



# OWC NEWSLETTER

## April 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*



### 2024 Officers

President Ellen Blackmon  
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Co-Secretaries Jody Riddle & Marguerite Garrett  
Treasurer Liz Tooley

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### 2024 Calendar of Programs

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



The Chowder Cook-off was a very successful event, earning \$2,682 for our scholarship fund. Thanks to all our members (especially Julie and Bob Wiegand) who came out and worked so tirelessly to make this a great success. It was a great crowd, great weather and great results.

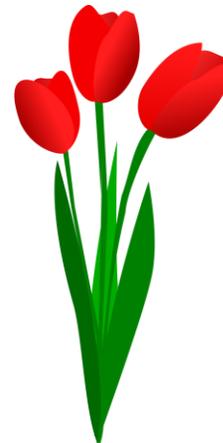
### Message from Ellen

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." Audrey Hepburn

This is such a lovely time to be in Pamlico County with all the blooming ornamental fruit trees, shrubs, daffodils and tulips, Wisteria and Carolina Jessamine. I would imagine we all have lots to do in our yards to get them looking their best. Let's also remember to keep an area for our pollinators who provide so much in return for a little nectar and maybe a sip or two of water.

I am so pleased to report that approximately 35 of our members participated in the Chowder Cook-off in various ways.

Please read through this newsletter as there is a lot of information from the Program Chairs concerning upcoming events. See you at the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 and hear the adventures of photojournalist Andrea Bruce.



## March 2024 Chowder Cook-off

I would like to recognize and give a huge thank you to Marguerite Garrett for single handily creating our awards for the 2024 Chowder Cook-off. Such a wonderful talent we have in the Woman's Club. We are very lucky and extremely appreciative. J. Wiegand

Pictures in order of lists below



### Restaurants

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gary's
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Barcos
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Yawls

### Panache Award

Yawls

### Home Chefs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sheriff's Office
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Zan's Taekwondo  
& Fire Dept.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Corps

### Aspiring Students

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pamlico Christian Academy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pamlico County High School  
(not pictured)

## 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

**Apr 2** General Mtg. 1 pm

**Apr 30** EC mtg., 10 am

**May 7** General Mtg. 1 pm

**May 28** EC Mtg. 10 am

**June 1** Luminary Launch

**June 4** Scholarship Pot Luck Luncheon, 11:30 am

**July 5-6** Croaker Festival

**Aug 24** Golf Tournament at Minnesott Country Club

**Arts & Education (Maryellen Bickel & Carol Young):** Our June luncheon is our scholarship celebration. We will need all hands on deck/everyone's help and attendance is needed. We will have sign-up sheets at the next meetings for food and setup/cleanup. Please plan to come and welcome these hard working students. Remember also that the schools have asked for our help in supplying extra clothing for the students in time of need. We will have clothing bins at all OWC meetings. Our next Ed/Arts meeting will be Thursday, April 25th. Please mark your calendar. Thanks.

**.Garden Program:** 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!!

We are pleased to announce the winner of the April Yard of the Month. Paul Kobiela's intricate landscape gardens are located at 15 Hudnell Lane in Oriental. He has created numerous contained beds that are planted with climbing roses, Heirloom Roses, Camellia's, Azaleas, numerous perennials, annuals, trees, and accent foliage. He has had a lifelong love of creating beautiful gardens and advised that this garden is an evolving work in progress. As Spring arrives his garden will be a magnificent colorful spectacle to enjoy throughout the four seasons. Congratulations Paul.



### April Yard of the Month

Paul Kobiela, 15 Hudnell Lane in Oriental

**Building Maintenance (Sally Farrell):** Recently the boardroom door was 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.

### Community Life (Gay Webster):

I would like to thank all of the Easter Fairies who came to my rescue! I got to the club and was surprised by so many helpers to fill the Easter bags for HeartWorks. "Many hands make work easy" We had the bags filled in no time! I was able to deliver them that day! Thank you everyone who helped! I was so pleased.



**LON (Marguerite Garrett):** There will be more cutting after the April general meeting. Please bring your favorite scissors. **We have enough plastic containers for the trophies so you may recycle any you may have left, thank you very much!** Marguerite will be scheduling a workshop for sewing and painting of the fish hats sometime during the beginning of April. Please let her know if you are interested in helping so she can add you to the contact list and keep you informed of those workshops as they are scheduled. You can email or call her with that info. mgarrett76@outlook.com or 252-249-2279



**Let's Read:** Reading suggestion by Carol McAdoo:  
The First Ladies Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

The daughter of formerly enslaved parents, Mary McLeod Bethune, became an educator, a businesswoman, and a Civil Rights activist. Her courage and success caught the attention of a young Eleanor Roosevelt. The two forged a friendship based on a shared passion for education and women's rights. This historical novel dramatizes the personal relationship between the two women--a bond that would influence the First Lady's political agenda and open doors at the capital for Bethunes. They shared a love for justice and equality that changed the course of our nation. Great read during Women's History Month!



**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](mailto:OrientalHistoryMuseum@gmail.com)

**The Craven – Pamlico Regional Library Book / Tech Mobile** is in Oriental Friday, April 5, from 10a – noon at the Piggly Wiggly.

**Memorial services for Melinda Penkava-Smith** will be held in Lou Mac Park, Saturday April 6 at 11am. Melinda passed in November. She was a radio DJ, NPR reporter, and co-founder of TownDock.net.

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

Friday April 12, noon till 6pm – admission \$10.00 (includes rest of weekend)

Saturday April 13, 10am till 6pm – admission \$10.00 (includes rest of weekend)

Sunday April 14, 10am till 3pm – admission \$5.00

**April 23 & 25, 5:30 – 7:30pm, Women 16 and up are invited to register for “Empowerment Self-Defense for Women”** at Pamlico County Community College. Fee is \$25 for both classes. **Pre-registration is required** – call Denise at 252-249-1851 x 3113 or email: [dmcdermott@pamlicocc.edu](mailto:dmcdermott@pamlicocc.edu). For specific questions about the class, contact Darla at 614-327-7209, [darlabolon@gmail.com](mailto:darlabolon@gmail.com).

Start your weekend with **live music at The Red Rooster Pavilion. Friday, April 5, The Mad Fiddler** plays on the Bantam Stage. Music starts at 7pm.

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**April 6 at 7:30pm the Pamlico Community Band performs their Spring Concert at The Old Theater.**

**Oriental’s 2024 Town Wide Yard Sale is Saturday, May 4.** Lots of one-of-a-kind finds among the households and yards. Trying to downsize? The yard sale can help you find new things for your home and a new home for your things. Sales start at 7am. If you’d like to be included, call Tourism Board Chair Marsha Paplham at 252-675-5142.

**The Hope Regala is May 10 & 11, 2024.** A BBQ dinner, a \$10k Golden Raffle Ticket Drawing, and a Live & Silent Auction – all to benefit the mission of Hope Clinic in Pamlico County.

- **Friday night BBQ** with live music.
- **The Saturday Night Regala** features catered dinner under the big tent at River Dunes, a live and silent auction, and live entertainment.
- There’s also the **\$10k Golden Raffle**. Every ticket provides a 1 in 200 chance of winning \$10K. If you buy the limit of 3 tickets, that’s a 1 in 67 chance. [Get your tickets here.](#)