

From: **Oxford Newcomers and Friends** newcomers@oxfordms.com 
Subject: September 2021 ONC&F Newsletter
Date: September 1, 2021 at 11:52 PM
To: rosie@oxfordms.com



OXFORD NEWCOMERS *and Friends*



Hurricane Ida made sure August exited Mississippi with an exclamation point -- hope you and all of yours suffered minimal damage. All we can say is September arrived none too soon! Now, make plans for the return of ONC&F gatherings this fall, starting with our annual **Fall Party** at the open-air Old Armory Pavilion on Wednesday, October

6th at 6:00 pm. Avoid the price increase and make your early bird payments by September 22nd. Details for this and all your monthly favorites are below.

ONC&F SEPTEMBER 2021 CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE: ONC&F members and first-time visitors who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (at least two weeks past your final shot) are welcome to attend in-person ONC&F events and gatherings.

Thursday, Sept 2, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon

Friday, Sept 3, 9:00 am, **Women's Coffee**, Panera

Monday, Sept 6, Labor Day

Monday, Sept 6, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon

Thursday, Sept 9, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon

Monday, Sept 13, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon

Tuesday, Sept 14, 1:00 pm, **Mary Poole Bridge Club**, OU-Methodist

Wednesday, Sept 15, 10:00 am **Educational Program** (Zoom)

Thursday, Sept 16, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon

Thursday, Sept 16, 2:00 pm **Book Club One** (Zoom)

Friday, Sept 17, 9:00 am, **Women's Coffee**, Panera

Monday, Sept 20, 7:00 am **Men's Breakfast** The Beacon

Monday, Sept 20, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
Wednesday, Sept 22, **Deadline for Early Bird Payment**, ONC&F Fall Kickoff
Wednesday, Sept 22, First day of Fall
Thursday, Sept 23, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
Thursday, Sept 23, 2:00 pm, **Better Read than Dead**, Oxford Activity Center
Monday, Sept 27, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
Monday, Sept 27, 4:00 pm, **Reading Faulkner**, Zoom
Tuesday, Sept 28, 11:30 am, **Lunch Bunch**, Phillips Grocery
Tuesday, Sept 28, 1:00 pm, **Mary Poole Bridge Club**, OU-Methodist
Thursday, Sept 30, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon

Questions? See below for program details and contact information.

ONC&F PARTY CALENDAR

Fall Party Please join us on *Wednesday, October 6th at 6:00 pm* at the open-air Old Armory Pavilion, corner of Bramlett & University Ave. Taylor Grocery will cater and staff the dinner, to include fried Mississippi farm-raised catfish, grilled chicken tenders, hush puppies, coleslaw, BBQ baked beans, potato salad and peach cobbler. Iced tea, lemonade and water are complementary; Tallahatchie Gourmet will staff the wine and beer cash bar. *Early bird price: \$25 per person if paid by September 22nd*; after that date, the price will be \$30 per person. To register, send check payable to *Chamber of Commerce* to ONC&F treasurer Richard Muller, 214 Olde Castle Loop, Oxford, MS 38655. Questions? Ask social director Bonnie Siebert, bonnie1017@aol.com

Mark your calendar!

Thanksgiving Pot Luck

Wednesday, November 17th, 6:00 pm at the Stone Center, 423 Washington Ave. BYO beverage of choice.

Holiday Celebration

Thursday, December 2nd, 6:00 pm at the Country Club of Oxford, 300 Fazio Dr. Staffed buffet dinner and cash bar.

5 O'CLOCK ON THE SQUARE will be taking a break in September while we wait for things to cool off outside and hopefully settle down with the COVID Delta variant surge. Social director: Bonnie Siebert, bonnie1017@aol.com

BETTER READ THAN DEAD will meet at the new Coach Howell Activity Center, 396 Price St., on Thursday, September 23rd at 2:00 pm. The book for discussion will be *Queen Bee* by Dorothea Benton Frank. A novel about friendship and love that is full of heart, humor, and rich description. A woman wounded by her past comes to Sullivan's Island, South Carolina to find a new

meaning in life and to find herself. She takes up a new hobby of beekeeping. A fun tale of self-discovery, love, and friendship with charming wit, indelible poignancy, and hallmark themes. There will probably be a Zoom link available for those who cannot/prefer not to attend in person; watch your weekly newsletter. All are welcome! If you would like to join in, just email chair Nancy Muller at maytarie@att.net

