



OWC NEWSLETTER

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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

Daffodils are popping up everywhere and the Bradford pear trees are dropping their white blooms (oh, and the pollen!). Spring is the season for renewal and growth - we look forward to all that it offers. In addition to “wearing of the green” and the arrival of Saint Patrick's Day March is also Women's History Month, an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society.

The Chowder Cook-off is coming up March 19 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. This is the first fundraiser of the year. We still need a few more volunteers. Your help would be greatly appreciated. This event should be fun for the family. Hope to see everyone there.

We are planning more fundraising events this year to help build up our funds for the missing years that we were not able to have any events.

It is with great pride that we increased both the Hargrove and Cathers scholarships to \$3,000 each beginning this school year, 2021-2022.

To quote Helen Keller “alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” I am proud of each clubwoman and the difference that you are empowering. In closing, always remember that the enthusiasm moves the world so go forth enthusiastically and have fun Empowering the Heart and Make a Difference!

Best Regards
Deborah

March General Meeting – 3/1/22

Deborah Favinger, a member from Craven Literacy Council will speak how this organization serves Craven and Pamlico counties. The Director of the Council will also speak. Here is the link if you would like to check them out prior to our meeting.

<https://www.cravenliteracy.org>

Representatives from Neuse Neighborhood Network will also speak briefly about their program.

Chowder Cook-off

March 19 Oriental Marina Courtyard
11:30 am -1:30 pm
\$10 admission at the gate
Taste and vote your favorite
Some bakers are still needed for the bake sale table. Sign-up sheets will be available.



Music by Hoff & Finch.

OWC Calendar

Monthly Meetings at the Clubhouse:

Yoga – Monday & Wednesday, 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 **second Tuesday at 10 AM**

(NEW DAY & TIME!)

March 1 General Meeting, 1 pm

March 19 Chowder Cook-off, Oriental Marina Courtyard

March 29 EC Meeting

April 5 General Meeting, 1 pm

April 2 Shine a Light, Lou Mac Park, 7-9 pm

April 26 EC Meeting

Welcome New 2022 Members:

Donna Crothers – joined in February

Building Maintenance (Sally Farrell):

There will be sign-up sheets for Monday Girls and to help on a spring cleaning of the building. Please help us maintain our building.

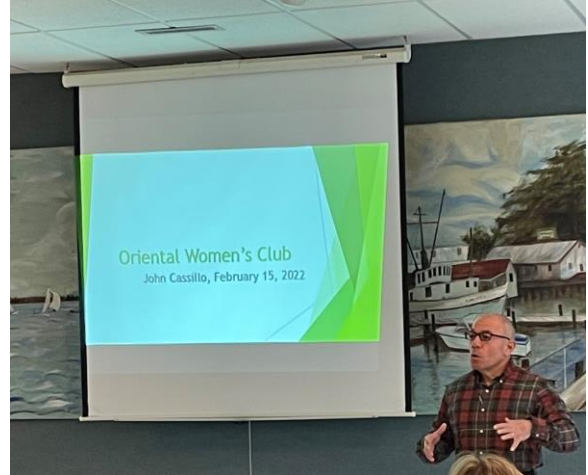
LON (Ellen Blackmon):

LON will be trying out a new meeting time to accommodate all members. We will alternate morning and night meetings on a monthly or as needed basis. We will now meet the second Tuesday of the month as the building is in use on the third Tuesday in the morning. **Our next meeting will be Tuesday March 8, 2022 at 10 am at the clubhouse.** We will be discussing the November fundraising event. Any questions can be directed to Ellen Blackmon, Chair, at 252-61-2820.

Coming in April: Thanks to Marguerite Garrett, LON is organizing an event, Shine a Light, to be held at Lou Mac Park on **April 2, 7-9 pm** where the public can purchase lanterns/lanterns to be released into the river. Details will be revealed at our March general meeting.

Garden Club (Laura Patterson & Priscilla Seals):

For those of you who were unable to attend our February meeting, we had an **excellent** presentation by Master Gardener John Cassillo. Thanks to Nancy McGruther for connecting him with our group. He has invited us to come to his beautiful property later in the spring, so we are hoping to set that up.



