



OWC NEWSLETTER

February 2024

Oriental Woman's Club
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Serving Pamlico County Since 1916

OWC Vision: Women Together Making a Difference
2024 Focus: Education & Community Commitment



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Dues Announcement

2024 Dues of \$60, are now due and payable to OWC. If you have not yet paid, please bring your check to the February 6th general meeting and give to Jean Chastang.

Gay Webster reports that Kristin Willis and Stephanie Griffin from the American Red Cross will be our guest speakers for the February 6 general meeting. They will tell us how to go about donating blood and how it helps so many people. Maybe you can sign up for the next time which is February 9 at OWC.

2024 Calendar of Programs

February 6 – American Red Cross
March 5 – Boating Safety & Emergencies –
Capt. Jim Holley, World Wide Training
April 2 – Andrea Bruce, Photojournalist
May 7 – Allison O’Shea, Openly Aging
June 4 – Scholarship Awards & Potluck Lunch
with recipients & families

Summer Break

September 3 – Garden Club Program
October 1 – Membership Program, S. Morgan
November 5 – LON Program, M. Garrett
December 3 – Holiday Potluck Luncheon &
Installation of 2025 Officers

Message from Ellen

Our February General meeting will have a very full agenda. **Let's wear red** to bring attention to American Heart Month and Valentine's Day. Our speakers this month are Stephanie Griffin and Kristin Willis from the American Red Cross. They will share how donations impact and save lives. OWC is now hosting the blood drives. Our next fundraiser is the Chowder Cook Off being held Saturday, March 16.

Please check the sign-up sheets in the back of the room before you sit down for the meeting. I think we sometimes forget to do this and miss out on club opportunities in the community. Also, let's fill up the seats closest to the front first as it is more welcoming to our guest speakers. We anticipate quite a few new members this month so please take notice and invite one to sit with you. I am looking forward to seeing you at 1:00pm Tuesday, February 6th!



**The Arts Festival was a great success!
Over 200 entries & 400 guests for Open House**



OWC Calendar

Monthly Meetings at the Clubhouse:

Yoga – Mon & Wed, 8:30 am

Arts Program meets third Thursday at 10:30 AM

Education Program meets third Thursday at 10:30 AM

Home Life Program meetings as scheduled in advance

Garden Club meets third Tuesday at 10:30 AM

LON meets as scheduled

Feb 6 General Mtg. 1 pm

Feb 27 EC mtg., 10 am (**NEW TIME**)

Mar 5 General Mtg. 1 pm

Mar 16 Chowder Cook-off – Oriental Marina Courtyard
11am – 1pm

Mar 31 Easter

Mar 26 EC mtg. 10 am

Apr 2 General Mtg. 1 pm

Apr 30 EC mtg., 10 am

Arts & Education (Carol Young & Maryellen Bickel): The Arts Festival was a huge success. We had 5 schools participating this year. According to the guest book, 406 people came to visit. A huge thank you to all who helped to make it such a success. Carol McAdoo organized the refreshment table and would like to thank all those who baked cookies. The artwork will stay up until the general meeting on Feb. 6th. We will be taking it down right after the meeting so we will need help from all who can stay. Susan Van Meter is heading up the Scholarship Committee. She will begin contacting the HS counselors in February. We are still taking donations for the Elementary School Clothes Closets. We will have a place for your donations at the General Meeting.

Building Maintenance (Sally Farrell): Do you want to get more involved with your club and learn more about the building? Now is your chance. You can volunteer to be a Monday Girl for one month of the year. It doesn't take much time each week to check the building, see if it is secure and monitor supplies. We still need volunteers for the months of August, October and December. The duties are listed on the bulletin board near the supply closet. There will be a sign-up sheet at the 2/6 general mtg. or you can contact Sally Farrell, g Farrell6@gmail.com for more information.

Home Life (Gay Webster): Next Blood Drive is on February 9, noon to 5 pm at OWC. Details at general meeting on 2/6.

Chunky Blanket Class taught by Beverly Hardison Guimbal



Finished blanket by Jennifer Walsh



Garden Club (Joyce DiPasquale & Sharon Gilbert): Joyce and Sharon are looking for someone to lead Garden Club this year. If interested, please contact Joyce at JoyceDip51@gmail.com. The February program will be Daniel Simpson speaking to us about preparing your Gardens and Containers for spring planting. The next highway clean-up is scheduled for April 3 and an OWC grounds clean-up on April 23 beginning at 9:30 am.

LON (Marguerite Garrett): LON is asking that you save laundry detergent plastic containers. We are going to, hopefully, use them to make this year's Croaker parade trophies. It would be especially nice if you would rinse them out really well before bringing them!

