



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

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September General Meeting - 9/5/23 Membership Drive

Bring a friend or two and introduce them to OWC. It's always nice to have visitors and possibly new members!!

Our September speaker will be Antoinette Boskey, District Administrator for Carteret, Craven and Pamlico Counties Guardian ad Litem (GAL) program. Guardian ad Litem (GAL) is a program where a trained community volunteer is paired with a judge appointed attorney to advocate for the best interests of children in the community. Ms. Boskey has many years of experience in this field as well as the non-profit sector both as a director of Neighborhood Revitalization for Habitat for Humanity of Craven County and volunteer positions with numerous organizations in Craven County.



Message from Ellen and Julie

September resumes our General Meetings and we have a busy one this time. September has traditionally been our recruiting meeting so if you have friends interested in the Oriental Woman's Club, please invite them to this meeting. To Sally Belangia and the volunteers who worked the Golf Tournament on August 26, a big Congratulations for a job well done!

We will be asking for a few members to form a Nominating Committee for our 2024 slate of officers. Please consider being an officer of the club. Many of us who have filled these roles and the roles of the different activity directors have done so for years and it is time for others to step up. As Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do some little, together we can do so much."

Upcoming events OWC is participating in and will need your help:

- Fay Bond Day, Friday September 29
- Ol' Front Porch Music Festival, Saturday October 7
- Fine Art and Craft Festival, Saturday November 11





Ellen Blackmon Co-President Oriental Woman’s Club, Dr. Donna Connell, Pamlico Christian School, Carla Anderson, PCHS, Christine Simon, PCHS, Julie Wiegand, Co-President Oriental Woman’s Club

Oriental Woman’s Club Mini–Recipients 2023-2024

Dr. Donna Connell, Pamlico Christian Academy submitted a request to purchase two Snap-Circuits kits for the grades K-6 which will be used in the STREAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, art, and music) program. This program will reach 130 students. The kits focus on energy sources and interactive circuit designs that will help students understand how electric circuits work and how to design them.

Carla Anderson teaches the Exceptional Children adaptive students at Pamlico County High School. This is a very diverse group of students with disabilities, ranging from eighth to twelfth grade, both verbal and non-verbal. From Seed to Table project will begin by constructing raised beds and culminate in growing the students’ own food and collaborating with the CTE classes.

Christine Simon will be teaching Human Anatomy and Physiology at Pamlico County High School. This is the first year the course is offered and Ms. Simon has requested funds to purchase a comprehensive and well–designed curriculum, Teachers Pay Teachers, to be used in the classroom.

Pictures from our golf tournament (sponsor signs & golfers)





September Yard of the Month was awarded to Ms. Sylvia Norman (Brantley's pie lady) at 507 Mildred, Oriental. She has an artfully arranged yard consisting of ground covers, numerous yard ornaments, ornamental grasses, a crepe myrtle and numerous other flowering plants.



OWC Calendar

Monthly Meetings at the Clubhouse:

Yoga – Last class 5/29 (**resumes 9/20**)

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

Sept 5 General Meeting, 1 pm

Sept 26 EC Meeting, 10:30 am

Oct 3 General Meeting, 1 pm, 2024 Slate of Officers Announced

Oct 24 EC Meeting, 10:30am, Approve 2024 budget

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

Arts & Education (Carol Young & Maryellen Bickel): Welcome Back! Thank you for all the school supplies. You can still bring items to the General Meetings. We will have a committee meeting on 9/21 at 10:30 am to set our calendar.

Garden Club (Joyce DiPasquale & Sharon Gilbert): Our next meeting will be September 19th at 10:30. We will be completing macrame plant holders. Priscilla will give us instructions for stenciling plant flower pots for the October meeting. The next road clean-up will be September 27th at 9:00 AM.



Let's Read: Reading suggestion by Carol McAdoo: The author has taken the real life story of Lady Tan Yunxian (1461-1554) who was a famous female doctor in Imperial China, and brought her to life in this historical fiction novel. Little was known about Lady Tan other than the case studies in her book Miscellaneous Records of a Female Doctor. She was born into an aristocratic family and lived a sheltered life within her family compound. She was feet bound and raised to marry and give birth to a son. After her mother's death, she was sent to live with her grandparents--both of which were doctors with great talent for healing. She was paired with Meiling--daughter of a midwife- and despite their friendship

was not proper based on their stations in life, they became as close as sisters always telling each other: no mud/no lotus--from adversity beauty can bloom. Forbidden to practice medicine after her marriage, she could not accept that male doctors would only treat women by talking through a curtain. She became a learned healer for women in spite of the teachings of Confucius-- an educated woman is a worthless woman. Lady Tan lived a way of life very different from our own--however--the importance of female friendship and support is one that has endured throughout the ages. Who would you include in your Circle of Women?



Oriental's History Museum Lucille Styron Truitt Artwork September 16 through January

Our 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. The exhibit opens on September 16 with a reception featuring her daughter, Sally Truitt Belangia, greeting visitors and answering questions about Lucille and her painting career. Also on sale will be three early prints by another well-known Oriental artist, Bob Pittman.

The reception is on opening day, Saturday, September 16 from 2 – 4 pm. Stop in to see the wide array of Lucille's prints, some never seen by the public before, and enjoy refreshments while you browse the exhibit and sale.

Oriental's History Museum is located at 802 Broad Street. Hours are: Friday 11 – 3pm and Saturday 1 - 4pm. The museum is always free with donations gladly accepted. For more information about this special exhibit of Lucille's work and the sale of artwork, as well as general information about the museum, contact us at: orientalhistorymuseum@gmail.com.