



OWC NEWSLETTER

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Oriental Woman's Club
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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

Irish Blessing

May your pockets be heavy
And your heart be light.
May good luck pursue you
Each morning and night.

March brings all things green such as fresh spring leaves and Saint Patrick's Day (lots of folks wear something green on that day regardless if they are Irish). With the green theme, we thought of money and financial health. For some families, one partner handles all the bill paying and passwords, and takes care of the investments, etc. If life throws you for a loop, do you know what to do? Our March speakers are Lori Silverthorn and Ashton Stevenson from the State Employees Credit Union. They will discuss how to keep your finances safe from fraud, what the different trusts are, the need for a power of attorney and other areas of interest.

March is also Women's History Month. Challenge yourself to find out something new about a club member.

2023 Dues of \$60

If you have not paid your 2023 dues of \$60, NOW is the time in order to remain on our roster for 2023. Please get a check to Jean Chastang as soon as possible so we can finalize our roster and other documents. Non-payment will remove you from our roster & email groups.

**You can mail if necessary to OWC, PO Box 515, Oriental or bring a check to the March general meeting.
Thank you.**

March General Meeting – 3/7/23

Financial Check-up with Lori Silverthorn and Ashton Stevenson from the State Employees Credit Union.

Also, please support a Home Life activity and bring non-perishable goods for PCFLO to the March general meeting.

Reminder: Chowder Cook-off is scheduled for March 18, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. This is a scholarship fundraiser, so pass the word and support this activity.



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 10:30 AM

LON meets as scheduled

Mar 7 General Meeting, 1 pm

Mar 18 Chowder Cook-off, 11:30am – 1:30pm

Mar 28 EC Meeting, 10:30 am

April 1 Luminary Launch, 7-9 pm

April 4 General Meeting, 1 pm, Easter Bag Preparation

April 21 Garden Club goes to Sylvan Bird Park

April 25 EC Meeting, 10:30 am

Hostess Committee (Gay Webster):

We are still looking for hostesses for the general meeting in May. Please contact Gay Webster, gaybird@embarqmail.com if you can help.

LON (Marguerite Garrett):

We will be meeting March 21 at the OWC building, 6:30 p.m. Daylight Savings will have made our days longer so coming out at night should be better. Wear paint clothes as we will be painting Croaker trophies. The Luminary Launch is taking place on April 1st, 2023 and we will need a team at Lou Mac Park that evening at 6 p.m. to assemble the luminaries and hang lanterns. If you are interested in participating, please let Marguerite (mgarrett76@outlook.com) know.



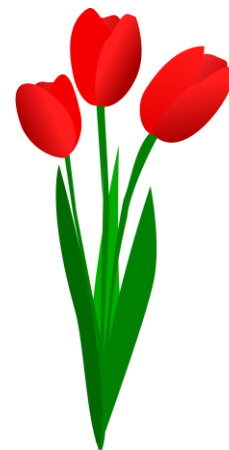
We also continue to make croaker fish hats and I would invite all sewers to join us (we can set up special times to do this in my “craft room”). Please contact me if you are interested in helping with hats.

Garden Club (Joyce DiPasquale & Sharon Gilbert):

The Garden Club enjoyed an informative presentation about butterflies and plants that attract butterflies from our guests Lynn Hines and Evie Henderson at our February meeting. A special thank you to Donna Crothers for arranging the presentation.



The first Garden Club community project will be a road clean up that is planned for April 5th starting at 10 am and a Woman’s Club grounds clean-up for our meeting on April 18th starting at 10:30 am. **April will be our first Yard of the Month selection.** A description and photo will be shared with The Pamlico News and the Woman’s Club April newsletter. The Garden Club plans for our March meeting on the 21st to visit the **Sylvan Heights Bird Park**. Prior to visiting the park we plan to have a luncheon at La Casetta Italian Restaurant. We will meet at the club for carpooling with plans to leave at 9:30 am. On April 6th from 3-5 pm the Garden Club we will be having a **Wine and Design paint party** at the Woman’s Club location. After March 15th if there are any seats still available it will be opened to all Woman’s Club members.





Let's Read: Reading suggestion by Carol McAdoo:
The Rose Code by Kate Quinn

The story follows three women brought together by WWII at Bletchley Park (secret code breaking unit) in England.

-Osla: London debutante who is a German translator

-Mab: self-made woman who is very skillful at working the code breaking machines

-Beth: local spinster, solver of puzzles who is a cryptanalyst. The losses of war and the pressures of secrecy of their work breaks down their relationship. They are reunited by a mysterious encrypted letter - the key to which lies buried in the betrayal that destroyed their close friendship and left one of them in a mental asylum. A traitor has emerged from their shared past and they must crack one last code together. GOOD READ!



Join Yoga instructor Jessie Aldridge on March 8 and 22 for Chair Yoga at the Library! Chair Yoga is a fun and relaxing program that is safe for beginners and is designed around accessibility. Yoga can help with pain, inflammation, overall health, and decreases stress. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Pamlico Library. **Advanced registration for this event is recommended by calling the Library at 745-3515.**

Prime Time Programs:

- March 8, 10 am to Noon– Creative Card making Class, Methodist Church
- March 14 9am & 10:30am- CPR/Defibrillation Training – Fire Station 19 Registration required Email director@primtimepamlico.org.
- March 21 – Game Day 2-4 pm, Methodist Church. RSVP call 252-675-0909.

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. If you want to know more about all the historic buildings in town stop by the museum and pick up one of our three complimentary walking tour brochures. For more information about the museum and this exhibit contact us at:

orientalhistorymuseum@gmail.com

Pamlico Community College's Cultural & Life Enrichment Program for Winter 2023:

- **Preparation for Spring Gardens:** Mondays, Feb 27 – April 3, 5-8p, \$70
- **Microsoft Excel** Thursdays, March 9 – April 13, 1-4p, \$70
- **Basic Computers for Seniors** Tuesdays or Thursday Sessions, March 21 – Aug 10, 9 – 12p, Free for 65 and over
- **Container Gardening** Mondays, Apr 17 – May 15, 5-8p, \$70
- **Smartphones and Tablets: Android** Thursdays, Apr 20 – May 4, 1-4p, \$70

To register, or if you would like more information about current course offerings, contact Denise McDermott at PCC's Cultural & Life Enrichment Program at 252-249-1851 Ext. 3113 or email dmcdermott@pamlicocc.edu.

The Annual Dragon Burn, hosted by the Pamlico Arts Council, is Saturday, March 25.

This is a ticketed event and membership drive. \$25 for individuals, or \$50 gets you and your family in the gate and signed as a member for the Pamlico County Arts Council.

The 2023 PAWS Pet Parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 25.

It is the 16th annual celebration of the canines in Oriental. The parade sets out on the streets near Lou Mac Park at 11am. Dogs and their humans can **register from 10-11a** that morning at the Lou Mac Park staging area.