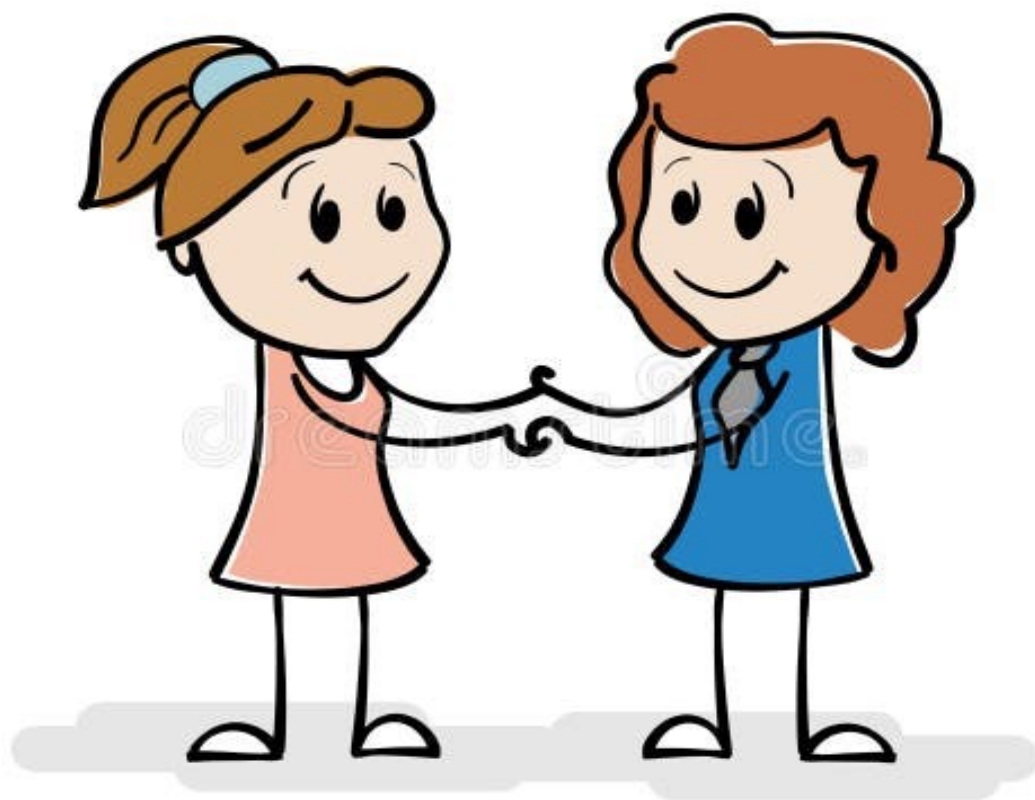


Ottawa Newcomers Club Monthly Newsletter 2023





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Nancy Starek

*Life is ours to be spent, let's spend it together,
because being together is better.*

Welcome to November, the month for remembering. On Remembrance Day we have an opportunity to remember all of those that have served in our nation's defence. I am so thankful to them for keeping us safe no matter how great the cost. 🇨🇦

November is also the perfect month to get into a regular routine. With the chilly weather and calming vibes, November is a great time to take up scrabble or mahjongg, go for a walk with one of our walking groups, grab a cup of coffee at IKEA while chatting with other members, or sign up for a warm and cozy lunch. It's an excellent month to recharge, set new intentions and learn to do something new with friends.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Barb Kennedy

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."



I find that November is a solemn, sometimes dreary, month. It is a month of remembrance. A time to wear your poppy to remember all those who fought for our freedom. Every year, my sister, brother and I lay crosses in memory of our Dad and my brother-in-law at the Legion ceremony back home in Deux Montagnes, QC. We then bring the crosses to put at their grave sites. We are proud and honored to do this on behalf of our family. My brother, who is a firefighter in Deux Montagnes, also lays the wreath on behalf of the Fire Department.

I am glad to see that the Walk & Talk will be at Beechwood Cemetery on November 9th as this is a national historic site and Canada's National Military cemetery. It has graves of some WW1 and WW2 Veterans and has a Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11th.

As the weather gets cooler and the days get shorter, ONC still has lots of activities planned. Don't forget to sign up early as some have limited capacity. Are you going to try something new this month? Do you need more information about an activity? Do you have any suggestions for a new activity? Reach out to your convenors and let them know.

I have had the opportunity to meet quite a few of our newest members at recent activities. They are so happy to be part of our welcoming group and fit in right away.

Membership



Evelyn H Lazare

Membership Director

Email: membership.onc@gmail.com

Website: www.ottawanewcomersclub.ca

Don't forget that our club is always open to new memberships for women new to Ottawa or those experiencing a change of life circumstances. Spread the word!

