



The carpet of soybeans welcomes us into the harvest season.

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September Birthdays

Steve & Mike Friedberg	September 6
Tim McHugh	September 13
Nancy Higgins	September 16
Will Murdoch	September 16
Maura Bollinger	September 18
Shirley Cockey	September 24
Karen Wright	September 24

The Claiborne Picnic Returns!!



September notes

Summer is coming to a close and to mark the occasion, once again we had a wonderful Claiborne Picnic (pictures below). My only regret is I somehow missed out on Greg North's delicious BBQ ribs!

We are all grateful to Mary Gregorio for her leadership of the Board over the past several years - a difficult time when Covid forced us to curtail our activities at the Hall, and when we found ourselves physically unable to be with each other. Thanks to her steady guidance, (and mostly on Zoom), she managed to steer the Association through this difficult time - not at all an easy task. Thanks for everything, Mary!

We also say a fond farewell to Abby West for her years serving as board secretary, and for Brian's welcomed contributions as a board member. The new board officers include: Jim Richardson, pres., Phil Sayre, v. pres., Terry Babb, sec., and Megan McCoy, treas. The standing board members are: Mike Kuperberg, Carrie Kabler, and Kristen Lycett. The first meeting of the new board will be in October. The board's meeting schedule appears monthly in the Clarion for anyone who wishes to attend the meetings. We always welcome your ideas and suggestions.



Our summer picnic was another great success! Special thanks to Priscilla and Tenny for hosting the event this year on their beautiful property overlooking the creek. And many thanks to the Program Committee (Martha, Pat, Suzanne, Jean, Janet, Anne and Shirley), for their excellent planning and decorations. And for those who couldn't come, we certainly missed you!

Like many of you, I am looking forward to the future and to reconnecting with all of our members. Hopefully, we will be scheduling more social events inside the Hall in months to come. I also hope we can bring volunteers together for several important planned fall projects. One project is replacing the old brick steps with a set of safer ones that will include a landing. Another is building a small storage shed behind our building for garden tools. Both projects are open to everyone, so if you are interested in helping, stay tuned.

Jim Richardson
President

Join Claiborne's own Kristen Lycett

on a **Nature Walk, September 18 and October 8.**



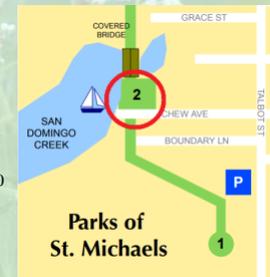
Phillips Wharf
Environmental Center

Naturalist Nature Walk

Join Executive Director, Dr. Kristen Lycett on a nature walk along the St. Michaels Nature Trail!



Learn about a variety of native and invasive plant species (and any animal species we might happen to observe) that can be seen along the paved walking path. Fall is a great time for native wildflowers, so feel free to bring a camera to document our walk.



On **Sunday, September 18th** and **Saturday, October 8th**, we'll meet at 8:30 am at Back Creek Park on San Domingo Creek (Google Maps lists the park address as 305 W Chew Ave, St Michaels, MD 21663). If driving, plan to park on the street along Chew Avenue, next the park.

Our walk will last approximately 1 hour and we should cover around 2 miles during that time. The walking pace will be relaxed and the path is paved and flat, with minimal elevation change. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring any additional items you may need such as a water bottle, sunglasses, hat, and light-colored, loose fitting clothing (especially if it's hot).

For more information call (410) 886-9200 or email info@phillipswharf.org Suggested donation: \$10.



Assistance for Internet Fees:

Breezeline (formerly Atlantic Broadband) is announcing the Affordable Connectivity Program - operated by the FCC – to help communities stay connected by reducing Internet charges for qualifying low-income households with a one-per-household benefit up to \$30/month. Households are eligible if they qualify for SNAP/food stamps, Medicaid, WIC, NSLP, etc.

Eligible households can get more information, including plans that may be free with the benefit, and enroll at breezeline.com/acp or call them at 855-227-2134.

A Tribute to Mary

Thank you, Mary, for leading us through the COVID nightmare. You calmed us, helped us envision what it would be like after the crisis, and kept the Association functioning and focused on a future where we could be in the same room again. Mary ran the Association twice, once from 2014 to 2017 and now from 2020 to 2022, for a total of 5 years. Under her leadership many of the Hall renovations took place, including new siding on the annex, the deck, the kitchen, bathroom and septic system, the AED and training on how to use it, a new sidewalk, and moving the post office into the Annex. At their last meeting Mary had the Board finally vote to purchase a generator that will run the Annex when there's no power. We have benefitted from her gentle leadership, remarkable decisiveness and we will continue to benefit into the future.

Thank you, Mary, for taking the helm again. You are leaving a legacy of quiet action as well as large footprints for Jim Richardson to step into

And now, for some complete nonsense. With apologies to Rogers and Hammerstein, here's a poem for the end of summer. Sing it to the tune of "There is Nothing Like a Dame".

There is Nothing Like a Peach

We've got sunlight on the sand
We've got moonlight on the bay
We've got figs and tomatoes we can find along our way
We've got osprey and eagles and owls that go screech
What do we need?
We all need a peach!



There is nothing like a peach, Nothing in the world.
 There is nothing you can reach
 That is anything like a peach.

We can always take a boat ride
 We can go down to our beach
 We can practice some old voodoo
 Or go hear someone preach
 But there's one thing we can't do do
 What can't we do?
 We can't always eat a peach



There is nothing like a peach
 Nothing in the world
 There is nothing you can reach.
 That is anything like a peach.

On Sundays we have service
 We can go to hear a speech
 We can eat on Tilghman Island
 But here's what I beseech
 Before the summer's over
 No matter what you do do
 Be sure to eat a peach.



There is nothing like a peach
 Nothing in the world
 There is nothing you can reach
 That is anything like a peach.

We can have peach pie or cobbler
 With some cream or simply iced
 They're really good sautéed you know
 Or merely have them sliced
 They'd be tasty at a picnic by a lake
 One thing would be terrific -
 An upside down cake



There is nothing like a peach
 Nothing in the world
 There is nothing you can reach
 That is anything like a peach.

(Kirke Harper)

