



OWC NEWSLETTER



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Today's Program

Ginny Smith, Recording Secretary for GFWC-NC and member of the Clayton Woman's Club will install OWC's 2012 officers and program chairmen. We also welcome Angela Williamson, District 8 Vice-President. Music is provided by Mary Duffie.

Special Note to the Ladies of OWC and LON

I would like to express my sincere THANK YOU to everyone for your talent and time spent working at home, workshops and meetings creating your crafts. The skilled bakers for making very delicious cookies, cakes, jams, jellies, candy and preserves. The team that spent time and energy preparing the club for a very successful bazaar on November 5th. **Even Irene couldn't slow you down!** It was financially successful, but the true success was the special feeling of all the ladies coming together and having fun and being a great team. I am truly awed by the teamwork displayed. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Christine Garman
Ladies of the Neuse
Bazaar Chairman

Reminder-OWC dues of \$50 are due

OWC Theme: Women Together Making a Difference
Districts Theme: Districts Write the Story
GFWC-NC Theme: Literacy: The Adventure of a Lifetime
GFWC Theme: Empowering Women, One by One

MESSAGE FROM SHARON

2011 has flown by...thanks in part to a very busy schedule and also to the winds of Hurricane Irene. I appreciate each one of you for making this year better for having Oriental Woman's Club in this special community. As I promised you last year, we did not take on new things this year...and the events we held were executed to the best of our abilities. It has been my honor to serve OWC as President this year.

We began the year with a fantastic Arts Festival-unfortunately, an early snow storm forced us to cancel the open house. We had many student and club women winners, 27 entries moved on to state competition. We were very proud of the 9 1st place winners at state.

March was a very good fundraising month. The Chowder Cook-off netted over \$2000 and the Antiques and Collectibles show earned about \$500. The White Elephant Sale at the March meeting brought in \$300 as well.

Celebrating our 95th birthday at our Federation Day meeting was great. I commend Carol McAdoo for her efforts in organizing and publicizing this great day!

Five OWC members attended the FGWC-NC State Convention. I was lucky enough to be selected to be a LEADS candidate. I learned a lot and found a great new group of friends.

We held our scholarship luncheon in June. We worked a booth and rode in a float at Croaker Festival in July. In August we ran into this gal called Irene and most of our lives changed somewhat. The club came through the storm like the trooper she is with only a few trees lost.

The LON Holiday Bazaar was successful beyond our dreams. I add my thanks to those from Christine.

Today we install our 2012 officers and program chairs. And, finally we will draw for the quilt. I am so grateful to the group of women led by Sharon Breitling for making the quilt in memory of Carol Cowden. Good Luck!!!

Message from Sharon con't

As we enter into the Holiday Season, I hope you will all reflect on the many blessings we have received throughout the year. Please remember to give yourself the gift of rest and renewal somewhere during this busy time. I hope wherever you spend Christmas Day, it will be with family and loved ones. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you at "The Club"!

COMMITTEE NEWS

Arts (Diana Street, 249-0886)

The Arts Festival Open House is January 21st. The amount of talent in this Club is amazing! With that said, it is time for you to complete those projects and get them ready for registration on January 19, 2012. Only you can make this Arts Festival a success!

Conservation (Linda Parker, 249-0888)

Road clean-up is scheduled December 5th in preparation for Spirit of Christmas. Meet at 10:00 at Town & Country.

ESO (Carol McAdoo, 745-7762)

Recommended reading from Carol McAdoo. *March* by Geraldine Brooks. March is the father and husband from the family of Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*. He joins the Union Army in the first year of the American Civil War and his experiences change his marriage and challenge his most ardently held beliefs. *Little Women* is concerned with the way a year lived at the edge of war has worked changes in the character of the "little women" at home. In this novel Geraldine Brooks fills the void of what war has done to March himself in this work of fiction.