Enjoy the fall weather and activities!



To Our New Members

Please welcome our three new members!

Eva Eros- Eva moved from Moncton, New Brunswick and now lives in the neighbourhood of Westboro.

Marg Manias – Marg moved from Halifax, New Brunswick and lives in the neighbourhood of Gloucester.

Renee Lagasse – Renee moved from San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. She now lives in the neighbourhood of Hintonburg.

Welcome and we hope you enjoy all the wonderful activities offered by ONC!

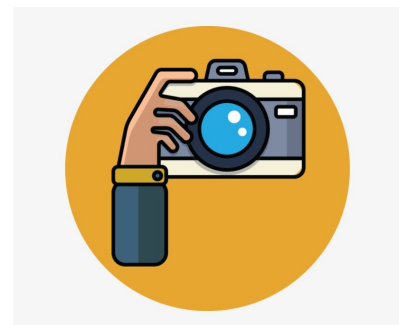
ONC Roster

Did you move, get a new phone number or email address? Please email me with any changes or corrections. Please remember that the ONC Roster and *social* media are for our members only and shall not be used for commercial gain, political purposes, charitable solicitation or distribution to third parties.

Karen Roberts, ONC Roster Chair Email: oncroster.kmr@gmail.com

Housekeeping Reminders.....

Photos at ONC



A gentle reminder to those of us that like photos being taken, please keep in mind others do not.

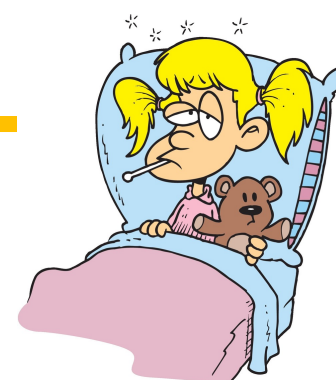
- Always **ASK** before taking that photo to create a comfort level for all.
- Check with your HOSTESS to see if they too are comfortable with a photo opportunity in their home and what the parameters may be.

We would like to continue to see photos taken at our wonderful events and outings and by no means are we asking you to stop taking photos, just asking all to be mindful as we do. Perhaps offer a photo opportunity by a tree or a sign etc. and those wanting to participate can be easily included.

If you plan to post on our **Facebook page - ask about that as well**. Some member might prefer not to have their photo placed there. ONC Facebook is a closed group that we oversee diligently. Each year as members leave ONC their names are removed so only current ONC members that have asked to join our Facebook group will be permitted to participate.

Thanks to each of you for doing your part to continue to make ONC a great place to be!

Feeling unwell?



Please only attend an outing or activity if **you** feel well. If you attend an activity and feel unwell afterwards please advise Nancy Starek and your convenor. Transparency is critical for everyone's well-being.

Respiratory illnesses continue to be present despite vaccines, boosters, hand sanitizers and masks. Learn about the latest information on public health measures, including masking and mask use.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/protection-covid-19-and-other-respiratory-illnesses>

Restaurant Guidelines

As many of our activities are in restaurants either as the main outing or at the end of an activity, we would like to ensure that everyone understands ONC's guidelines.

Here are some reservation tips to keep in mind:

1. A reservation made is a reservation paid.
2. If you are not well send an email to the convenor *as early as possible and well before the arranged time*.
3. Check the roster to see if there is anyone in your neighbourhood that is interested in carpooling. The roster is updated on the 15th of each month and comes with the newsletter.
4. Just in case you can't find the restaurant please take the convenor's cell phone number with you. We are happy to guide you to the right spot.
5. ONC does not have a credit card or money in our budget to cover shortfalls.
6. Please pay your bill before you stand up to leave. If you need to leave by a certain time inform the wait staff after you have placed your order.

Looking forward to many more tasty meals with our fun membership!!!



Tender Loving Care (TLC)

Convenor: Lynn Lanctot
Email: lanctot.social@gmail.com



As we make new friends, conversation sometimes turns to sharing life's challenges.

If you know of any member who has lost someone near and dear to them, or who is seriously ill or has undergone surgery, please let me know so that a card may be sent & support offered. Or perhaps you or another member has something celebratory to share - an accomplishment, a new grandchild, a milestone birthday. Most of us are relatively new to Ottawa and if so, our circle of family or friends can be quite small in the beginning. ONC wants to be there for its members through all times of life.

Thank you for your help with this - we don't want to miss anyone! And remember, TLC continues throughout the year.

NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			Monthly Members Lunch	Mahjongg Evening Book Club	Card Games Scrabble	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Afternoon Bridge	Bridge (AM)	Grandmothering Group	Walk and Talk Knitting for Charity	Happy Hour (Zoom)	Remembrance Day 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Afternoon Bridge	Bridge (AM)	Fun Lunch	Art Gallery Visits Library Tutorial	Conversations en Français	Dining Out Duplicate Bridge
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Afternoon Bridge Monday Movie	Bridge (AM) Woodsy Rambles	Afternoon Book Club	Plus 1	Out and About	Movie Night – Netflix (Zoom)
26	27	28	29	30		
	Board Meeting Afternoon Bridge	Bridge (AM) Coffee and Chat				

Members' Monthly Lunch

ONAC/ONC JOINT NOVEMBER MEMBERS LUNCH

Location: Stonebridge Golf Club

Address: [68 Hawktree Ridge, Nepean, ON K2J 5N3](#)

Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Time: Registration - 11:30 a.m. Lunch served at 12:00 pm

Theme: Ottawa....'A Playful City' - Featuring Guest Speaker **Dr. Tonya Davidson**, Professor of Sociology at Carleton University. Dr. Davidson specializes in OTTAWOLOGY, and will speak to us about activities, cultural and otherwise.

Lunch Menu

Appetizers: Roasted Red Pepper Soup and Garden Salad

Entrée - Choice of:

- Chicken Parmesan (with penne pasta, roasted red pepper confit, garlic, lightly spiced tomato sauce, & garlic bread)

OR

- Vegetarian Lasagne (with sun dried tomato sauce, ricotta, mushrooms, basil, spinach, zucchini, artichokes, & garlic bread)

Dessert: Creme Brûlée served with Tea or Coffee.

Cost: \$40 (This includes tax, tip and \$7 subsidy.)

- This can be paid in advance by e-transfer to ottawanewcomers6@gmail.com or at the door by cash (exact amount) or cheque
- ***If you are paying by e-transfer, please ensure to add a note on the e-transfer with your name and indicate it is for the Monthly Lunch***

****Remember: A Reservation Made is A Reservation Paid.****

RSVP by: Monday, October 23rd

Please use this link to RSVP and to make your menu selection:

<https://forms.gle/mkpW7Erq6zPiyEFs8>

Click on the link above to open the form or copy the link and put it in the address bar of your browser.

Questions?

If you have questions, the convenors for this event are:

Kelley Johnston: kelleyjohnston@rogers.com

Louise Steeves: louise.steeves@gmail.com

ONC/ONAC Ladies Nine and Dine Golf Group

Renee Armishaw rainroma@hotmail.com

Donna Kemp donnavkemp@gmail.com

As you read this November newsletter, the ONAC/ONC Nine & Dine Ladies Golf activity has concluded for this year. Most of the golfers have stowed their clubs until next season or may port them to warmer climates to carry on golfing over the winter.

During the 2023 season, which ran from the beginning of May until October 31st, we scheduled 27 games on Tuesday mornings. As of October 4th, eight games (30%) were cancelled due to rain, wildfire smoke, heat warnings, and reduced player response.

Thirty-three women signed up to golf during the 2023 season. Regrettably, 13 women did not play any games, reducing our number to 20 active players.

The organization of weekly games was supported by volunteers who were paired up to coordinate games each month. With great appreciation, I would like to acknowledge and thank these ladies for their efforts and contributions in making our 2023 golf season a success. Thank you to everyone!

What did one golf ball say to another golf ball? See you 'round

May	Armishaw, Renee	ONAC	August	Tetu, Ingrid	ONAC
	Kemp, Donna	ONAC		Weagant, Elise	ONC
	Powers, Ann	ONC		Kemp, Donna	ONAC
June	Arnold, Deborah	ONAC	September	Brette, Line	ONC
	Naylor, Brenda	ONAC		Ostep, Shelley	ONAC
July	Hart, Nicole	ONAC	October	Chamberland, Patricia	ONAC
	Fehrenbach, Mary	ONC		Houlahan, Pauline	ONC



ONC American Mahjongg

Date: Thursday, November 2nd
Time: 10:00 to 12 Noon
Hostess: Marita Bonk
Convenor: Marita Bonk **Email:** marita.bonk@me.com
RSVP: Monday, October 30th to convenor

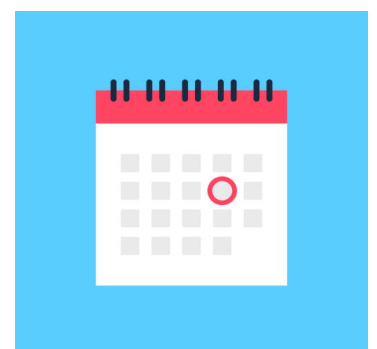


Please come and join us for American Mahjongg. We are now playing with the 2023 Mahjongg card. Please bring your card with you. A follow up email will be sent after the RSVP date to players who did RSVP, confirming their spot and address where we're playing. Please note that this month our space is limited to **14** players.

