



OWC NEWSLETTER

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Serving Pamlico County Since 1916
OWC Vision: Women Together Making a Difference
2023 Focus: Education & Community Commitment



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Message from Julie and Ellen

Ladies, as we are now in Spring, please see if any of the below quotes resonate with you. Spring is a time for renewal and a perfect time to make some changes within ourselves.

Sean Higgins begins a quote with “Every day the clock resets.”

The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his future by merely adjusting his attitude. Oprah.

“Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be.” Unknown.

Thanks to all who helped with the successful Chowder Cook-Off. We are pleased with the turnout despite the less than ideal weather.

The April General Meeting will focus on filling Easter bags for the children at HeartWorks. We will have an update from Bob Fuller, a member of the Friends of the Library, about the final phase of needed funding for the new standalone library.

Please come out to the Luminary Launch and take part in a beautiful and serene evening at the wildlife ramp on Saturday April 1, 2023, 7-9pm. Rain date Sunday, April 2, 2023.

Welcome New Members

Jody Riddle
 Meredith Bailey
 Maryellen Bickel
 Irma Bond
 Robin Warfield
 Alice Flannigan
 Carol Flood
 Donna Falquero
 Ann Marie Wolf

We are glad to have you as members and look forward to working with you as the OWC strives to continue community work and scholarship donations to students.

April General Meeting – 4/4/23, 1pm

Home Life Easter Bag Preparation
 for HeartWorks

Friends of the Library update by Bob Fuller on
 new Library

Please bring canned goods for our ongoing
 project this year of collecting food for PCFLO.



2023 Chowder Cook-off

Our Chowder Cook-off was held at the Oriental Marina Inn under gray skies, a little windy and misty at times. This did not stop an energetic crowd wanting to support the charitable work of the Oriental Woman's Club. Emcee Sally Belangia, OWC member, Oriental Mayor and Oriental Rotary Club President welcomed the crowd and introduced the participants. The restaurants entered were Yawl's Cafe, Toucan Grill, and Gary's Down East Seafood. Home Chefs were Light House Shoal Oyster Co., Zan's Taekwondo, Youth Navigating Toward Opportunity (YNTO), Salty Bob's Famous Clam Chowder, Chowder de Mariscos, and East End Chowder.



Panache-Yawl's Café



**1st Place Restaurant-Gary's
Downeast Seafood**



**1st Place Home Chef-Youth Navigating
Toward Opportunity**



**2nd Place Restaurant
Toucan Grill**



**3rd Place Restaurant
Yawl's Café**



**2nd Place Home Chef
Zan's Taekwondo**



**3rd Place Home Chef
Salty Bob's Famous Clam Chowder**

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

April 1 Luminary Launch, 7-9 pm, Wildlife Ramp

April 4 General Meeting, 1 pm, Easter Bag Preparation

April 5 Road Cleanup, 10 am, Town & Country lot

April 25 EC Meeting, 10:30 am

May 2 General Meeting, 1 pm, Garden Club speaker

May 6 GC Plant Exchange

May 30 EC Meeting, 10:30 am

Memorial Service for Bob Parker:

I have scheduled Bob's memorial service to be held at **Lou Mac Park on June 10 at 10:30 AM**. If it rains the service will be at The Oriental United Methodist Church.

The celebration of life will be held at our home after the service. The address is 210 Blackwell Point Loop Road in Oriental.

Peace,
Linda Parker

LON (Marguerite Garrett):

The Luminary Launch has happened! A report will be in the next newsletter. Next up is Croaker Festival trophies and fish hats which are under way. There will **NOT** be an April evening meeting. Instead, I will be putting out notice to LON members and those who have expressed interest in working on hats, the times to come and work in my work room. Please, if you want to be on that mailing list, let me know:

mgarrett76@outlook.com.

Garden Club (Joyce DiPasquale & Sharon Gilbert):

There will be a Road Clean-up Wednesday, April 5th. Meet at the old Town and Country parking lot at 10 am. Contact Sally Farrell with questions.