BOOK CLUB ONE: September's book selection is *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. In this essay collection, Kimmerer celebrates our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world, for only when we hear the languages of other beings will we be capable of understanding the generosity of the earth. Book Club One will meet on Zoom on Thursday, September 16th (our customary third Thursday of the month) at 2:00 pm. Click [here](#) to join us, or go to <https://Zoom.us> and enter Meeting ID: 680 808 8404. All Newcomers and friends are welcome! Chair: Debra Guyton, debraguyton@bellsouth.net, (251)490-6690.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: Please join us on Wednesday, September 15th at 10:00 am via Zoom for an exceptional program: **The Japanese Internment Experience.** Japanese internment camps were established during WWII by President Franklin D Roosevelt's executive order 9066. About 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry, the majority of whom were American citizens, were forcibly removed from their homes and sent to internment camps without any due process. Our speaker, Wanda Ikeda, is an acute care nurse practitioner specializing in cardiovascular disease who resides in Oxford. Her father, Tsugo "Ike" Ikeda, was one of the people affected by Roosevelt's executive order. Wanda will give a glimpse into what her father's life was like as she recounts his experiences during those trying times beginning on December 7, 1941 -- Pearl Harbor Day. Please click [HERE](#) to join us via Zoom, or go to <https://Zoom.us> and enter Meeting ID: 831 6587 6015 and when prompted, Passcode: 556514. Questions? Contact chair Don Mason, dmason222@gmail.com

LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Tuesday, September 28th at 11:30 at Phillips Grocery, 2406 S Lamar Blvd -- a long-running burger joint in a cozy, historic building with a rustic feel and some outdoor seating. Lunch Bunch is for singles and couples -- a fun time to visit with other ONC&F members over your midday meal. All are always welcome! Questions? Contact Buck Ladner, ladner2003@yahoo.com or (662) 801-1371

MARY POOLE BRIDGE CLUB offers the opportunity to get together and play bridge with other ONC&F card lovers every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month (September 14th and 28th) at 1:00 pm. Find us in Room 214 at Oxford University United Methodist Church, 424 S 10th St. This is a casual group that

welcomes players of all skill levels -- we will help you learn if you are a beginner! You *must* be a member of ONC&F to participate. If you're new to the group, please contact Carol Rawlings at marypoolebridgeclub@gmail.com or (731) 610-0251 in advance, so she can make sure you have partners.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Men gather for breakfast every Monday and Thursday at 7:00 am at The Beacon, 1200 N. Lamar Blvd. Come when you can. All are welcome. Join us for fun and great fellowship. Questions? Contact Buck Ladner, ladner2003@yahoo.com or (662) 801-1371

OXWINE returns in October! Questions? Contact Michelle Harvey at (479) 685-1581 or mmautheharvey@att.net

READING FAULKNER will meet on Monday, September 27 (this is a one-time change from our usual 3rd Monday schedule) at 4:00 pm via Zoom to begin our discussion of the Snopes Trilogy. The book for discussion in September is *The Hamlet*; we are using the one-volume Modern Library edition. We will meet on Zoom; click [here](#) to join us, or go to <https://Zoom.us> and enter Meeting ID: 680 808 8404. For more information or to join the group, please contact Dianne Fergusson at (662) 236-4670 or via email at sdsferg@bellsouth.net.

WOMEN'S COFFEE: Please join us for friendship and lots of conversation on the first and third Friday of September (September 3rd and September 17th) at 9:00 a.m. at Panera Bread, 1902 Jackson Avenue. Hope you will join us...we miss you when you are absent! Chair: Nellanne Davis, (318) 447-0038 or nellanned@aol.com

SEPTEMBER GARDENING TIPS

.....I hope everyone is "hanging in there" through the high heat and humidity that has reigned over our fair city lately. I was very thankful for the rain we received mid-August because we really needed it, and it helped cool things down a bit after the awful heat. I've learned to NEVER complain about rain, because as sure as I do, we enter into a month-long drought. However, I don't think complaining about the resulting humidity falls into that same category! Hopefully September will bring a moderation to the heat, and if not, at least we'll all be distracted by football season starting back up!

.....September is a good time to think about composting, especially if you have a lot of leaves that collect in your yard during the fall months. There are many different types of compost bins, and you can either build them yourself or obtain them from retail or online sources. Composting produces nutrient rich soil, that in some cases, eliminates the need for chemical fertilizers, enhances moisture retention, and is also beneficial for our environment. Organic waste put into landfills generates methane, a potent greenhouse gas. In contrast, composting the same organic waste benefits our environment by

capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide in a process known as carbon sequestration. If you're interested in composting, MSU has an excellent publication online titled "Composting for the Mississippi Gardener" or you can contact Lafayette County Extension office for more information.

.....For your lawn this month, it's time to apply a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent winter weeds. If you have a need to overseed your lawn, it's also time to sow rye grass seed. This should be done only if necessary because the rye grass will compete with the warm weather turf for light and nutrients. It can however help with erosion on bare soil.

.....If you've planted fall mums, do not fertilize after buds start showing color. Just keep them adequately watered, and they will provide beautiful fall color until frost. To prevent new growth that will not have a chance to harden off (develop protective woody coating) before cold temperatures arrive, other ornamental shrubs and flowers should not be fertilized after August 15th.

.....If you have a home vegetable garden, it's time to plant cool season vegetables such as beets, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, spinach, lettuce, mustard and collard greens. My husband is trying fall tomatoes. He got beautiful plants that were already about 12" tall and planted them 3 to 4 weeks ago. I'll let you know how it goes. If you have cherry tomatoes that you think are finished producing for the season, I would encourage you to keep them watered. Ours always start producing again when the weather cools off and typically last until the first freeze.