We do allow people to watch as we play, to see if they are interested in learning the game. Please contact the convenor if you would like to join us!

Join Me!!!

Date: November 2023
Time: Anytime!
Place: Anywhere!
Convenor: Elaine McCallum **Email:** alohafromelaine@gmail.com



JOIN ME is for spontaneous activities. If an ONC member would like company for biking, hiking, coffee, cards, a concert, a walk, or whatever, they e-mail the convenor with details of date, time, place, etc., with their e-mail and phone number. The convenor forwards the invitation to Join Me members, and if they're interested, **they contact the person making the request**. If you would like to be added to the JOIN ME list, please let me know.

Evening Book Club

Date: Thursday, November 2nd and the **1st Thursday** of every month

Time: 6:30 – 9:00 pm

RSVP: Sunday, October 29th

Convenor: Arlene Prill

Email: arlene.prill@outlook.com

Hostess: Anne McDougall

Location: Anne McDougall's home, address to follow



Good Reads over Great Food coupled with lively conversation! What a perfect combination! For this book club, each person will choose a book and a restaurant, or you can host the evening's event at your home, whatever suits your fancy! There will be 12 women, 12 books and 12 restaurants or private homes! Are you ready?

How to participate: Send me an email telling me you'd like to join and I will put you in the group.

The book we will be reading for November, 2023 is:

The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel.

An exhilarating novel set at the glittering intersection of two seemingly disparate events—the exposure of a massive criminal enterprise and the mysterious disappearance of a woman from a ship at sea.

Happy reading everybody!

Card Games

Date: Friday, November 3rd

Time: 10:00 am - Noon

RSVP: Monday, October 30th

Cost: \$2

Place: Barbara Kennedy's (Alta Vista area). Party room in her building

Convenor: Judy Mayer

Email: judymayer000@gmail.com



Calling all card players! If you are interested in playing cards, or learning new card games, come on out. We are a small group of women; 5-8 players. Doesn't matter if you haven't played before. Very easy to learn. Come spend a lively morning playing and socializing. I have many card games for any number of people, from easy to challenging.

COFFEE and TEA will be provided. For directions or if you have any questions, please email me.

Look forward to seeing you soon!

Scrabble

Joint ONC/ONAC activity

Date: Friday, November 3rd
Time: 10:00 am - Noon
RSVP: Saturday, October 28th
Cost: \$2 (covers the cost of the room rental)
Place: Barbara Kennedy's (Alta Vista area). Party room in my building
Convenor: Barbara Kennedy **Email:** claynat@aol.com



Calling all wordies to come and play scrabble!

Doesn't matter if you haven't played before. Very easy to learn. Come spend a lively morning playing and socializing. I have 4 board games so we can have up to 16 people. Coffee and tea provided, and we take turns bringing a snack to share. Plenty of visitor parking in the back of the building plus street parking.



**Did someone say
bridge??**



We are so lucky as members of ONC to have three different bridge clubs available! Monday afternoons, Tuesday mornings and the third Saturday evening of the month.

Monday Afternoon Bridge

Place: Sandy Hill Community Centre, 250 Somerset St East. (free parking)
Convenor: Mary Ann Guy maryannguy@rogers.com
Date: Mondays November 6, 13, 20 and 27
Time: Please arrive at 11.45; we finish by 3pm
November organizers: Susan Gloyn (613-435-2272) susangloyn1@gmail.com and
Glenda Strong (613-726-8145) jimandglendastrong@rogers.com

Our Monday afternoon bridge ladies are back in action ready to share their knowledge and enjoy a very casual, fun afternoon. Do bring your own coffee mug and the \$4 cover charge for the room rental and weekly prizes.

All levels of bridge players are welcome, and no partners are necessary. Many thanks to all our volunteers who keep our Monday bridge up and running. It is helpful for the newcomers in the group to wear a nametag. **This month contact Glenda or Susan to play.**

ONC/ONAC Tuesday Bridge Group

Where: Overbrook Community Centre, 33 Quill Street
(Between Donald St and Queen Mary)
Room location: Main Floor at the end across from the gymnasium
When: Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Cost: \$4.00 per person (Exact change appreciated)
Convenor: Barb Vogan **Email:** cvogan@sympatico.ca
Home: 613-590-8229 **Cell:** 613-837-2520

While you do need to have played some bridge before, this is a fun and relaxed group with many different levels of players who are happy to learn from one another. You do not need a partner to play, however your spouse is very welcome to join us if they like to play bridge.

COFFEE and TEA will be provided. Please bring your own mug and snack.

