



# OWC NEWSLETTER

## May 2025

Oriental Woman's Club  
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*Serving Pamlico County Since 1916*

*OWC Vision: Women Together Making a Difference*

*2025 Focus: Education & Community Commitment*



### 2025 Officers

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### Message from Ellen

"Some people look for a beautiful place. Others make a place beautiful." —Hazrat Inayat Khan

May is here. I think Pamlico County really shines this time of the year with trees leafed out, perennials returning to bloom status, annual flowers adding great pops of just about every color imaginable. We have a great speaker scheduled for May.

Our June scholarship luncheon is our next big event so please sign up to help. We then take a few months off from General and Executive Meetings but will have the Croaker Parade floats/entries to judge, sponsorship letters to prepare for the Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, and will need workers for the golf tournament on Aug. 24th.

Also, it is time to think about taking on a leadership role in the club. New members bring new ideas. Seasoned members can also share new ideas.

Please refrain from wearing any scents, perfumes, essential oils, etc. due to a member's allergy.

**Caring Cycle:** Please bring period products, pads preferably, and if possible gift bags to dispense the individual monthly supplies to the students.

### General Meeting – May 6, 1 pm

Speaker Jamie Gibbs, VP Student Services PCC.

**Don't forget Mom on May 11<sup>th</sup>.**



## OWC Calendar

### Monthly Meetings at the Clubhouse:

**Yoga** –Mon & Wed, 8:30 am

**Arts Program** meets third Thursday at 10:30 AM

**Education Program** meets third Thursday at 10:30 AM

**Community Life Program** meetings as scheduled

**Garden Program** meets third Tuesday at 10:00 AM

**LON** meets as scheduled

May 6 General Meeting, 1 pm

Jamie Gibbs, VP Student Services PCC

May 27 EC Meeting, 10 am

June 3 Scholarship Pot Luck Lunch 11:00 am

Recognize scholarship winners

June 28-30 Croaker Festival

### **Garden Program (Julie Wiegand & Linda Parker):**

**YOM – April** – Charles and Ann Stackhouse moved to Pamlico County, 451 Mills Rd., 17 years ago. They have filled their many planting beds with a wide variety of plants and lots of bulbs including Iris, daffodils and lilies. The flowering plants include butterfly bushes for bee and butterflies; zinnia; Mexican petunia; Lenten rose; and, low growing shrubs such as spirea and Japanese aralia, Virginia sweet spire, and Abelia Kaleidoscope as well as purple pixie. As one can see, it is a mixture, assuming everything survived over the winter. As a firefighter, Charles doesn't use pine straw up against the house, they only mulch the beds. Charles keeps the Zoysia grass like a golf course and takes full advantage of their irrigation system which is supplied by well water. Congratulations to the Stackhouses on a lovely and serene landscape.



### YOM – April cont'd



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**YOM – May** – Deborah & Ed Bryant, 6114 Horton Rd., Oriental. Apricot, periwinkle, and deep, purple bearded irises immediately catch one's eye. A garden tour revealed asparagus spears scattered throughout, an ominous looking dragon fruit tree, as well as hydrangeas, ginger lilies, and roses near-ready to put forth their best performance when the early spring perennials die back. Garden sculptures added an extra beauty to this lovely yard.





### **Arts & Education (Carol Young):**

We are busy getting ready to do our student interviews for scholarships. Also will be sending out information for teacher mini grants to schools. Everyone is welcome to Pamlico High School Scholarship Night on May 27. We are also in planning stages for the June luncheon. Ladies we need everyone to sign up. Our next meeting is Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. Please join us. We are busy getting ready to do our student interviews for scholarships. Also will be sending out information for teacher mini grants to schools. Everyone is welcome to Pamlico High School Scholarship Night on May 27.

### **LON (Marguerite Garrett):**

Ongoing currently – I will send out emails before the Wednesday morning fish trophy workshops are happening at my house (76 Sloop Dr., Oriental). After the meeting this month, I will have croaker hats that need to be pinned to visors. We tried Velcro last year and it didn't work. Anyone that can stay after for ½ hour and pin a hat or two will be welcome. If you have some extra safety pins lying around, bring them, please.



### **Oriental 's Remarkable Women**

#### **Special Exhibit**

**February 22 – June 14**

**Oriental's History Museum** presents a Special Exhibit honoring those women from this area who were the driving force behind the founding of important events, traditions, and non-profit organizations.

**Croakerfest 2025** is happening **Friday & Saturday, July 4 & 5.**

**The Old Theater Presents a Mother's Day Tribute with Dee Dee King & Company, Saturday, May 10 @ 7pm.** Tickets are \$39 general admission. **Tickets may be purchased online here** or at Nautical Wheelers at 411 Broad St.

**The 11th Annual Ol' Front Porch Music Festival is set for Oct 3 & 4, 2025.**

The **Annual Oriental Car Show** is set for Oct 11, 2025. Check-in starts at 8:30am. Trophies awarded at 2:30p. **Register online or Saturday morning at the show.** [Find out more about the Oriental Car Show here.](#)