Oriental Woman's Club

January, 2024

Officers: Voting Members of EC

President: Ellen Blackmon

Vice President: Olga Herman

Treasurer: Elizabeth Tooley

Co-Secretaries: Jody Riddle & Marguerite Garrett

Program Chairs: Voting Members of EC

Arts Program – Maryellen Bickel

Education Program – Carol Young

Home Life - Gay Webster

Garden Club –

Ladies of the Neuse: Marguerite Garrett

Activity Managers: Voting Members of EC

Building Maintenance – Sally Farrell

Membership Chair – Sharon Morgan

Newsletter Editor - Jean Chastang

Parliamentarian/By-Laws manager - Sharon Morgan

Publicity -

Inspirational Reader – Marguerite Garrett

Fundraising –

Hostess Chair – Gay Webster

Yearbook Editor – Jean Chastang

Cemetery Managers - Linda Caroon & Jennifer Walsh

Non-Voting Members of EC

Sunshine Notes - Elaine Wolfinger

OWC Assistant Treasurer - Jean Chastang

Scholarships – Susan Van Meter

Property Rentals - Tidewater Realty

Website Managers – Jean Chastang

Anne Parker

Cemetery Assistant Treasurer - Linda Caroon

Scrapbook –

Yoga Leader - Lee Duer



Let's Read:

Love and Ruin by Paula McLain

This historical fiction novel tells the story of the relationship between Martha Gellhorn and Ernest Hemingway (1938 - 1944). Twenty eight year old Martha, an aspiring journalist and writer, travels to Madrid to report on the Spanish Civil War. She becomes drawn to the stories of ordinary people caught in the conflict. She finds the adventure she's been looking for and her chance to prove herself a worthy journalist in a field dominated by men. While there she falls in love with Ernest Hemingway - a man on his way to becoming a legend. They eventually marry and their professional careers ignite. However with the publication of his novel For Whom the Bell Tolls they are no longer equals. Martha must choose: surrender to the confining demands of being a famous man's wife, or risk losing Ernest by forging a path as her own woman and writer. She leaves Ernest. She went on to become one of the 20th century's most significant and celebrated war correspondents reporting on virtually every major conflict for 60 years. He never forgave her for leaving him - the only one of four wives ever to do so. She refused to be the footnote to his life.



Oriental's History Museum Presents

Gone, But not Forgotten:

The Changing Landscape of Oriental, NC over the Past 125 Years, February 17 – June 1 2024

With photo and narrative this special exhibit tells the story of the evolution of the town since its founding over 125 years ago. Homes, businesses, and scenery are gone from the landscape but still fondly remembered. Many did not survive because of weather, fire, neglect, or advances in technology. Take a look at the past and see what Oriental once was “back in the day.” Oriental’s History Museum is located at 802 Broad Street in Oriental, hours are: Friday 11-3 and Saturday 1-4. Admission is always free with donations gratefully accepted. For more information about the museum and this exhibit contact us at OrientalHistoryMuseum@gmail.com

Oriental celebrates the **Chinese/Lunar New Year with a Dragon Run on Saturday, February 10**. The Chinese Dragon and team are bringing on the Year of the Dragon. (We’ve been in the Year of the Rabbit.) The Dragon makes its run on Hodges Street by the harbor at 2pm. Throughout the day local restaurants and the Piggly Wiggly will have Asian food specials. Since unofficially adopting the Dragon as a symbol for the Town of Oriental in the 1960s the running of the Dragon has occurred on New Year’s Eve and on special occasions throughout the year. For the last thirteen years there has also been a Dragon Run for the Chinese New Year.

The Dragon Burn, hosted by the Pamlico Arts Council, is Saturday, March 16. What’s a Dragon Burn? A dragon effigy is constructed behind the Red Rooster Bar (located behind the Silos Restaurant). There’s food, a cash bar, and music – the Southern Hellcats play the Red Rooster Stage. The Chinese Dragon will make an appearance, dancing through the crowd. The dragon burns after sundown. This is a ticketed event and membership drive. \$25 for individuals, or \$50 gets you and your family in the gate and signed as a member for the Pamlico County Arts Council. **Purchase your tickets on Town Dock in What’s Happening.** All proceeds benefit the Pamlico County Arts Council and their annual programs.

The 2024 PAWS Pet Parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 30. It is the 17th annual celebration of the canines in Oriental. The parade sets out on the streets near Lou Mac Park at 11am. Dogs and their humans can **register from 10-11am** that morning at the Lou Mac Park staging area. The entry fee is \$5 per dog. All vaccinations must be up to date and PAWS asks that **participants and spectators** leash their dogs. Awards presented in numerous categories. Creative canine costumes are optional but highly encouraged. Prizes awarded in many categories, including bribing a judge to raise the most amount of money. **The PAWS hot dog cart** will have refreshments available for purchase. Proceeds from the parade and hot dog cart are used to assist the animals of Pamlico County.

The 2024 Oriental Boat Show — *The Best Small Town Boat Show In America* —is April 12-14, organized by the Oriental Rotary Club.