REGISTER to play by the Friday morning before, by e-mailing me or calling me at 613-837-2520. Your name will be added to the list and you will receive a confirmation email.

Our group looks forward to meeting you soon!

ONC/ONAC Saturday Evening Duplicate Bridge

Date: Saturday, November 18th (and every 3rd Saturday of the month)
Location: Qualicum Graham Park Community Centre 48 Nanaimo Dr., Nepean
Time: 6:45 P.M. – 9 P.M.
Convenor: Ann Powers
Email: annpowers87@AOL.com **Cost:** \$5 per team

Do you enjoy bridge? Have you considered playing duplicate bridge? Every third Saturday of the month, we welcome members to bring along a partner to test the waters in an easy-going environment. Along with the challenge of making the most of your cards, teams take turns each month buying Tim Bits to dunk with tea or coffee, vying for 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize. Please remember to bring a mug. If you are looking for a duplicate partner, don't hesitate to contact me as there may be other members looking to do the same.

See you at the Saturday Evening Duplicate Bridge Table.

ONC/ONAC Grandmothering group

Date: Wednesday, November 8th
RVSP : by email A.S.A.P. to Shelagh
Time: 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Convenor: Shelagh Spence **Email:** shelagh.spence@hotmail.com
Hostess: Home of Karen Cormier Alta Vista and Billings area

Grandmas
HOLD OUR TINY HANDS FOR
JUST A LITTLE WHILE,
BUT OUR
HEARTS forever

A very warm welcome to our new Grandmothering group participants. It is lovely to share Grandchildren stories! Our group has experienced recent growth from ONC members. I will accept your email to attend any time on or after the Newsletter is published on the 15th of the month *i.e. October 15th for November 8th get together.* ***A wait list may be established due to our increased numbers and in keeping with a host request***

Be sure to send your request to join our monthly get together to me Shelagh Spence and NOT the host, each month. Karen has requested that you bring your own bagged lunch and she will prepare something to accompany it. More details will be provided closer to the time to those members whose attendance has been confirmed. Come share in the many joys and occasional challenges of being a grandmother.



Carpooling

Carpooling is a great option to assist members without cars, to get to know each other, to address parking issues at the event and to help tackle climate change. The event-confirming email will list all attendees. Feel free to reach out to offer a drive or ask for a drive!!



Walk and Talk

Location: Beechwood Cemetery, 280 Beechwood Ave.
Date: Thursday, November 9th **Time:** 1:00 pm
**Please note the change of time for this month's Walk and Talk: 1:00 p.m. **
Meeting Spot: The military tank - follow the yellow line on the road until you see the tank.
Parking is available at the tank.
Convenors: Joanne Block and Denise Wesselow
Emails: jorablock@gmail.com dwesselow@yahoo.com
RSVP: by November 5th to Joanne Block or Denise Wesselow

This month, as we commemorate Remembrance Day, we will tour through Beechwood Cemetery, Canada's national cemetery, founded in 1873.
This will be an opportunity to visit different areas of this beautiful cemetery, including the veteran's and military sections.
Our tour will be guided by a Volunteer of Beechwood and will last 1 - 1.5 hour.

https://www.beechwoodottawa.ca/sites/default/files/2023-06/BeechwoodMap_july%202023.pdf

Knitting for Charity

Date: Thursday, November 9th
Time: 1pm to 3pm
Place: Alta Vista Public Library (basement room) 2516 Alta Vista Dr.
(** a small fee will be collected each month to cover the room rental of \$16)
Convenor: Sandra Browne
Email: san.browne@Hotmail.com



Our September meeting was a success and, although we expect attendance to grow, the 7 members who attended enjoyed the group very much. We welcome knitters of all levels (beginners to skilled) from ONAC/ONC who would like to join us. Those with the skills will help others get started. Our current venture is hats for newborns and a pattern is available on the ONAC Facebook page. Don't forget your nametags!!



Place: Zoom

Date: Friday, November 10th

Time: 4pm – 5pm

RSVP: Wednesday, November 8th

Convenor: Berjis Anvar **Email:** berjis.anvar@gmail.com

If you would like to spend a pleasant hour or so on a Friday afternoon on the Zoom platform catching up with a few ONC members you know, or perhaps getting to know a new ONC member, you may wish to join Happy Hour. ***Grab your beverage of choice and join the group for a discussion of happenings in Ottawa this November, past personal experiences, or future plans you wish to share.***

To receive the Happy Hour Invitation Link for November, please RSVP to Berjis at the email address above.

