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OXFORD NEWCOMERS *and Friends*



Happy 2021!!

Here's to the new day, a new year, new vaccines, and -- we hope before long -- a return to good old-fashioned ONC&F socializing!! But until we can safely gather together, wear a mask, wash your hands, rely on things like Zoom, and know you are missed!!

BETTER READ THAN DEAD will meet via Zoom on Thursday, January 28, at 2:00 pm. The book for discussion will be *Devil in a Blue Dress* by Walter Mosley. Recently laid off Ezekiel "Easy" is nursing a drink and sweating his upcoming mortgage payment when a stranger makes him an offer - help him locate a white woman who likes to hang out in black speakeasies. Along the way, Easy encounters violent gangsters, dirty cops, crooked politicians, and one beautiful, dangerous woman. Set in 1940s Los Angeles, this gritty, hard-boiled noir is a can't miss modern literary classic. Zoom coordinator Cathy Williamson will send out the link prior to the meeting. All are welcome! If you would like to join in, just email chair Nancy Muller at maytarie@att.net and she will be sure you get the link.

BOOK CHAT is the alternative to the traditional book club. Here, participants

chat once a month to share *whatever* they have recently read, or would like to suggest for others, be it fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or drama. All book lovers are invited! Discuss recent and favorite books or just listen in. Please join us on Tuesday, January 26th (our customary last Tuesday of the month) and share a favorite read! Click [here](#) to join the Zoom meeting or by going to the Zoom website (<https://Zoom.us>) and entering the meeting ID: 869 6687 0179. Questions? Contact Debra Guyton at debraguyton@bellsouth.net

BOOK CLUB ONE: January's book selection is *Losing Battles*, by Eudora Welty. Welty's last novel tells the story of three generations of Granny Vaughn's descendants gathered at her Mississippi home to celebrate her 90th birthday and swap stories of their lives. Book Club One will meet on Zoom on Thursday, January 21st (our customary third Thursday of the month) at 2:00 p.m. Click [here](#) to join us on Zoom, or connect by going to the Zoom website (<https://Zoom.us>) and entering the meeting ID: 822 9844 8743. All Newcomers and friends are welcome! Chair: Debra Guyton, (251) 490-6690 or debraguyton@bellsouth.net

READING FAULKNER will meet on Monday, January 11th at 4:00 pm. Details on Zoom contact are below. We will begin discussion of our next novel, *Absalom, Absalom!* Participants should have completed reading Chapter One in time for this discussion. A reading plan and other materials will be shared with participants via email before January 11th. Click [here](#) to join us on Zoom, or connect by going to the Zoom website (<https://Zoom.us>) and entering the meeting ID: 868 3216 4324. If you would like to join this group or get more information about it, please contact group chair, Dianne Fergusson, at sdsferg@bellsouth.net or 662-236-4088.

WOMEN'S COFFEE meets virtually on the 1st and 3rd Fridays. Join us via Zoom at 9:00 am on Friday, January 15th for conversation and community. It's so nice to sit and visit without having to leave the comfort of your kitchen or couch! Contact Jonell McGivern, jonell52@att.net or (205) 937-2888, and she'll make sure you get the Zoom details before each gathering. Chair: Nellanne Davis, nellanned@aol.com

GARDENING TIPS FOR JANUARY: Happy New Year! Finally, 2020 is in the rearview mirror, and we can all look forward to 2021 with hope that the new year will be filled with restored health, normality, and endless possibilities. Along with making my New Year's resolutions, I like to spend some time planning out projects for our lawn and garden, and January is a perfect time for this. Cold winter days, spent indoors, provide the perfect time to browse through seed and plant catalogs, sketch out landscaping designs, as well as make decisions about planting materials that will be needed in the spring. When making these decisions, I would urge you to do your research on the plants you are considering, and pay close attention to size and growth

patterns. The number one reason that people have to have plants removed from their landscape is because they have overgrown the location. (My husband will attest to the fact that I have committed this mistake on more than one occasion!) ☺ January is also a good time to clean and sharpen your garden tools and mower blades and check the condition of your garden sprayers. When you have days that are not windy and are above freezing, it is a good time to spray broad-leaved evergreens with dormant oil to control scale and this is also the time to prune Nandina. In January, you can still set out trees and shrubs as well as Sweet Peas, Poppies, and Larkspur. If you haven't already, remember to protect tender vegetation with a fresh layer of mulch. If you're a bird lover like me, please don't forget to keep your feeders stocked, and keep a fresh supply of water accessible for our feathered friends! *Stay Warm and Happy Gardening! Karen Travillo, Master Gardener Lafayette Co.*

ONC&F JANUARY CALENDAR

Monday, Jan 11, **Reading Faulkner** 4:00 pm

Friday, Jan 15, **Women's Coffee** 9:00 am

Thursday, Jan 21, **Book Club One** 2:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan 26, **Book Chat** 10:00 am

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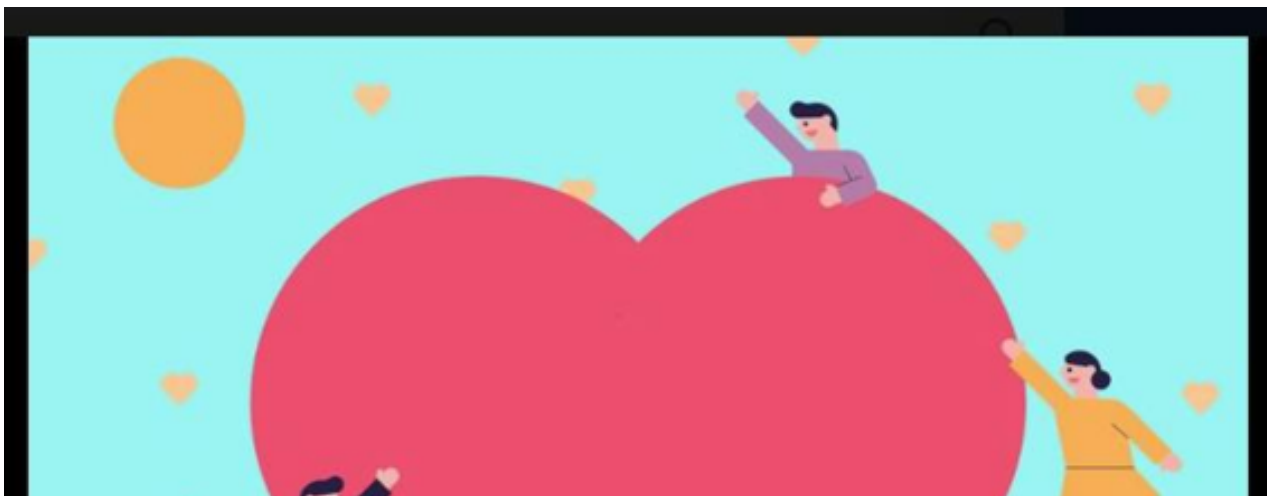
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If you are symptom free but are over 60 years old; have asthma; heart disease; or diabetes; or are otherwise at risk, experts recommend following the most conservative response of self quarantine. The City of Oxford and Lafayette County are committed to making this easier for our community. Partnered with churches throughout Oxford and Lafayette County, we have set up a hotline that you can call to request assistance with grocery or prescription delivery, and to direct you to more information regarding COVID-19.

We are stronger together.

662-238-2793

Updates to share? Send to ONC&F Communications Chair
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