



OWC NEWSLETTER

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Oriental Woman's Club
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OWC Vision: Women Together Making a Difference
2023 Focus: Education & Community Commitment

2023 Officers

Co-Presidents Julie Wiegand & Ellen Blackmon
Vice President Olga Herman
Co-Secretaries Sharon Morgan & Jody Riddle
Treasurer Deborah Powers

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Message from Ellen

November has made its chilly entrance but gratefully the days will be warming up soon. This is the month for showing gratitude and thanks. Let's remember those closest to us and those far away. A friendly smile to a stranger goes a very long way. It might be the only positive thing that has happened to them that day.

We, Julie and I, are grateful for you the members of the Oriental Woman's Club who have consistently stepped up to help with the many events we have hosted this year. One more big one which will be the Fine Arts and Craft Show and then we can all celebrate at the Education Luncheon in December.

We have many positions that we need to fill to make this club function. Please contact Julie or me with any questions. The descriptions can be found in the Bylaws and Standing Rules on the website.

Best wishes for a very

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



November General Meeting – 11/7/23

Election of 2024 Officers:

President – Ellen Blackmon
Vice President – Olga Herman
Secretary – EC - Jody Riddle
Secretary – Gen Mtg – Elizabeth Buckman
Treasurer – To Be Determined

Our speaker for November's meeting will be Alex Adams with Lighthouse Shoal Oyster Co. Be ready to learn a bit of local oyster farming and enjoy samples after the meeting! We will have some raw and will steam some to try with all the fixings or straight up!! Support our local farmers!

Fine Arts & Crafts Show Saturday, 11/11, 9am-1pm

Be sure to come by the clubhouse, visit all the vendor booths, start your Christmas shopping, buy some baked goods and indulge in Cookies by the Pound. It should be a great morning to kick off the holiday season.

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

Nov 7 Annual General Meeting, 1 pm, Election of 2024 Officers

Nov 11 Fine Arts & Crafts Show, 9am-1pm

Nov 28 EC Meeting, 10:30 am

Dec 5 Christmas Potluck Luncheon, Installation of 2024 Officers, 11:30 am

Arts & Education (Carol Young & Maryellen Bickel):

The Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for December 5 at 11:30 am. It will be a Potluck Luncheon this year. We will have a place for donations to the Scholarship Fund. Our next committee meeting will be November 16 at 10:30 am.

Garden Club (Joyce DiPasquale & Sharon Gilbert):

The Garden Club Holiday Luncheon will be at the Chelsea Restaurant in New Bern on December 13th at 11:30 am. Members who are interested can bring a guest. There will be a gift exchange for those that would like to participate. There will more information sent out for signing up. The **November meeting date and time has been changed to November 28th at 1:00 pm.** For the meeting there will be a workshop for making/repairing ornaments for the Christmas trees for Town Hall and the Post office. **The next roadside clean-up** will be on November 29th at 10:00 am prior to the Spirit of Christmas Celebration. Attendance greatly appreciated to help support this community service project.

Garden Club (cont'd):

You drive by this lovely yard on your commute to New Bern and it always seems to catch your eye as you pass—no matter what time of year! With lush multi-colored azaleas lining the edges in the Spring to the current Fall decorations, the **Oriental Yard of the Month for November** goes to Teresa and Scott Freeman of 16165 Hwy. 55 in Stonewall. The Freeman's have lived at this residence for 11 years and have created a beautiful landscape with lush Camillas framing the front porch along with Vincas, Sedum, and Mandavillas of which are in full show at this time of year. To the left side of the house, a serene birding area has been created complete with bird bath and swing. Of course, Scott said, "I take no credit. I just cut the grass!" Keep up the beautiful work, Teresa! Your personal "Labor of Love" shows for all who pass regularly! Congratulations!





Let's Read: Reading suggestion by Carol McAdoo: Homecoming by Kate Morton

The author - born and raised in Australia - has written another family saga that begins with a shocking crime, the effects of which echo across continents and generations. Jess, a London based unemployed journalist, is summoned back to Sydney to help care for her beloved grandmother Nora. At Nora's home Jess discovers a true crime book chronicling a long buried police case. As Jess skims through its pages, she finds a shocking connection between her own family and the notorious event--a mystery never solved. The novel asks what we would do for those we love---how we protect those we love--and, what it means to come home. Great story!!!

Oriental is recognized as part of 'Tree City USA', and has been for the last 28 years. The designation, granted by the Arbor Day Foundation, means Oriental has a lot of trees lining their streets – somewhere near 1,000. Those trees shade the sidewalks, provide a nice view on your drive (or walk), and make for a healthier community all around.



It couldn't be accomplished without the volunteers of the Oriental Tree Board who plant, prune, and assess all those trees. Now, the Board is looking for a few new volunteers: They meet once a month and spend a few hours most weeks planting and pruning. You don't need to know about trees and you will learn much from the members. If interested, contact Town Hall 249-0555.

Arbor Day 2024 – April 26



Oriental's History Museum, Lucille Styron Truitt Artwork, September 16 through January is a special Fall Exhibit will showcase the museum's large collection of Lucille's artwork. Did you know she is self-taught and started painting back in the 60's? For over forty years she painted landscapes, fishing vessels, harbor scenes, and fishermen at work. Several of her pieces will also be for sale for the duration of the exhibit.

Town elections are comping up 11/7 for both the town board and mayor. Check out Town Dock for a list of candidates and their views on the future of Oriental.

Oriental's Thanksgiving morning bike ride is on for Thanksgiving 2023. Show up at the Town Dock 9 am on Thursday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving bike ride around Oriental.

The second weekend in December is when Oriental celebrates **Spirit of Christmas, December 8-9.** Luminaria line the streets of Oriental. Businesses host open houses to say thank you to the community. There's a live Nativity, several choirs performing Christmas favorites, a lighted (engineless) flotilla in the harbor, the lighting of the Star at town dock #1, a parade (2023 theme Christmas Around the World) along the main streets, the lighting of the Tree of Names and Lights in Lou Mac Park and the *Light Up Oriental* decorating contest for residents and businesses.

Touch a dragon for good luck.... Be out on Hodges Street on December 31 to ring in 2024 at the running of the **Oriental New Years' Eve Dragon**. There are two runnings – both starting and finishing at Hodges and South Water. The first run starts at 8pm, the second around 11:30pm and in recent years has had not one but two dragons as the **Chinese dragon** joins in on the late run. Bring pots, bring pans: make your own music for the dragon. After the end of that second dragon run, stick around the Hodges Street waterfront just a few minutes more: **at midnight, the Oriental Croaker will drop** at Town Dock to welcome in the New Year.



Oriental Woman's Club 2024 Budget

Revenue

Building Fund (Yoga)	1,500.00
Building Income (Rentals)	5,000.00
Contributions: Scholarship Fundraisers + Memorials	6,500.00
Member Dues	3,480.00
Special Events (Fundraisers)	12,454.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,000.00
Total Revenue	\$29,934.00

Expenses

Building Utilities	5,790.00
Building Insurance (wind & hail)	3,400.00
Building Maintenance (repairs & supplies)	1,900.00
Building Maintenance (Furniture & Fixtures)	700.00
Building Professional Fees & Lawn Enhancement	1,500.00
Directors & Officers Liability Insurance	2,394.00
Grants, Scholarships & Donations	7,500.00
Office, Administration & Advertising	1,750.00
Special Events: Fundraisers	4,600.00
ABC License	400.00
Total Expenses	\$29,934.00