

Orange-Chatham Group

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2005 ExCom Elections

Please take time to vote for members of the 2005 Ex-Com and return the ballot on the back page. Also, join us for the OCG Holiday Party. We return to Pam Hemminger's house for a Pot Luck and, of course, the White Elephant Gift Swap.



2005 Sierra Club Calendars



The 2005 Sierra Club Calendars are on sale. Calendar sales are the most single important source of income for the OCG. Please help maintain an active and involved group by purchasing Sierra Club Calendars.

The calendars are \$11 for the Wilderness and \$12.00 for the Engagement. To purchase calendars, or to volunteer to help sale them, email Pam Hemminger at phem-

minger@bellsouth.net or call 942-2273. This is our only fundraiser and we keep 100% of the profits.

2005 ExCom Candidate Bios

You may vote for seven candidates. The ballot is on the back side.

Kristen Dang: Kristen is a graduate student at UNC and a resident of Chatham County. She has served as the Orange-Chatham Group's Membership Chair for the past 2 years, and was a member of the political committee in 2003. She is particularly interested in working to increase the opportunities for members to be involved with the Group.

Don Eads: Don joined the Sierra Club on the First Earth Day (April 22, 1970). A resident of Chatham County, he has been active in the Deep River Coalition, which has been fighting pollution of the Deep River by factory hog farms. He is also active in county politics and is a chair of the Goldson precinct for the Democratic Party in Chatham County.

Tom Jensen: Tom is a Junior at UNC where as the Chairman of Students for a Progressive Chapel Hill, he has worked to elect environmentally friendly candidates to the Chapel Hill Town Council. Tom ran the Democratic campaign on campus this fall. He is particularly interested in ensuring environmentally responsible development in the area as UNC expands and many developers attempt to build new housing developments.

Annette Jurgelski: Annette Jurgelski has been a member of the Sierra Club for 20 years and an active member of our group for 10 years. In our group, she has been group secretary and outings chair. For 5 years, she was secretary to the N.C. Chapter Executive Committee. Her environmental interests have been focused on conservation and land preservation. She is currently a board member of the Eno River Association (a local land trust), and a member of the Commission for the Environment for Orange County.

Bernadette Pelissier: Bernadette Pelissier has served the OCG group in many capacities. She has been Treasurer, Membership Chair and Chair. At present she is the chair of the political committee and also serves on the NC Chapter Political Steering Committee. Her goal is to enhance the participation of the Orange Chatham Group in issues from all areas of Orange and Chatham County, particularly Chatham County which faces enormous development pressures which threaten water quality. She is a strong advocate for watershed protection and sustainability of water resources in her 5 years on the board of directors of Orange Water and Sewer Authority.

OCG Meetings

Friday, December 10th, 6:30 p.m. OCG Holiday Party: This year's party will be hosted by Pam Hemminger. Many of us remember previous parties at the Hemminger household.



Bring a delicious treat to share and join fellow Sierrans for a festive evening. Wrap up an old gift, something nice, something unusual, or something left over

and participate in the fabulously fun OCG White Elephant Gift Exchange. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Wednesday, January 12th, 7:30 p.m. OCG Holiday Party: Brian Rosa from the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources will speak on organics recycling through composting and other ways to avoid pollution and reduce the waste stream.

See you in Room 2-3 of the Carrboro Century Center on Oct. 20 at 7:30.

Wednesday, January 5th, 7:30 p.m. ExCom meeting. At the Oriental Garden Restaurant on Rosemary Street. Submit agenda items to Robert Porter at robertporter@mindspring.com or 933-7613. All OCG members are welcome.

Needed Newsletter & Website Editors

The OCG needs volunteers to assume the positions of newsletter editor and webmaster. For more information about the tasks, contact Kristen Dang at kamerath@bellsouth.net.

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Outings

All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the liability waiver before you chose to participate on an outing, please go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

3rd Saturday - Bolin Creek Trail. Work is continuing on the Bolin Creek habitat restoration project. After a fairly small amount of work, a significant improvement is now visible along the Greenway. This is a long-term project, and we need many more volunteers. It's hard work, but very rewarding.

We meet the third Saturday of each month at the Greenway entrance on Bolinwood Drive, just off Hillsborough Street in Chapel Hill. Please contact Bill Bracey at arbornet@mindspring.com, or 942-9937 if you are interested in participating.

DEC 4 (Sat) Duke Forest. Hike little known trails in Duke Woods near Chapel Hill for 4 miles, 3 hours. Easy.

From I-40 take exit #266 north (Hwy.# 86). Proceed 0.1 mile toward Hillsborough. Turn right on Whitfield Road and go 2.6 miles to Duke Woods gate #25. Also, gate #25 is 0.9 mile from the intersection of Erwin Road and Whitfield Road. Meet at 9:45 at the gate. Lunch out after the hike? No reservations necessary. For further information, contact Kathy Harris (OCG) 919 968-8173.

DEC 4 (Sat) 2 p.m. ATT at Scott King Road. Easy 4 miles on the ATT at Scott King Road. Well-behaved dogs welcomed. Contact Janet Hitti (HWG) at 919-572-2407 or janet.hitti@verizon.net.

DEC 5 (Sun) Falls Lake. Enjoy a winter hike at Falls Lake. About 8 miles; moderate due to length. Contact Margaret Anderson (OCG) at andcamlib@hotmail.com or call 919-493-0397.

JAN 14-16 Doughton Park. Doughton Park winter camping. Stenuous. Drive up Friday evening and backpack in one mile to the wilderness camping area. Thirteen mile loop hike Saturday, and return Sunday. Explore the history and geology of the park and see how it has gotten through hurricane season. \$10 refundable deposit. Register with Chris and Odile Gould (HWG) at 919-493-1194 or preferably, e-mail chris_gould@mindspring.com.

Candidate Bios Continued ...

Robert Porter: Robert has served as Political and Group Chair for OCG. He has worked to keep OCG involved in the political process and expanded candidate endorsements to Chatham County and Hillsborough. He is interested in land preservation, public health and environmental racism.

Andrea Rohrbacher: Andrea has served in many roles including Group Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of OCG during her twenty years as a member. She is interested in transportation and solid waste management especially recycling. She would like to see the club be a strong voice for the environment as significant changes in growth and development

emerge during the next several years.

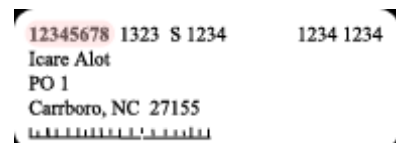
Marsha Stephens: Marsha is interested in nature and the environment and seeks to serve on the ExCom to insure that our chapter can have a strong voice to positively effect change within our local community. An avid birder, he has lived in the Orange-Chatham area for 30 years and has been a member of several organizations, including Sierra Club, Audubon Society, NRDC and Nature Conservancy. He served on the New Hope Audubon board for five years, including two years as President. He brings expertise in organizational fundamentals and setting goals. He wants to motivate members to participate in Sierra Club activities, and to partner with other like-minded local conservation groups.

2005 ExCom Ballot

Vote for no more than seven candidates.

- Kristen Dang
- Don Eads
- Tom Jenson
- Annette Jurgelski
- Bernadette Pelissier
- Robert Porter
- Andrea Rohrbacher
- Marsha Stephens

You must include your Sierra Club Membership Number from the top left corner of your mailing. See shaded area of example label shown at right.



Single: _____ Joint: _____

You may vote by mailing this ballot back to the address below.

OCG Election Ballots
Sierra Club
112 S. Blount St.
Raleigh, NC 27601

Ballots must be received by Jan 10th to be counted.



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