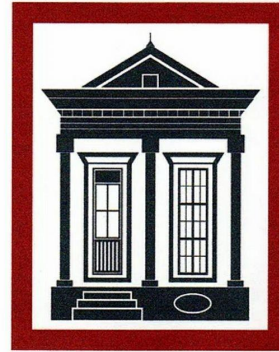


Old Arabi
Neighborhood
Association Meeting

January 2022



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AGENDA: Year in Review & Kicking off 2022

1. Welcome & Pledge
2. Review Membership Categories & Committees
3. 2021 Year in Review
4. Guest Speaker – Laura Johanna, Co-Director of Swan River Yoga Studio
5. Guest Speaker – Jason Stopa, Director of Community Development Office
6. Last Call for Member Surveys
7. Upcoming Calendar of Events
8. Member Updates
9. Door Prizes
10. Accepting Membership Applications & Renewals After Meeting



Membership Categories:

Active Member:

- Resident of Old Arabi
- Open to Homeowners & Renters
- 2 Voting Members per household
- Includes 2 member invitations to OANA Holiday Party & social events
- Eligible to hold board position

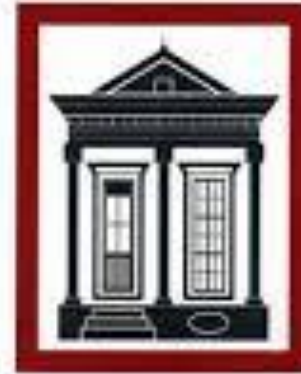


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Membership Categories:

Associate Member:

- Open to everyone outside of Old Arabi
- Ideal for Arabi business owners, Old Arabi property owners, friends & family of Old Arabi residents
- Includes 2 member invitations to OANA Holiday Party & social events
- Eligible to serve on committees



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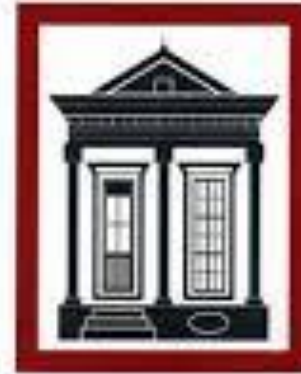
Member dues are:

\$20 if paid by cash or check

\$22 if paid by PayPal

Dues can be:

- Paid at any meeting
- Mailed - PO Box 112 Arabi LA 70032
- Online at oldarabi.org



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OANA Committees:

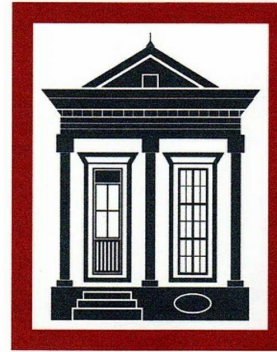
- Sippin' in the Sunset Planning
- Sugarfest Planning
- Membership
- Finance
- Event Planning
- Sunshine/Member Outreach
- Beautification
- Philanthropy
- Yard of the Month



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2021 Year in Review

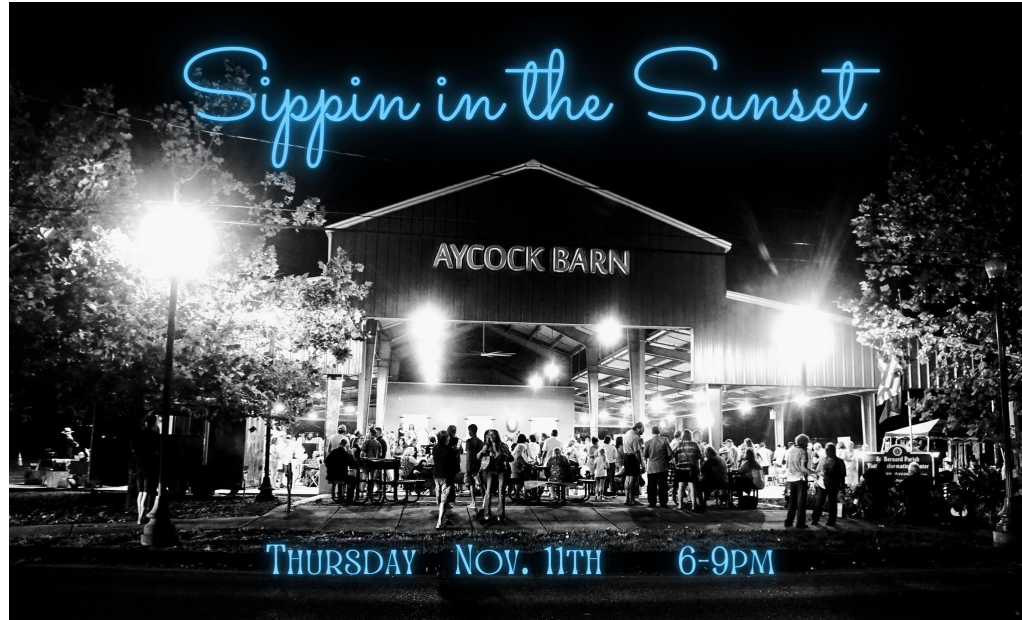
Covid Can't Keep Us Down!
(well...not forever, anyway)



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Sippin' in the Sunset – Fall Concert Series

After a successful trial run in May, we held an ambitious three Sippin' events in the Fall/Winter.



