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OXFORD NEWCOMERS *and Friends*



Things are slowing down in December for ONC&F, so kick back, relax, and enjoy the slide into the new year - when we'll watch Ole Miss in the Sugar Bowl on January 1st!! In the meantime, **Ladies Who Lunch, Mary Poole Bridge Club,** and **Men's Breakfast** will gather this week. And dues are due - see below for details.

ONC&F DECEMBER 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.

Monday, Dec 6, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
Tuesday, Dec 7, 11:30 am, **Ladies Who Lunch**, Tallahatchie Gourmet
Tuesday, Dec 7, 1:00 pm, **Mary Poole Bridge Club**, OU-Methodist
Thursday, Dec 9, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
Monday, Dec 13, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
Monday, Dec 13, 4:00 pm, **Reading Faulkner**, Zoom
Tuesday, Dec 14, 2:00 pm, **Better Read than Dead**, 431 Highway 7 North
Thursday, Dec 16, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon

Friday, Dec 17, 9:00 am, **Women's Coffee**, Panera
Monday, Dec 20, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
Tuesday, Dec 21, 1:00 pm, **Mary Poole Bridge Club**, OU-Methodist
Thursday, Dec 23, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
Saturday, Dec 25, Christmas
Friday, Dec 31, *New Year's Eve*
Saturday, Jan 1, Ole Miss in the Sugar Bowl!

Questions? See below for program details and contact information.

ONC&F NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED - REALLY!! Michelle Harvey will craft her last newsletter update on January 16th as she adds her new role as a faculty member (to PhD student) at the University of Mississippi. If you love knowing what's happening before anyone else, and enjoy word play, this is the opportunity you've been waiting for! Michelle will teach you everything you need to know (which won't take long!) and you'll be ready to let your creative literary juices flow for ONC&F! Contact Michelle Harvey at mmharvey@olemiss.edu or President Jonell McGivern at jonell52@att.net

DUES ARE DUE: The ONC&F membership year runs January to December, and 2022 dues of \$20 per person are due by January 1st. Click [here](#) for the link to the renewal form and information on where to send your check. Here's to 2022 being the year when gathering with friends is something we're all able to do on a regular basis. If you have questions, please reach out to Membership Chair Nellanne Davis: (662) 380-5672 or nellanned@aol.com

5 O'CLOCK ON THE SQUARE is taking a holiday for the holidays!! See you in the new year!! Social Director Bonnie Siebert just got her long-awaited new knee, so watch for her to be dancing in the new year!

BETTER READ THAN DEAD will be celebrating the holidays with our annual Christmas Book Swap Party. The event will take place on Monday, December 13th at 12 noon. DeeDee Rafnson will be hosting at her home, 431 Highway 7 North. Please bring something sweet or an appetizer, along with your books to swap. As usual, we will be collecting food for The Pantry. Please let Chair Nancy Muller know if you are coming, maytarie@att.net.

BOOK CLUB ONE will be back in January! Chair: Debra Guyton, debraguyton@bellsouth.net or (251) 490-6690.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM is taking a holiday hiatus, and will return in the new year. Questions? Contact chair Don Mason, dmason222@gmail.com

LADIES WHO LUNCH is a group of ONC&F ladies who meet the second Tuesday of each month at varied local restaurants in and around Oxford. Join us on Tuesday, December 14th at 11:30 am at Tallahatchie Gourmet, 1221 Van Buren Ave. An RSVP text is appreciated but not mandatory; please send to Nena Mutersbaugh, (918) 906-8811

LUNCH BUNCH will gather again in January! Questions? Contact Buck Ladner, ladner2003@yahoo.com or (662) 801-1371

MARY POOLE BRIDGE CLUB offers the opportunity to gather and play bridge with other ONC&F card lovers every 2nd and 4th Tuesday (November 9th and 23rd) 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! If you're new to the group, please contact Carol Rawlings in advance at (731) 610-0251 or marypoolebridgeclub@gmail.com, so she can make sure all 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

NEEDLERS is taking December off, but will be back on Thursday, January 20, 2022. Location to be announced in the January newsletter. Contact Nancy Muller for more information at maytarie@att.net

READING FAULKNER gathers via Zoom on Monday, December 13th at 4:00 pm -- stay tuned for Zoom details! To join the group or for more information, please contact Dianne Fergusson at (662) 236-4670 or sdsferg@bellsouth.net

WOMEN'S COFFEE: Please join us for friendship and lots of conversation on the third Friday (December 17th) at 9:00 am at Panera Bread, 1902 Jackson Avenue. Hope to see each of you. If you are unable to attend, have a blessed Christmas and a happy new year! Chair: Nellanne Davis, (318) 447-0038 or nellanned@aol.com

DECEMBER GARDENING TIPS

.....It's hard to believe, but December is here already! If you're like me, you're already inundated with lists of things to accomplish, and their accompanying deadlines! With that in mind, I'm going to keep our gardening tips this month simple and mostly centered around activities for the holidays.

.....With leaves gone, it's a good time to cut mistletoe out of trees, and as an added bonus, it can be used in your holiday décor! Other greenery that can be used to ready your home for the holidays includes boxwood, nandina, cedar, holly, and magnolia leaves. Many of us have to look no further than our own

holly, and magnolia leaves. Many of us have to look no further than our own yards to find lots of available plant materials that can be used to create stunning holiday arrangements. The key to having these greens last throughout the holidays is to make a fresh cut on the stems as you arrange them and keep them moist by inserting the stems in a wet foam such as Oasis.I actually have an arrangement that I constructed out of cedar and magnolia leaves for the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Open House on November 7th, and it's still green and beautiful. I simply removed the Christmas decorations and added nandina leaves and fall ribbon to turn it into an arrangement for Thanksgiving and have refreshed the foam with water each week. A word of caution when using greenery to decorate your house -- remember that some greenery and especially berries are poisonous to humans and pets. Keep boxwood, holly and mistletoe up and out of reach.If you decorate a live tree, use the following recipe to make a solution to keep it in tiptop condition: Mix in a 2 liter bottle: 8 oz non-diet soda, 2 oz vinegar, and 1 oz mouthwash, then fill the remainder of the bottle with water. Keep the base of the tree in this solution throughout the holidays. After Christmas, remember to recycle your tree. The city of Oxford will pick them up curbside on regularly scheduled refuse days through mid-January.After the holidays, don't forget to plant bulbs such as tulips and hyacinths that have been refrigerated for at least six weeks.Happy Holidays and Happy Gardening!

~~ Karen Travillo, Master Gardener Lafayette Co.

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