PLACE/AREA: Alta Vista

HOSTESS: Karen Cormier

DATE: Wednesday, November 15th

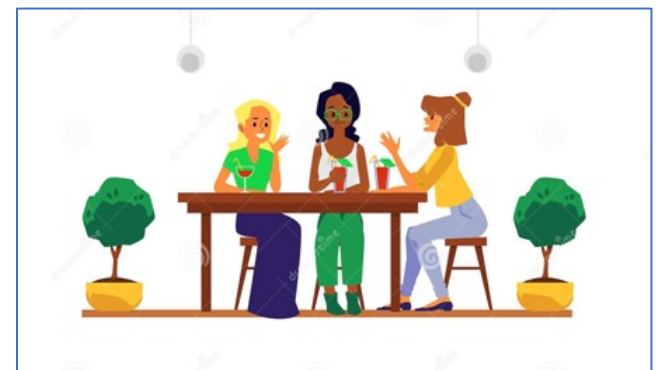
TIME: 11:30 a.m.

CONVENOR: Kelley Johnston

RSVP: Wednesday, November 1st

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Fun Lunch



Fun Lunch is a great opportunity to meet ONC members and share a lovely meal and wine, while getting to know each other better. You may bring an appetizer, salad, entree, dessert, or white wine. The convenor will monitor the menu to avoid having too much food of one category and not enough of another. Should it be the case, you may be asked to bring something else.

Please have your food and serving utensils ready when you arrive. For those who supply the wine and appetizers, please be prompt. Regular attendees will bring a dish from each category at least once during the year. A guest list is created on a first come basis once the newsletter has been published. A hostess can accommodate a limited number of guests, so it is best to sign-up early to avoid any disappointment. If you wish to attend, please complete rsvp -google form indicating what you would like to bring.

The maximum number of attendees for this event is 14 members. If you **cannot** attend after you have signed up, please inform me right away by emailing me at kellyjohnstn@rogers.com as there may be a wait list and someone else could take your place. Closer to the date of the event, an email will be sent with the address and parking information.

If you are interested in hosting a Fun Lunch, please let me know we have openings to host in the New Year.

OTTAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY TUTORIAL



DATE: Thursday, November 16

LOCATION: Zoom (Joint ONC-ONAC event)

TIME: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

CONVENOR: Elisabeth Cloutier (ONC) and Carol Pearson (ONAC)

EMAIL: Elisabeth ecloutier@bell.net or call 613-260-5071

Carol crna80@hotmail.com or call 343-202-6989

RSVP by: Thursday, November 9

Join our Zoom tutorial and learn about the incredible range of services offered by the Ottawa Public Library! This contemporary library is so much more than its vast collection of the latest books -- access e-books, downloadable magazines and free on-line newspapers; stream movies, TV shows, ballets, symphonies and music of all genres; take free on-line courses and workshops; join an in-person creative writing group or book club; take your grandchildren for a StoryWalk; get free passes for museums, parks, and local skiing; rent musical instruments; use tools to explore your genealogy; digitize your personal documents; and so much more! Your concept of a public library will never be the same, but this tutorial also covers the delightful basics of on-line browsing and borrowing tools for good old-fashioned hardcover books!!

Art Gallery Visit

Date: Thursday, November 16th
Place: Ottawa Art Gallery, 50 Mackenzie King Bridge, Ottawa K1N0C5
Time: 11 am
Admission: Free
Convenor: Nancy Kellett **Email:** kellett.nancy@gmail.com
RSVP: Monday, November 13th

Join us this month as we visit the Ottawa Art Gallery, home to the art and artists of the Ottawa-Gatineau region. 2023 marks the Gallery's 35th year as an organization, and 5th year in the new OAG building. There are a variety of exhibitions currently on display, including contemporary works as well as historical acquisitions.

Located near the Rideau Centre.

Enter the Gallery at 10 Daly or 50 Mackenzie King Bridge; we will meet up inside the Daly entrance, just beside the gift shop, where there is a comfortable waiting area. Street metered parking is available on nearby residential streets, and other parking options include the Novotel Parkade and the Rideau Centre Parkade. On the LRT, exit at Rideau Station. Again, we can go to one of the many local restaurants for lunch afterwards.

Hope to see you there!

Conversation en Français

Date: Vendredi 17 novembre
Heure: 12 heures
Lieu: Westboro
Hôtesse : Dianna Ericson
Organisatrice: Dianna Ericson **Courriel:** dericson@bell.net
RSVP: Lundi 13 novembre



Rejoignez-nous pour un après-midi de conversation en français. Tout niveau de prise de parole est le bienvenu. Apportez un repas léger ou un café et un scone si vous le souhaitez.