Airlie Gardens Update:

We still have a couple of slots for the Airlie Gardens Guided Tour in Wilmington on March 15. Please go ahead and make your reservation (cost is \$9) online (airliegardens.org) so we know how many will be going. We will meet at the OWC clubhouse at 8:15 a.m. and will carpool to The Famous Toastery Restaurant for lunch at 11 a.m. Our tour of Airlie Gardens will begin at 1 p.m.

Highway Cleanup

Volunteers are needed for our highway clean-up on **March 23 at 9 a.m.** Please e-mail Priscilla (pippkin.seals@gmail.com) if you are able to attend. We will meet in the parking lot of the old Town and Country Market to don our lovely vests and will work our way through town and across the bridge. Bags and poking sticks will be provided, but you may want to bring grabbers. Please wear sturdy shoes/boots. Sunscreen and bug spray might be helpful also.

OWC Clubhouse Grounds Clean-up:

Also, remember that the clubhouse grounds clean-up will be **March 29 at 9 a.m.** We will have a sign-up sheet at the March general meeting.

Let's Read: Reading suggestion by Carol McAdoo: The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles
When Odile Souchet accepts a job at the American Library in Paris, the young Frenchwoman cannot believe her good fortune. She spends every day surrounded by books and fellow bibliophiles, forging deep friendships she never dreamed possible and even finding romance. But life as she knows it changes forever when German occupiers sweep into Paris and her sheltered world begins to fall apart. Based loosely on the real life American Library in Paris, whose librarians kept the library open through the occupation despite great personal risk. This is a well-researched novel about friendship and betrayal, love and loss, regret and forgiveness.



Oriental's History Museum honors the men and women from Oriental who served in WWII with a new exhibit running **March 11 – July 30**.

Nautical Wheelers wine tasting weekend is set for Friday, **March 5, 2 & 3 pm** and again **March 19, 2 & 3 pm**.

The **4th Annual Dragon Burn, hosted by the Pamlico Arts Council, is Saturday, March 19 beginning at 5pm**. This is a ticketed event and membership drive. **Purchase your tickets here**. \$25 for individuals or \$50 gets you and your family in the gate and signed as a member for the Arts Council. All proceeds benefit the Pamlico County Arts Council and their annual programs.

The Village Gallery welcomes Kevin Fetzer as March's Guest Artist of the Month. There will be an Artist's Reception at the gallery on March 5, from 2 – 5 pm, featuring Kevin and his work.

The 2022 PAWS Pet Parade is scheduled for Saturday, **March 26**.

Come learn to paint with artist Gosia Tojza at the Village Gallery, March 25, noon – 3 pm. This three hour class is \$70, class size is limited. Upon registration, you will be contacted by Gosia regarding supplies needed for the class. You must register and pay in advance at The Village Gallery. Cash or check payment only.

The 2nd annual Classic Car Poker Run will be back in April 2022. Date TBD. Players start at Minnesott Golf & Country Club at 8:30 am. Drive around Pamlico County picking up cards for your hand, finally finishing at Lou Mac Park in Oriental – at South Avenue on the Neuse River waterfront. This is a fundraiser to support the **Oriental Rotary Club's** charitable missions. Check-in starts at 8:30 am. The event is open to all cars/all years.

The 2022 Oriental Boat Show — The Best Small Town Boat Show in America —is coming up April 8-10. 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.

Shred Day, hosted by Pamlico County Register of Deeds, behind the Courthouse on May 7, 9 am - 12 pm.

Hope Regala is coming back this year with a live and in-person event on **May 20-21**. We'll have all of your favorites:

- Special weekend packages for boats harbored at River Dunes
- Friday night BBQ with music by Harbor Sounds featuring a scrumptious dinner cooked by Dennis Brinson and Reelsboro United Methodist Church
- Saturday Night Regala featuring entertainment by BTA Entertainment, dinner from a local caterer, and both a live and silent auction.

And, of course, the event wouldn't be complete without our \$10K Golden Raffle. Tickets will go on sale soon, so be on the lookout (www.hoperegala.com). Every ticket provides a 1 in 200 chance of winning \$10K - don't miss out! And if you buy the max # of 3, your chances are 1 in 67!!

Oriental's 2022 Town Wide Yard Sale is the first week in May, 2022.