Choosing a lovely Yard of the Month in early spring is not an easy task, but the yard of Rita Fujimagari in Arlington Place is truly beautiful in all seasons. An artist and member of the North Carolina Watercolor Society, Rita has created a space which includes layering evergreens of varying colors and textures, Japanese maples with various colored leaves, bark, and shapes, hostas, and perennials to brighten the scene. Accents include rock cairns, stone Japanese lanterns, and a curving drainage area lined with river rocks.

When Rita and her husband Michael moved to 56 Wood Duck Lane, Arlington Place, Oriental in 2016, there were only a few base plants on the property, which backs up to Mill Creek. In the intervening years she has added plants such as a weeping redbud and an Okame cherry tree for early spring color, magnolias, gardenias, and irises out toward the entrance to her property, an anise tree, two kinds of mahonias—Soft Caress and Leather-leaf-and Knock-out roses in a bed directly in front of her home. Her secret, she says, is “to put a plant where it needs to be,” so it isn't necessary to prune and shape it to control it. A jade bush in a bed near some lantanas “likes to be big and happy,” she says. Her fenced backyard where her numerous dogs can romp has a border of perennials such as butterfly weed to attract butterflies and a Confederate jasmine vine trained to climb a pine tree. Her love of plants is obvious, not only in the enthusiasm with which she explains and touches each plant, but in the results of her tireless labor—a living work of art.





Let's Read: Reading suggestion by Carol McAdoo:

The Postmistress Sarah Blake

Experience WWII in 1940 through the eyes of two very different women. Iris James is the Postmistress in coastal Franklin, MA. She knows more about the townspeople than she will ever say and believes her job is to deliver secrets. Then one day she slips a letter in her pocket. Meanwhile, Frankie Baird broadcasts from overseas with Edward R. Morrow. Her dispatches beg listeners to pay heed as London is nightly bombed. Most of the people of Franklin think the war can't touch them. Both Iris and Frankie know better. The novel is a tale of two worlds--one shattered by violence, the other willfully naive---and of two women whose job is to deliver the news. A beautifully written tale of lost innocence.....of how we bear the fact that war is going on at the same time ordinary lives continue.



Oriental History Museum History and Photography Exhibit

How many homes in Oriental are 100 years old? And the answer is: about fifty houses that were built by 1920 are still standing and occupied. This exhibit runs through mid-May.

The Craven – Pamlico Regional Library Book Tech Mobile is in Oriental **Apr 8, from 10am – noon** at the Piggly Wiggly, and 2-4pm at the Town Hall parking lot.

The 2023 Oriental Boat Show — The Best Small Town Boat Show in America —is **April 14-16**. This 3-day Friday-Saturday-Sunday show is organized by the Oriental Rotary Club and is the place to see boats and gear for boats. **Friday April 14**, noon til 6p – admission \$5.00, **Saturday April 15**, 10a til 6p – admission \$5.00 **Sunday April 16**, 10a til 3p – admission \$5.00.

Hazardous Waste Disposal at the Courthouse in Bayboro **April 15, 9 am to 1 pm**.

Nautical Wheelers' **April Wine Tasting Weekend** is set for Friday, **April 21**, from 5-7pm in **New Bern** and Saturday, **April 22** at 2 & 3pm in **Oriental** with Stephanie Hall of Tryon Distributing.



The Cycle NC 2023 Coastal Ride returns to Oriental April 28 – 30. The Cycle NC 2023 Coastal Ride is three days of camping and cycling in and around Oriental. Hundreds of cyclists visit Oriental to go on rides ranging from 15 to 100 miles and spend time in the town.



The Hope Regala is May 5 & 6, 2023. 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. There are special weekend packages for boats harbored at River Dunes.

- **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.

Public Shred Event Saturday, May 6, 9 am-noon at Pamlico County Courthouse, Bayboro (back parking lot).

Oriental's 2023 Town Wide Yard Sale is Saturday, May 6. If you'd like to be included, call Tourism Board Chair, Marsha Paplham at 252-675-5142.