



The Claiborne Clarion

A Newsletter For
The Claiborne
Community

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Note the Dates:

Wednesday, March 4, 6:30 PM

Soup and Movie! Join us for soup at 6:30 pm before the 7 pm movie. Please contact Martha Hamlyn at designs@atlanticbb.net if you'd like to contribute soup, bread or sweets for the evening.

Sunday, March 8, 4 PM

Pop-Up Book Club
Claiborne Village Hall.
Refreshments to follow discussion.

Tuesday, March 10, 7 PM

Claiborne Association Board Meeting. All are welcome.

Saturday, March 21, 7:30 PM

OPEN MIC NIGHT
Claiborne Village Hall

March Birthdays

- 9 - Ted Jones
- 9 - Suzanne Todd
- 12- Kevin Garber
- 13- Mike Kabler
- 14- Rebecca Cockey Parks
- 14- Penny Rhine
- 15- Baba Groom
- 21- Bea Wharton

Claiborne's First Ever Pop-Up Book Club - Sunday, March 8, at 4

The Book: ***Five for Freedom: the African American Soldiers in John Brown's Army***

The author: **Eugene L. Meyer**

The event: Part book club discussion, part author's talk.

Gene will relate how he came to write this award-winning history, how he followed and untangled the threads, and tell us some of the back stories of a few of the more colorful characters involved. You've still got time to read it, and there is at least one copy available through the library. Bring your questions and scholarly input, or just come and see what you think!

Gene, who spent three decades at the Washington Post as a reporter and editor, has written 3 books and hundreds of articles spanning a huge range of topics. He is also quite likely the only reporter to have interviewed both Martha and Jim (1982, in the Claiborne general store & post office) and the Beatles (1966, in their dressing room in Philadelphia).

As you might expect, there will be refreshments.

Claiborne Open Mic Night

Join us Saturday, March 21 at 7:30 for the first Claiborne Community Open Mic Session...

Warm up your "pipes", get busy a-strummin', practice "tickling the ivories", put on your tap shoes, rehearse your comedy routine, write a poem to share, or act out a dramatic reading. Anything goes. Well...pretty much. As long as it's rated G.

We know there's loads of talent out there. Feel free to invite outside talent as well. As usual, bring your beverage of choice, and sweet nibbles will be available.

Register upon arrival.

Questions? Contact Suzanne Todd at 240-409-8087
or suzannetodd@outlook.com.

[Last Call For Inscribed Bricks](#)

This is your last opportunity to order an inscribed brick to be a part of the Village Hall sidewalk. Please send Jim Richardson the name(s) you want inscribed.

Also please indicate if this brick is a new order, in which case it will cost \$50, or one that was either misspelled or lost in a previous order but has already been paid for.

Jim can be reached by email at designs@atlanticbb.net



[Get Involved, Stay Informed](#)

It is an exciting time in the restoration of the Village Hall/Resiliency Center.

Express your ideas and learn what is being planned. Everyone is welcome when the Association Board meets; usually on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Association Board minutes are available at <https://www.claibornemd.org/governance>

The Clarion is available at <https://www.claibornemd.org/2020>

[President's Message](#)

It's March! Time for gardeners to plant peas and a few other things outside and to start indoor things for later planting. Daffodils and crocus are blooming. The Claiborne Ferry crew and Star sailors are making plans for the new racing season. Piles of mulch and soil amendments are appearing in driveways and yards.



Fundraising - The Board has considered a number of approaches to fundraising and has decided how to proceed this year. We plan to:

- Separate our fundraising efforts for Hall improvements from fundraising for operating expenses and we will extend our current fund drive. I will be sending out a fundraising appeal letter in March making clear that distinction.
- Pursue grant funding to finance the generator for the Hall, which is our largest remaining expense. Two sources of funding are available and we will actively seek both during March. Maryland is offering some disaster mitigation funding through the counties; we are working with Talbot's Emergency Services staff on this possibility. We will also apply for a grant through the Maryland Agricultural, Educational, Rural Development Fund.

We have begun seeking donations at every Hall event to cover operating expenses. Later this year we will announce a separate fundraising appeal for operating expenses. It will be a variation on the original "Dollar a Day" approach we used when we started using the Hall.

Health Alert - Although there are many unknowns at this time and people are changing or cancelling travel plans to China, Italy and other places, the advice from the medical community for people here at home is to treat "Covid19" as we would any other virus - wash your hands thoroughly and frequently, be alert to cold symptoms, use common sense. We will continue our current plans for events at the Hall unless the situation changes. See you at Wednesday Movie Nights and the March 8 Pop-Up Book Club event.

Thanks again to Jim Richardson for installing our beautiful new brick sidewalk. Although he had some help, Jim did the lion's share of the work as well as all of the planning. - Kirke Harper

[Guest Editors Needed](#)

The Clarion needs guest editors for the April edition and anytime in 2020.

If you are interested, please contact Pat Flory at patflory@gmail.com or [443-472-6800](tel:443-472-6800).

Blue Crabs and the Bay



On February 22, Claiborne resident Dr. Kristen Lycett gave a presentation at Phillips Wharf Environmental Center in Tilghman. She spoke about how diseases and other factors impact the fluctuation of blue crab populations from year to year.

Kristin received her PhD from the Marine Estuarine Environmental Science program at the University of MD Eastern Shore, where she studied parasitic infections in blue crabs and other crustaceans.

Kristen and her husband, Mike Haddaway, are currently living with Mike's parents, Barbara and Norman.

Claiborne Resident Koa Cureton's February Activities

"I wanted to learn carpentry because it sounded really fun. It was pretty cool to experience what tools were and what you used for carpentry. I liked the frame of the bird feeder and the really long staples that held it in. I think the feeder looks great.

It was a really good experience working with Jake. It was really fun. I could see all of the different tools and he explained how dangerous the tools were too. It was great and I hope I do carpentry for a long time!" - *Koa*



Koa's Talbot County Parks and Recreation basketball team was 8-0 this season. (Check out the team coaches!)