Garden Club (Peggy Dunfee, 249-0573)

The Christmas luncheon is December 13 at A Catered Affair in New Bern. Tickets are \$15—deadline for reservations is Dec. 6 (at the OWC luncheon). Contact Jean Chastang if you plant to attend. Garden Club dues beginning 2012 are \$10, payable in December to Nancy Miller or Peggy Dunfee. Officers for 2012 are Cathy Delcambre, Chair; Betsy Hughes, Secretary; Carol Herman, treasurer.

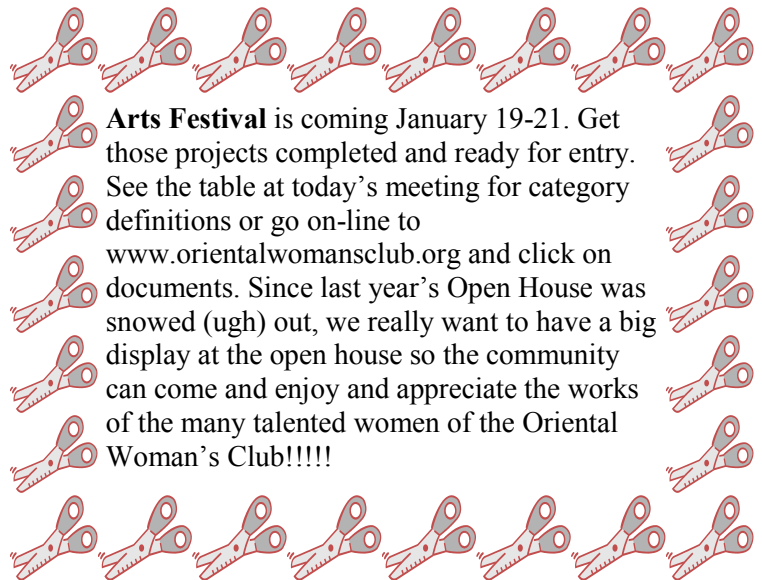
Reports (Suzanne Jantzen 249-0978)

Please submit your volunteer hours for literacy as soon as possible. Remember, literacy hours include such things as reading to your grandchildren or others, volunteering in the library, volunteering in the schools as proctors or in any other way, tutoring children or adults, participating in a reading club. Suzanne also needs any outstanding reports on projects that you are responsible for, including number of members involved, hours and dollars expended and/or earned and in-kind donations. Your project reports and literacy reports can be mailed, e-mailed or called in. If you are in doubt on what you need to report, please contact Suz.

CALENDAR

Bridge – every Mon. 1 p.m. Clubhouse
Yoga—Mon & Wed 8:30 Clubhouse

- Dec 5 Road Clean-up 10 am
- Dec 6 Christmas Lunch, Installation 11:30 am Clubhouse
- Dec 10 Spirit of Christmas
- Dec 15 Garden Club luncheon 11:30
- Dec 20 EC meeting 9:30 am Clubhouse
- Dec 25 *Merry Christmas*
- Jan 1 *Happy New Year*
- Jan 3 General Meeting 1:00 Clubhouse
- Jan 12 Garden Club "Jump into Spring" Conference—New Bern
- Jan 14 District 8 Winter Board Meeting
- Jan 17 LON 6:30 p.m. Clubhouse
- Jan 19 Arts Festival Registration Clubhouse 9-12
- Jan 20-21 Arts Festival Judging
- Jan 20 OWC/Oriental First Baptist Chili Dinner to benefit Relay for Life 5-7 p.m.
- Jan 22 Arts Festival Open House Clubhouse 12-3



Arts Festival is coming January 19-21. Get those projects completed and ready for entry. See the table at today's meeting for category definitions or go on-line to www.orientalwomansclub.org and click on documents. Since last year's Open House was snowed (ugh) out, we really want to have a big display at the open house so the community can come and enjoy and appreciate the works of the many talented women of the Oriental Woman's Club!!!!

TODAY'S HOSTESSES

Suzanne Mendell, Chair; Ann Albee, Peggy Dunfee, Christine Garman, Jan Nixon and Linda Parker



MONDAY GIRLS

December—Carol Herman



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lynne Kaplan 12/16, Jean Chastang 12/18, Melissa Lavallee 12/26, Christine Garman 12/27, Alice O'Shaunessy 12/28