.....Remember if you are experiencing any issues with your lawn or garden, Master Gardeners provide home consults as a service to the community. Just call the Lafayette County Extension office at (662) 234-4451 to schedule a visit. Also, for any of you interested in becoming a master gardener, we have a fall course beginning on October 1st. The course is online and self-paced. Registration is open until September 15th (with no late registration). See below for more information or call the extension office for details.

Happy Gardening! ~~ *Karen Travillo, Master Gardener Lafayette Co.*

Consider Serving on the ONC&F Board!

The ONC&F Board is the fun group of volunteers who keep the wheels turning for members and friends; a list of current Board members can be found at the end of this newsletter. The Oxford Chamber of Commerce is our supportive parent organization; the ONC&F Board meets once a month to check in, bounce ideas around, and make sure all is well. Please reach out to ONC&F president Jonell McGivern, jonell52@att.net, or any other Board members and let us know if you might be interested -- and say "Yes!" if asked!

SIGN UP FOR THE

MASTER GARDENER

ONLINE *training*

SELF-PACED AND COMPLETELY ONLINE!

Register online at
msuext.ms/mg
from
**August 15 -
September 15**

1. Master Gardener Course,
MG volunteer option: **\$125**
2. Home Gardening Course,
non-MG-volunteer option: **\$200**
3. Individual classes*: **\$25 per class**
*available year-round

Courses open on **October 1** and must be completed by **November 30**.



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™
EXTENSION

QUICK BITES are free, informative programs held over Zoom on Thursdays from 12:00 – 1 pm. The best specialists and experts in Mississippi prepare a one-hour program on various topics such as gardening, horticulture, insect management, health, and cooking. *Click on the session name to register.*

Upcoming Quick Bites

September 2, 2021 -- 12:00 pm

- [**Changes in Latitudes; Changes in Attitudes**](#)

Lynette McDougald, Instructor, Plant and Soil Sciences

This Jimmy Buffett song reminds us that an occasional attitude adjustment is necessary, and living with flowers can bring a grand result. Get ready for an hour of informative and fun ways to make every day brighter.

September 9, 2021 - 12:00pm

- [**Pond Alkalinity/Water Management 101**](#)

Ross Overstreet, Extension Agent II, Lamar County

Maintaining optimal water quality is an extremely important step in producing

Maintaining optimal water quality is an extremely important step in producing a productive fishery for recreation. This program covers basic water quality management techniques once a pond has been constructed, including how/where to have your water sampled. There will be time at the end for general or specific weed control/management technique questions.

September 23, 2021 - 12:00pm

- **[Being Active](#)**

Madison Payne, Office of Nutrition Education, Coastal R&E Center
Looking for some ways to get the whole family active and moving? Learn some fun, easy exercises to get 20 -minutes of physical activity with "Aim for 20" that can be done almost anywhere! We will also discuss family friendly "Quick and Easy Snack Ideas" that are great before or after physical activity, to fuel our bodies especially with on-the go busy schedules!

MISSISSIPPI COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE from the MS Dept of Health: All Mississippians aged 12 or older are now eligible for free vaccination, and may be vaccinated free of charge at MSDH drive-through sites; click here to [find a first-dose vaccination appointment](#). Look for second-dose scheduling information in your appointment confirmation e-mail. Click on this link to learn more about [scheduling a third dose appointment at a county health department](#). You'll be asked questions about qualifying for a booster vaccination and be able to select a county health department for an appointment. *For help with drive-through vaccination appointments, call (877) 978-6453.* If you are homebound and need assistance getting your COVID-19 vaccination, email COVIDHomebound@msdh.ms.gov or call (877) 978-6453. Click on the following link to [find a pharmacy or health clinic near you offering vaccinations](#). After you are vaccinated, the MSDH asks that you please continue to observe social distancing, mask use, and other protective steps to help prevent the possible transmission of COVID-19 to those who have not yet been vaccinated. [Click here for more about vaccination providers and vaccination appointments](#); [click here for the Mississippi COVID-19 Vaccination Report](#)

Oxford Newcomers and Friends Executive Committee 2021

President: Jonell McGivern, jonell52@att.net

Vice President: VACANT

Communications: Michelle Harvey, mmautheharvey@att.net

Educational Programs: Don Mason, dmason222@gmail.com

Immediate Past President: Judy Owen, Sophieandme920@gmail.com

Membership: Nellanne Davis, nellanned@aol.com

Social Director: Bonnie Siebert, bonnie1017@aol.com

Treasurer: Richard Muller, frotscher60@att.net

Updates to share? Send to ONC&F Communications Chair
Michelle Harvey, mmautheharvey@att.net

Oxford Newcomers and Friends | 903 Maplewood Cove, Oxford, MS 38655

[Unsubscribe rosie@oxfordms.com](mailto:rosie@oxfordms.com)

[Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by newcomers@oxfordms.com powered by