Dining Out – Let's do lunch

Location: Pure Kitchen – Kanata

Address: [499 Terry Fox Dr, Ottawa, ON, K2T 0A3](#)

Date: Saturday, November 18, 2023

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Come for a seriously delicious vegetarian meal that won't disappoint. The Pure philosophy has remained the same ever since opening their first location in Westboro in 2015: "Pure Nourishing food for everyone, on our plates and in our community. Always Fresh and Always Evolving". In addition to their manifesto, their slogan of "Choose Health, Lifestyle, Community & Taste" summarizes how by choosing Pure Kitchen, you ultimately choose good food but you're also supporting local initiatives, conscious leadership growth of their staff, and quality ingredients. Check out their [menu](#) or visit their [website](#).

Parking: There is ample parking in the shopping plaza where the restaurant is located.

RSVP by: Wednesday, November 15th

Please use this link to RSVP: <https://forms.gle/F5FTx4dwS1KswQ8x8>

Please use this form to confirm your attendance. Click on the link above to open the form or copy the link and put it in the address bar of your browser.

Questions? If you have questions, the convenor for this event is: **Louise Steeves:**

louise.steeves@gmail.com

Monday at the Movies

Place: The Mayfair (Bank Street), Cineplex on Carling or Lansdowne

Convenor: Jacqui Schofield

Email: jacquischofield@rogers.com

Date: Monday, November 20th



Come and join me at the movies! The theatre will depend on suitable movie selections available; with the writers strike that may prove problematic in the short-term. We will likely meet in the afternoons. Dependent on which theatre and the time, a get together before or after may be possible. Due to restaurant sizes, numbers may be limited. Tickets can be purchased in advance for Cineplex & Lansdowne. I will start sharing seat numbers in the email thread of those of you who RSVP to me. Mayfair does not do allocated seating so we would meet in the lobby (also the Mayfair gives a reduced admission if you take out a yearly membership). Email me if you're interested!

Woodsy Rambles

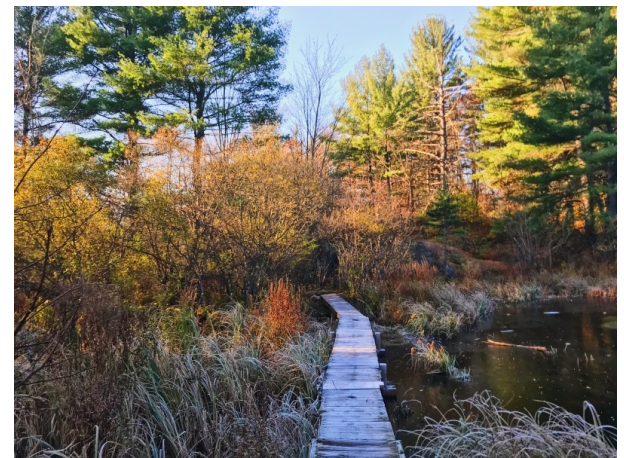
Location: South March Highlands Conservation Forest

Date: Tuesday, November 21st

Time: 10:00 am

RSVP: November 18th

Convenor: Julie Breeze Email: julie.breeze@yahoo.ca



This month we will explore the beautiful trails of the South March Highlands. The rock formations here are part of the Canadian Shield, over a billion years old. There are several ponds and marshes in this forest. After the hike we will head to Luna Crepes and Cafe for lunch. Join us for great company, fresh air, and exercise!

Afternoon Book Club

Date: Wednesday, November 22nd
Place: Karen Cormier's (Riverside/Bank Street)
Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Convenor: Karen Cormier
RSVP: ktcormier@icloud.com
Book: **Deafening**
Author: **Frances Itani**



Set during 1915-19 in Canada, United States, England, Belgium and France, this is the story of Grania, a young woman, profoundly deaf from the age of 5 as a result of scarlet fever. She marries Jim, a hearing man who, 2 weeks after their marriage, leaves home in Ontario to “do his bit for Mother England.” Jim tries in every possible way to understand his wife’s experience of deafness, and together they explore their love through the silence in which she lives.

“Plus 1”

Location: Karen Cormier’s home – Riverside and Bank St.

Date: Thursday, November 23rd

Time: 6:00 pm

Convenors: Karen Cormier/Nancy Starek

RSVP: ktcormier@icloud.com



Let’s get together with our “Plus 1” for some **gossip, treachery and murder!**

Everyone is welcome and members may invite a spouse/partner, friend, family member or visitor to sift through the evidence and solve the crime. You’ll be asked to bring a menu item for the dinner, and it’s BYOB. Please advise regarding allergies. If you cannot attend, please inform Karen asap as there may be a wait list.

Closer to the date of the event, we’ll send out an email with the address and parking information.

