



OWC NEWSLETTER

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*OWC Theme: Women Together Making a Difference
Goal: Focus OWC activities to attract new members,
retain existing members, and meet needs of Pamlico County.*

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February Program:

Marlene Miller & Sharon Morgan will share some facts concerning our clubhouse and its rental.

Newsletter Deadline: If you have something you want to put in the newsletter, please let me know by the last Thursday of the month. As OWC takes on a new look, I would encourage the chairmen of all the programs to keep us all informed of your activities and plans.

Jean Chastang, chastang45@gmail.com

**Thank you to today's
Hostesses:**
Sally Farrell, Chairman
Deborah Powers
Suzanne Jantzen



Message from Elizabeth & Marlene

Happy Valentine's Day! We hope to see signs of SPRING during February with the blooming of daffodils, forsythia, and flowering trees.

PROGRAM AREAS. Every member is urged to become an active participant in at least one of the 5 program areas: Arts, Education, Garden Club, Home Life and Ladies of the Neuse. There will be signup sheets at the February Meeting for you to indicate your interests.

PROGRESS REPORT. We have made huge strides in the revitalization of our Woman's Club! New members and returning former member are signs of confidence in the possibility of change. We now have 62 members and at least 20 active leaders in charge of something! In addition to the 15 or so members of the Steering Committee working to redefine the way things are done in this club, 10 members volunteered to help organize the Chowder Cook-off on March 17. This event will be our first fundraiser and there will be an opportunity for every member to help in some way. Special appreciation goes to Deb Powers, a new member in 2016, who volunteered to be Assistant to Event Coordinator, Sally Belangia. Experienced members in charge of various parts of the Chowder Cook-off will each have a newer member as Assistant. This on-the job training will bring new members into the "in group" of people who know from experience just how this Fundraiser works. More about the Chowder Cook-off at the February 6 meeting. The goal: No more in-group/outgroup. No more same people doing all the work. All members feeling involved, recognized, and important. "Women Together; Making a Difference!"

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OWC Calendar

Yoga – Monday & Wednesday, 8:30 am at the clubhouse
 Bridge – Monday, 1 pm at the clubhouse
 Feb 6 OWC General Meeting, 1 PM
 Feb 13 Steering Committee Meeting/EC, 10 AM
 Feb 20 GC Pruning Workshop at Harbourside, 10 AM
 Feb 20 LON Meeting, 6:30 PM
 Mar 6 OWC General Meeting, 1 PM
 Mar 13 Steering Committee Meeting/EC, 10 AM
 Mar 16 Road Cleanup
 Mar 17 Chowder Cook-off, 11AM-2PM, Marina Courtyard



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Arts: Just a reminder that on Sunday January 28th we will be hosting our annual student Arts Festival and Artfest events. Join us from noon to 3pm as we celebrate the talents of our students and special needs individuals. Light refreshments will be served. Arts Committee meeting will be held immediately after the Feb 6th general meeting. We will be taking down the student exhibit and discussing our next activities and future meeting times.

Building Maintenance: Thanks to Lynne Rousseau for serving as Monday Girl in February. Sharon Morgan will serve in March.

Education: Committee meetings will be the 3rd Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the clubhouse. All members are invited to join us at any meeting. We will be collecting school supplies throughout the year. A box will be out during every meeting so please pick up supplies and bring them with you to the next meeting.

We will be supporting Fred A. Anderson Elementary School by joining the retired teachers association in a national "Reading Buddies" program. There will be training for this, however, it is not too late to call Kathy Kolan at 301-655-7795 if you are interested. The program is for reading fluency, not to teach reading.

Pamlico County Public Schools is in need of volunteers to be a surrogate parent for special education students. The name of this is misleading. The volunteer is asked to work as an advocate for special education students for educational purposes only. The requirement has nothing to do with "parenting" this child nor having them live with you. If you are interested in more information about this, please call Kathy Kolan at 301-655-7795.

Fundraising: March 17 is our Chowder Cook-off, Gate opens at 11 AM, Tasting 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM followed by awards, Music by Harbor Sounds. Tickets are \$10 at the Gate (Marina Courtyard/Toucan Grill). Come taste the Chowder and vote for your favorite.





Garden Club: February 20 meeting at Harbourside Nursery for a Pruning Workshop. Meet there at 10 am. Space is limited so contact Betsy Hughes if you plan to attend. **March 16** is a road cleanup, contact Anne Parker if you can help. On **March 22** we will be headed to Raleigh Art Museum for "Art in Bloom" where floral interpretations of art in the Museum's permanent collection are featured. Tickets available online Jan 26, \$18. We will carpool from OWC and hope to have lunch at the museum restaurant, Iris.

Hostesses: According to the results from the recent survey, a majority of members would like to continue having snacks provided at the monthly meetings. A list will be circulated during the February meeting so that members will be able to sign up for one of these dates. Please check your calendars for your availability for the following dates: March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th, Sept 4th, Oct 2nd, Nov 6th, Dec 4th and Jan 8th. For open slots we will assign members. Thank you in advance. Barbara and Sally

LET'S READ. With a new look for OWC-there's a new column for the Newsletter. Have you read a good book lately and want to share it with others? Send title, author, and a brief overview to Carol McAdoo (mcadoorc@gmail.com).

This month's suggested reading is from Carol. The Forest Lover by Susan Vreeland. The author has written a novel of a spirited, courageous, inspired Canadian artist - Emily Carr (1871-1945) - driven by a mission to capture on canvas the starkly fierce totem poles carved by the Indian tribes of British Columbia. Emily endured the disapproval of her family and society until late in her life. When she ventured into isolated tribal villages and befriended the natives, braving physical discomfort and real danger, she was accused of "unwholesome socializing with primitives". The author provides historical background with the same detail that she brings to the Victorian culture that challenged Carr's pioneering efforts.

Oriental's History Museum

New Exhibit: Wildlife in Pamlico County

Opens February 4, 1pm and runs through mid-April.

Friends of the Pamlico County Library holds its winter book sale on Saturday, February 10. Choose from a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction. Prices are fifty cents for paperbacks and one dollar for hardbacks. Friends of the Library helps support many library programs, assists in building up the book and DVD collections, and helps finance renovations. All proceeds from the book sale go directly to the library. **Book sale hours on Saturday February 10 are 9 am to 2 pm.** The sale will continue the following Monday through Wednesday, February 12-14, during regular library hours. On Tuesday and Wednesday there will be a bag sale further reducing the prices. For more info, call the library at 745-3515. Donations of books are greatly appreciated.

The 22nd **Wildlife Arts Festival** is on **February 10** at Arts of the Pamlico, 150 West Main St., Washington, NC. Beautiful pictures of wildlife will be on display.

Upcoming movies in the Friday Flicks series, Kinky Boots February 16, **Waking Ned Devine** – March 16 , **As Good As It Gets** – April 13. Admission is \$6 & includes free popcorn. Old Theater Member discount is \$1. All proceeds go to support The Old Theater, a non-profit organization. Box Office opens at 6:30p. Doors open at 7p. **Show starts at 7:30p.**

Wilmington Azalea Festival is **April 11-15.** A community celebration includes live entertainment, parade and juried art show and sale. Visit their website for details.

Oriental Tour of Homes – Saturday, April 21 hosted by the Oriental History Museum and St. Thomas Episcopal Church Women. Tickets available in March.