk will focus on fascinating women of Delmarva, some of them quite famous and others little known.

**March 13 at noon** - Local Artist & Author, Jo Merrill will talk about her recently published book, *Living into Darkness and Finding Light – Spiritual Reflections on Life's Final Chapter*. This book is a series of essays by George Merrill which were published in

## Crankies and Fiddlesticks



As I sit on my couch this morning, I think about the thrilling concert we enjoyed last evening and my mind goes to all sorts of things - the Village Hall filled with neighbors and

newcomers, the music that soon filled our hearts and made us want to dance, and the joy that we can once again get together safely. Last night, our Village Hall came alive!

It was a concert featuring "Mamas Broke," two talented musicians from Nova Scotia who provided us with eclectic folk music from near and far. With the lights turned down,



the music began with a cranky on stage - a backlit screen with black silhouettes painted on a scroll of paper, rolled ("cranked") to activate the scene that illustrated

The Talbot Spy after he received a terminal cancer diagnosis.

**March 20 at noon** - Eugene L Meyer will discuss his book *Living History: FIVE FOR FREEDOM: The African American Soldiers in John Brown's Army*, with a special emphasis on Frederick Douglass of Talbot County.

## Sherwood Seminar

Sherwood Seminar plays host to a moving program by Jeff McGuinness and Lance Morris. Their presentation is based on McGuinness' newly published photographic essay, *Bear Me Into Freedom*, The Talbot County of Frederick Douglas.

Sherwood Church Hall  
Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm for coffee and cookies  
The program will begin promptly at 7pm

## Plantings at the Hall

Have you noticed the small plants at the Hall with either white or deep red blooms? They are called Hellebore, or sometimes, Winter Rose, or Lenten Rose as they bloom around the time of Lent.



the song. Crankies, I learned later, first appeared in Medieval times, and were used by traveling minstrels.



During another song, one musician picked up two sticks resembling chop sticks and began gently tapping them against the strings of her partner's fiddle, even as the partner played. "Why of course!" everyone thought at the same time, "fiddlesticks!"

If you missed this concert, make sure you come to the next. Each one has its unexpected wonders.

— Jim Richardson, President, Claiborne Association

## From the Program Committee

### May 13 - Save the Date (and Save Your Stuff)!

Spring cleaning? Don't stress about those odds and ends and furniture bits that no longer serve your needs. Donate them for the Claiborne Estate sale! Steve Friedberg is generously offering his space at Maple Hall again, so you can clear out whenever it suits you in the next couple of months and move things directly to Steve's. Jeanne Kuperberg will be the coordinator of drop-offs, so be in touch with her at (774) 284-3647 when you've got some stuff ready. If you have something too big to transport on your own, Jeanne will be arranging for a crew and a trailer to collect the big things. No clothing and no books, please, but we'd love your mismatched chairs and your teapot collection. And you won't even have to figure out how to cart them off. What a win!

### Coming in April: Music from the Faroe Islands

April 11 is the Tuesday after Easter weekend, but the only day that we could snag this group, so we jumped at the chance. *Spaelimenninir* translates as "the folk musicians" and is made up of Faroe Island natives, a couple of Danes and Swedes, and two Americans, all playing what they call pan-Scan music - traditional and contemporary folk music from the North Atlantic cultures. So, save that date and stay in the lookout for details to come. (There may even be dance tunes.)

## Bingo Night at the Hall

On February 11, about fifteen eager Bingo players waited anxiously for Bingo Bob (aka Mark Stevenson) to call that final number they needed to make Bingo. Gag prizes were dug up by Program Committee members and were awarded throughout the night. A great time was had by all, and over \$400 was raised for the Association. You can probably count another Bingo night sometime in the future. Many thanks to Shirley Cockey for providing the game and the snacks.

