



# OWC NEWSLETTER

## December 2022

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*Serving Pamlico County Since 1916*

*OWC Vision: Women Together Making a Difference*  
*2022 Focus: Education & Community Commitment*



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### Message from Deborah

This is my last newsletter message as President of the OWC. The last 2 1/2 years have been an incredible experience and I want to thank all of you for allowing me to have this journey. It has been a growing experience that was both inspiring and educational. I will be remaining on the board as Treasurer for the coming year.

Next up is our board installation of officers. Carol Herman will be swearing in the new officers for 2023.

Merry Christmas/Happy Hanukkah and happy holidays to all. This is a magical time of the year. I love the anticipation that comes with the holidays. It is the feeling that comes from Christmas music and the decorations both inside and outside your home, getting a special gift for those on your list and of course watching those Hallmark Christmas movies. I hope each and every one of you enjoy this most festive time of year and those who are close to your heart. Make memories, take pictures and eat those cookies! During this busy time of year I hope we all can stop for a minute or two and instead of being so stressed realize how blessed we are. The December luncheon on the 6th gives us an opportunity to gather with friends and neighbors for the pure social enjoyment.

As we head into the New Year, please consider how you might want to serve in some capacity in the club. There are numerous opportunities from behind-the-scenes volunteers or active chairs of the board positions. It takes all of us working together to make the club a success. We are always on the lookout for new recruits and fresh ideas.

I would like to wish the new board an amazing year. I hope that you will have a fun year filled with rich experiences.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

### December General Meeting – 12/6/22

#### December Christmas Luncheon

December 6, 11:30 am – OWC clubhouse  
Installation of 2023 Officers

**2023 Dues of \$60, payable to OWC, are due to Jean Chastang by the end of January.**



**Congratulations to the new Commodore of SCOO, OWC member Carol Glorioso!**



## OWC Calendar

### Monthly Meetings at the Clubhouse:

**Yoga** – Mon & Wed, 8:30 am

**Arts Program** meets third Thursday at 1 PM

**Education Program** meets third Thursday at 1 PM

**Home Life Program** meetings as scheduled in advance

**Garden Club** meets third Tuesday at 9 AM

**LON** meets as scheduled

**Dec 6** Christmas Luncheon, 11:30 am & Installation of 2023 Officers

**Dec. 14** Garden Club Christmas Lunch at The Chelsea in New Bern, 11:30 am

**Dec 27** EC meeting, 10:30 am – joint 2022 & 2023 officers, program chairs & activity managers

**Jan 3** General Meeting, 1 pm

### **LON (Ellen Blackmon):**

Ladies of the Neuse Fine Art and Craft Event was a success. We had thirteen vendors and tables full of Cookies by the Pound, baked goods and edibles. The community showed their support by purchases over \$350 in Cookies by the Pound and almost \$800 in baked goods and edibles. Rent of the vendor tables brought in \$545. Expenses were three weekly ads in the Pamlico News. Thanks to all who set up and cleaned up, manned the three hour shifts at the event and to the bakers and preserve/jelly, etc. makers!



### **Garden Club (Laura Patterson & Priscilla Seals):**

Many thanks to Joyce DiPasquale and Sharon Gilbert for agreeing to co-chair Garden Club next year. The “leadership hat” sure looks good on them!



Garden Club’s annual **Christmas luncheon** will be at **11:30 am Wednesday, December 14th** at The Chelsea in New Bern. To be a part of the much fun and much anticipated gift swap (and steal), bring a wrapped gift, valued \$20 or less, possibly garden related. Also, make sure you let Anne Parker know your choice of entree. Cost is \$25, payable with cash or check made out to The Chelsea, and brought to the restaurant.

The **November 2022 Yard of the Month** was awarded to Diane and Bill Ennett at 310 Whittaker Point Rd., Oriental. Their lovely Impatiens caught our attention first. They took out a tree in the middle of their yard and started a new area that is a focal point. The yard includes Camellias, Roses, Lantanas, Crepe Myrtle, and various grasses. They also have many accent ceramic pieces to add to the landscape. They moved to Oriental in Feb. of this year from Cedar Point NC after selling their business. Diane and Bill have visited Oriental on previous Dragon New Year’s Day celebrations. They are enjoying the quiet town and various activities that Oriental has provided.







**Let's Read:** Reading suggestion by Carol McAdoo:  
Skipping Christmas John Grisham

Imagine a year without Christmas: no crowded malls, no corny office parties, no fruitcakes, no unwanted presents. From the master of legal thrillers comes the story of what Luther and Nora Krank have in mind when they decide that they will skip the holiday altogether--the only house on Hemlock Street without a rooftop Frosty--no hosting their annual Christmas Eve bash--No TREE. Instead, on December 25 they will be setting sail on a Caribbean Cruise. However, skipping Christmas brings consequences and isn't as easy as imagined. This tale offers a hilarious look at the chaos and frenzy that have become part of our holiday traditions.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



**Oriental History Museum Special Exhibit:**

A new exhibit exploring the long history of lighthouse lore in our area and of the seven lighthouses from Corolla down to Oak Island along the NC coast begins **September 16 and runs through January 2023.**

**Pamlico Musical Society welcomes Masters of Soul to the Old Theater Thursday, December 8 @ 7:30pm.** Tickets to Masters of Soul are \$25 and are available in Oriental at Nautical Wheelers, 411 Broad Street, and online at [www.pamlicomusic.org](http://www.pamlicomusic.org).

**The second weekend in December is when Oriental celebrates Spirit of Christmas. This year, it's Friday and Saturday, December 9-10.**

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 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.

**Oriental's decorating contest for the Spirit of Christmas runs throughout December, but is judged Monday, Dec 5, 2022.** This year, the Oriental Woman's Club is in charge of the contest.

Winners will be announced at the Lighting of the Star, Friday night, December 9.

There are winners in six categories, for both businesses and residents:

- Nauti-est (most nautical)
- Griswold (best lights)
- Reason for the Season (best nativity)
- Most Inflated (best inflatables)
- Most Whimsical

There will also be awards for Best Overall

- Most Beautiful Home
- Best Decorated Business

**Help light up the streets of Oriental this year** by helping with one of the following luminaria activities:

- **Bag Folding** at the Toucan, Dec 6 at 4:30pm with holiday music & cash bar
- **Bag Assembly & distribution.** Meet at Station 19 Firehouse, Dec 9 at 1pm. No candles this year – luminaries are battery powered. Bring a trailer if you have one to load and distribute lights.
- **Luminary Pick Up,** Dec 11 at 8am – Four volunteers are needed to pick up luminaries and bring them to Station 19.
- **Luminary Pack Up,** Dec 11 at 1pm – Volunteers pack away wooden blocks and tea lights for the next year. Also at Station 19.

Both the Toucan and the Red Rooster will have holiday music and a cash bar. Most activities take about an hour. Volunteer form at Town Dock under What's Happening.

