

From: **Oxford Newcomers and Friends** newcomers@oxfordms.com 
Subject: January 2022 ONC&F Newsletter
Date: January 2, 2022 at 5:08 PM
To: rosie@oxfordms.com



OXFORD NEWCOMERS *and Friends*



Here's hoping each of you had a healthy and happy holiday season. Oxford is welcoming the new year with just a bit of wintry weather (the picture above is from 2021); ONC&F invites you to start 2022 over coffee - **Men's Breakfast** and **Women's Coffee** meet this week - and in community, for bridge, books, a great educational program, meals, and more.

Wishing you all the best!

wishing you all the best!

ONC&F JANUARY 2022 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, Jan 3, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
Thursday, Jan 6, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
Friday, Jan 7, 9:00 am, **Women's Coffee**, Panera
Monday, Jan 10, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
Tuesday, Jan 11, 11:30 am, **Ladies Who Lunch**, Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux
Tuesday, Jan 11, 1:00 pm, **Mary Poole Bridge Club**, OU-Methodist
Tuesday, Jan 11, 2:00 pm, **Better Read than Dead**, Howell Activity Center
Wednesday, Jan 12, 10:00 am, **Educational Program**, Zoom
Thursday, Jan 13, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
*Monday, Jan 17, **Martin Luther King Day***
Monday, Jan 17, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
Monday, Jan 17, 4:00 pm, **Reading Faulkner**, Zoom
Thursday, Jan 20, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
Thursday, Jan 20, 1:00 pm, **Needlers**, Coach Howell Activity Center
Thursday, Jan 20, 2:00 pm, **Book Club One**, Zoom
Friday, Jan 21, 9:00 am, **Women's Coffee**, Panera
Monday, Jan 24, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
Tuesday, Jan 25, 1:00 pm, **Mary Poole Bridge Club**, OU-Methodist
Tuesday, Jan 25, 11:30 am, **Lunch Bunch**, Phillips Grocery
Thursday, Jan 27, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
Monday, Jan 31, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon

Questions? See below for program details and contact information.

VACANCY: ONC&F COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR/NEWSLETTER EDITOR

If you love knowing what's happening before anyone else, have three or four hours a month for volunteering, and enjoy word play, this is the opportunity you've been waiting for! Former newsletter editor Michelle Harvey 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 mmautheharvey@att.net or ONC&F 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 now. 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 becomes 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 break while we wait out Omicron and wintry weather!! Watch this space for future events!! Send questions or suggestions to ONC&F social director Bonnie Siebert, bonnie1017@aol.com

BETTER READ THAN DEAD will meet at the Coach Howell Activity Center on TUESDAY, January 11 at 2:00 pm (NOTE NEW MEETING DATE!) The book for discussion will be *A Red Death* by Walter Mosley. When an income tax officer makes him an offer he can't refuse, Easy Rawlins is forced out of retirement and into the infiltration of his local church, the First African Baptist, and the surveillance of local radicals. Murderers strike and Easy becomes the prime suspect of the Los Angeles Police Department, who lose no sleep over the fate of "freelance" private eyes. We've met Easy before in *Devil in a Blue Dress...* so the story continues. All are welcome! If you would like to join in, just email chair Nancy Muller at maytarie@att.net. Or just show up!

BOOK CLUB ONE: January's book selection is *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. Set over the course of ten riveting days, it is the story of four boys on an unforgettable road trip with fascinating detours along the way. Book Club One will meet on Zoom on Thursday, January 20th (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, January 12th via Zoom for a timely and intriguing topic, **Gerrymandering: Public Policy and the Law**. What is gerrymandering? How is it achieved? Is it legal? Get answers to these questions and more. Speakers will include Hans Sinha, UM Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Clinical Externship Program. Click [here](#) to join the Zoom meeting, or go to <https://Zoom.us>, enter Meeting ID: 867 8343 6756, and when prompted, Passcode: 449417 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 Tuesday, January 11th at 11:30 at the new Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux, 1737 B University Ave. An RSVP text is appreciated but not mandatory; please send to Nena Mutersbaugh, (918) 906-8811

LUNCH BUNCH will gather on Tuesday, January 25th at 11:30 am at Phillips Grocery, 2406 S Lamar Blvd. 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 gather and play bridge with other ONC&F card lovers every 2nd and 4th Tuesday (January 11th and 25th) 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 will meet at the Coach Howell Activity Center, 396 Price Street, on Thursday, January 20, at 1:00 pm. Bring your knitting needles or your stitching needles and come have fun with a group of passionate ladies. We are always open to new members. Contact Nancy Muller at maytarie@att.net for more information.