Out and About

Place: Royal Canadian Mint

Location: 320 Sussex Dr. Ottawa K1A 0G8

Date: Friday, November 24th

Time: 10:00 AM (Tour starts at 10:30 am)

Cost: \$8 for seniors (age 65+) \$10 for adults. Payable on-site cash/debit/credit

Convenors: Linda White & Barb Kennedy

Email: claynat@aol.com

RSVP: Wednesday, November 15th (the event is limited to 20 - RSVP early)

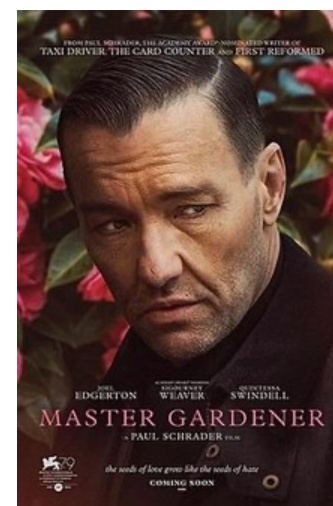
DESCRIPTION: Did you know that the Royal Canadian Mint's headquarters occupies the same historic building in Ottawa where it was founded in 1908? Today, the facility proudly produces world-renowned collector coins, gold and silver bullion, and medals and medallions that honour those who have made a significant impact on our country.

This 45-minute tour is fun and educational for all ages. Every tour is personally led by one of their knowledgeable guides who will walk you through the production process, offer insights on major milestones and entertain you with unique stories about the Mint. You will also see the 2010 Vancouver winter games medal that was produced here.

Following the tour, we will grab some lunch at one of the many restaurants in the downtown area.

PARKING: Metered parking is available on adjacent streets. Underground parking is available at the National Gallery of Canada (380 Sussex Drive).

Place: Watch the movie anywhere, anytime you want.
 Discussion will be on zoom
Date: Saturday, November 25th
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Movie: Master Gardner
Convenor: Mary Mathew
Email: marymathew64@hotmail.com
RSVP : Monday, November 20th



A complex dark movie that holds you in your seat. It has a strange but intriguing storyline that shows what some make of themselves, under witness protection. Lead actor Narvel Roth (Joel Edgerton) develops himself into a meticulous gardener, and his knowledge of gardening is worth mention. It may be that he was crafting his karma, but Gracewood Gardens are a treat to the eye. Despite the greenery, this movie has sporadic elements of violence, racist under-tones, and good and bad relationships. The acting is amazing, very natural, yet cautious. It is a typical Paul Schrader thriller. Reviewers found it a favorable movie. IMD rated the movie 6.2/10.

Coffee and Chat

Place: IKEA, Pinecrest Shopping Centre, 2685 Iris St
Location: Restaurant, Top Floor (*towards the back corner of the restaurant*)
Date: Tuesday, November 28th
Time: 10:30 am
Convenors: Dorothy Black dorothyandkenblack@gmail.com
 Nicole O'Hara nicoleohara8@gmail.com
RSVP: By November 20th to Dorothy Black dorothyandkenblack@gmail.com

Join us for Coffee and Chat and meet members old and new to chat about and exchange notes on our wonderful new lives in Ottawa! We get together for an hour or so at 10:30 am at IKEA.



ONC FACEBOOK PAGE

When we are unable to meet in person for ONC activities, the Members' private Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ottawanewcomersclub/>

is a good place to go.

Members of the page can post listings for free online about events like concerts, plays, film festivals, tours of museums, ride sharing and all sorts of other events.

Members are welcome to post information, in accordance with the Page Guidelines, that would be of interest to other ONC members or to ask questions and seek advice about Ottawa resources like; health care, home renovation specialists, etc.

In order to join the ***ONC Facebook page***, one has to join Facebook.

Note that the ONC Facebook page is a Closed Group and can only be viewed by ONC members.

For advice/help on joining Facebook safely and securely, contact Diane Laundry at diane@dianelaundry.com

ONC's WEBSITE <https://ottawanewcomersclub.ca/>

The colorful interactive homepage is open to the public and contains information about the club, its activities and how to join.

Once one becomes an **ONC** member, access is provided to the private Members-Only area through a special Username and Password. The Password is changed in September and February every year for security reasons.

What can you find on the ONC Website? In the members-Only area you will find the following:

- A Message from the Club President
- Activities information and a Photo Gallery
- An Interactive Calendar of Activities
- The latest Newsletter and an Archive of past issues, Membership Renewal Information and Waiver Forms
- The current Board of Directors, their contact information and their Job Descriptions
- The Club's By-Laws and the Annual Financial Statements
- Links to Government Services, Utility Companies and Social Organizations

ONC Website Calendars and Some emails from the Newsletter ARE INTERACTIVE!

When preparing to reserve or indicate your participation at an ONC event, Convenors' email addresses are now hot links on the **Website** Calendar. Click on the email address and your default email program will open with the Convenor's email address already filled in.

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