



OWC NEWSLETTER

March 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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2024 Calendar of Programs

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

Irish Blessing

There are good ships and there are wood ships, the ships that sail the sea. But the best ships are friendships, and may they ever be.

March is upon us which means spring is getting closer. Chowder Cook-off is soon approaching and more help is needed. You might want to celebrate St Patrick's Day by wearing green.

Our speaker for the March general meeting is Captain Jim Holley from World Wide Marine Training who will share what to do if an emergency occurs when boating.

The Executive Committee has decided to rename two of our programs. Home Life will become Community Life which aligns with our mission and Garden Club will be the Garden program. As you know, you must be a member of the Oriental Woman's Club in order to participate in one (or more) of the programs which include Art, Education, Community Life, Garden Program and Ladies of the Neuse. Members also participate in fundraising activities, hostessing general meetings, read minutes, and Monday girl tasks among other things. If you haven't signed up to be a hostess, there are openings in Sept, Oct. and November. If you have any questions, please ask me or any of the ladies who have been long time members.

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

Community Life Program meetings as scheduled

Garden Program meets third Tuesday at 10:30 AM

LON meets as scheduled

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

May 7 General Mtg. 1 pm

May 28 EC Mtg. 10 am

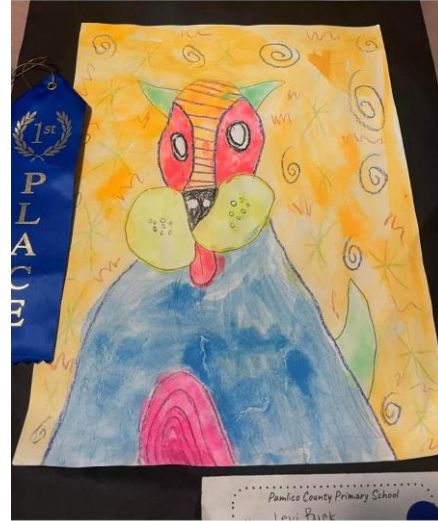
Arts & Education (Maryellen Bickel & Carol Young): We are still taking donations for the Elementary School Clothes Closets. There will be a collection place for your donations at the General Meeting. The High School Counselors have been notified regarding the Cathers and Hargrove Scholarship procedure for this year. We will also have a sign-up sheet for the June Potluck Scholarship Luncheon. We hope everyone participates as the recipients and their families will be recognized as well as the recipient of the Girls on the Run scholarship(s) that OWC donates to.

Building Maintenance (Sally Farrell): Recently there was an outside door left unlocked so if you are the last member to leave the club please be sure to check that all four exterior doors are locked.

Garden Program (Joyce DiPasquale): The next road clean-up will be Wednesday April 3rd at 10 am. Please meet at the old Town and Country parking lot. Orange vests, poker sticks and trash bags will be provided. Bring a grabber if you have one. All club members are welcome to come join the fun!!

Oriental, NC
Katie McNear Buck · 29m · 🌐

I just wanted to say thank you to the Oriental Women's Club for having such a great event celebrating the art of students in Pamlico County. We were elated that Levi won first place. I will never forget his joy and excitement seeing the blue ribbon next to his piece.



Community Life (Gay Webster): Unfortunately, we will not be able to fill Easter bags at the March general meeting as some things we ordered have not come in yet so the Committee will have another day to do this! The Blood Drive was a success! We went 10 over our goal! That means that we impacted A TOTAL OF 111 LIVES! Thank you to Maryellen Bickel and Jennifer Walsh for all of your help.

LON (Marguerite Garrett): Ladies of the Neuse continues with Croaker Festival projects: fish trophies and hats. Anyone interested in being notified of workshop times, please contact Marguerite Garrett @ 249-2279 or mgarrett76@outlook.com. The workshops will take place at her house where we can walk away and leave projects in whatever stage they are in until the next time. You do not need special talents to work on any of our projects – come and have some creative crafting fun with us! We will have a workshop immediately after the March general meeting so hope you will stay and help get started on our Croaker Festival trophies. Please bring empty plastic laundry detergent containers that we will up cycle into this year's fish trophy.



Let's Read: Reading suggestion by Carol McAdoo: Horse by Geraldine Brooks. In 1850's Kentucky, an enslaved groom named Jarret forges a close bond with a thoroughbred foal named Lexington. In contemporary Washington, DC, Jess, a Smithsonian scientist, studies the skeleton of a racing stallion found in the archives, while an art historian searches for information on the Black horsemen pictured in a horse portrait of mysterious provenance. Based on the true story of one of America's greatest racehorses, this sweeping and suspensefully delivered novel jumps between time periods, disciplines, and unforgettable characters to express themes of love, art, race, and redemption.....and Pulitzer Prize winner Geraldine Brooks pulls it all together. **GOOD READ!**



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. For more information about the museum and this exhibit contact us at OrientalHistoryMuseum@gmail.com

Oriental United Methodist Church invites you to **Songs & Sweets on Friday, March 15 at 7pm.** Musicians from the OUMC choir and congregation show off their musical talents. Enjoy pie and ice cream. Donations are gratefully accepted and support local children in foster care.

St Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church presents its annual **Corned Beef and Cabbage Sit-Down Dinner on Saturday March 16 from 6-9pm.** Tickets are \$35 per adult (includes wine or beer), \$15 for children under 12. \$25 for take-out at the door. Tickets available at Nautical Wheelers & Village Hardware

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.