OXWINE is taking a pause in January, with plans to regather next month! Questions? Ask Michelle Harvey, mmautheharvey@att.net

READING FAULKNER will meet on Monday, January 17, at 4:00 pm via Zoom. We will be discussing the short stories that comprise the first and second sections of *Collected Stories of William Faulkner*: "The Country" and "The Village." To join the Zoom meeting, click [HERE](#) or go to <https://Zoom.us> and enter Meeting ID: 814 6491 8577. To join the group or for more information, please contact Dianne Fergusson at (662) 236-4670 or sdsferg@bellsouth.net

WOMEN'S COFFEE: Let's start 2022 by getting together for coffee on first and third Friday in January (January 7th and January 21st) at Panera Bread, 1902 Jackson Avenue. Look forward to seeing everyone. Chair: Nellanne Davis (318) 447-0038, or nellanned@aol.com

JANUARY GARDENING TIP

.. ...Happy New Year! 2021 was certainly one for the books, and although I don't typically like to wish time away, I'm happy to see this one come to a close! As I'm writing this, my forsythias are beginning to bloom, I still have

blooms on my Encore azaleas, and my reblooming irises are covered with buds that are just about to blossom! I'm going to cut them tomorrow and see if I can get them to bloom in a vase because, of course, we're on the cusp of several days with lows in the twenties! Although the weather has been a bit crazy this year, and it looks like we're entering a new phase of the pandemic, I choose to remain optimistic that 2022 will be a better year. I hope we all find this new year filled with peace, hope, kindness and good health.

. . . .For those of you who are trying to keep your Christmas poinsettias alive and well, they need bright indirect light, and are sensitive to extreme temperatures. Daytime temperatures between 65-80 degrees, and night time temperatures around 60 degrees will provide perfect conditions to keep them growing. Do not keep them next to a window on a cold night or in a place that gets a lot of drafts. When watering, allow them to drain properly and dry out slightly between waterings. However, don't allow them to become too dry, or they will begin to drop leaves.

.. . .At this time of year, I like to start planning upcoming projects for our lawn and garden. Cold winter days provide the perfect time to browse through seed and plant catalogs, sketch out landscaping designs, and make decisions about planting materials that will be needed in the spring. There were a number of plants that were in short supply last year, so you may want to order early to ensure you are able to locate specific plants or seeds. When making these decisions, I urge you to do your research on the plants you're 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. If you have plants that need to be moved, for the best result, I recommend that you plan ahead and select and prepare a new location to move and replant them very early in the spring.

... ..January is also a good time to clean and sharpen 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. Please remember to also remove berries from your Nandina plants. The berries are poisonous for gorge feeding birds such as Cedar Waxwings. In January, you can still set out trees and shrubs as well as Sweet Peas, Poppies, and Larkspur. If you haven't done so already, remember to protect tender vegetation with a fresh layer of mulch.

.. . .Bird lovers, 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.

*Just a reminder: As a service to the community, Master Gardeners are available to help with any of your gardening problems. Just contact the Lafayette County Extension Office to set up a home consultation. This service is free

Oxford Newcomers and Friends Executive Committee 2022

President: Jonell McGivern, jonell52@att.net
Vice President: VACANT
Communications: VACANT
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 \[rosie@oxfordms.com\]\(mailto:unsubscribe.rosie@oxfordms.com\)](mailto:unsubscribe.rosie@oxfordms.com)

[Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by newcomers@oxfordms.com powered by



Try email marketing for free today!