Sippin' in the Sunset – Fall Concert Series

We heard great music – fan favorites including Kenny Kerth Jass & Cypress Pop Trio plus Sippin' newcomers Grammy-Nominated Cameron Dupuy & the Cajun Troubadours.



Sippin' in the Sunset – Fall Concert Series

We ate delicious food.



Sippin' in the Sunset – Fall Concert Series



We shopped local.



Sippin' in the Sunset – Fall Concert Series

We caught up with neighbors & friends.



Sippin' in the Sunset – Fall Concert Series

Thanks to our volunteers & bar patrons for making this event possible.



Sippin' in the Sunset – Fall Concert Series

Thanks to Domino Sugar for your generous donation & community support!



Sippin' in the Sunset – Fall Concert Series

Additional thanks go to:

Sam Catalonotto – Ditto's Printing

Charlie Rareshide – Old Arabi Bar

Clements Insurance Services

Christy Cusimano (photographer)

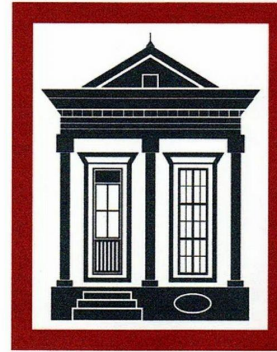
OANA board members & Sippin' in the
Sunset Committee

Additional 2021 Highlights

- Got back to in-person meetings
- Another successful Halloween Trick or Treat map
 - Survived Hurricane Ida together
- Fabulous holiday party at Zeitgeist Theater with music by Christian Serpas

OANA Community Impact

2021



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Holiday Donations

OANA was able to continue our annual tradition of donating \$5000 to families at Arabi Elementary despite not being able to hold Sugarfest for the second year in a row.



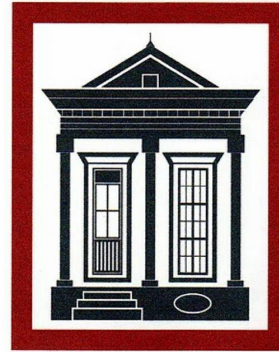
Giving Back to the Community

Nearly \$1000 and many pints of blood have been donated by OANA members to benefit Mary Nadler & her family.

A \$300 donation was made by OANA to the Swan River Yoga Studio in Arabi.

Guest Speaker
Laura Johanna,
Co-Director of Swan
River Yoga Studio Arabi

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Laura Johanna

Laura has been teaching yoga in New Orleans since 2013. She is a graduate of the a 350-hour Swan River Yoga teacher training and the 300- and 75-hour Jivamukti Yoga teacher trainings. She also has additional training in Restorative Yoga, Therapeutic Yoga, and more.

Visit her website at laurajohannayoga.com.





Swan River Yoga Arabi

a virtual and in-person generosity-based studio



We opened our doors in January 2011

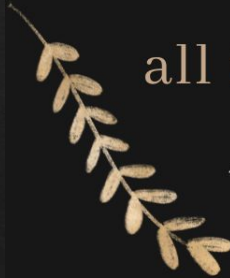
Our studio was founded on the principle of *seva*, or service, and in 11 years we have never charged for a class.



Our mission:

Swan River Yoga Arabi exists to provide anyone and everyone* access to the happiness, peace, and wisdom that arise through yoga, meditation, philosophical study, and silent retreats -- all for free or by donation.

*Everyone includes people of all identities, races, sexual orientation, gender identities, physical abilities, ages, nationality, religion, or socioeconomic status.



We offer:

- Various asana (movement) classes such as Basics, Flow, Alignment, and Restorative
 - Meditation and Breath classes
 - Silent Retreats
 - Dharma
 - Teacher Trainings
- In person, Zoom, and outdoor classes



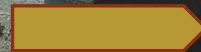


We can do all of
this thanks to our



Sustaining
Members ✨

\$20/month
\$40/month



Upcoming Events

Sankalpa: Exploring Your
Intention (1/29)

Dharma Club (2/3)

Refuge in Stillness: A One-Day
Silent Retreat (2/5)

Becoming Aware: An
Introduction to Mindfulness
(starts 3/4)

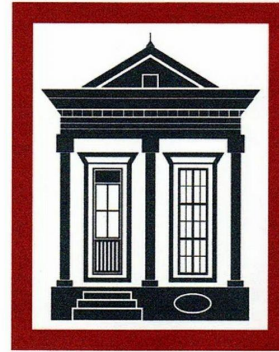


Our studio is your home, and you're welcome any time!



Guest Speaker
Jason Stopa,
Director of Community
Development for St.
Bernard Parish
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Old Arabi Historic District

- Old Arabi Historic District (highlighted in yellow)



Nationally Registered Historic Places

- Old Arabi Historic District
- Friscoville Street Historic District
- Ford Plant



State & Municipal Law

- Louisiana Revised Statute § 25:737 (1970) establishes powers of historic district commissions
- St. Bernard Parish Code Chapter 11.5 addresses historic districts in St. Bernard Parish
 - Article II addresses Old Arabi Neighborhood Commission

Old Arabi Historic District Code

- The Old Arabi Neighborhood Commission is hereby established to address preservation and redevelopment issues. The Old Arabi Neighborhood Commission shall only review issues of aesthetic concerns pertaining to the exterior and visible from any street frontage. No permit shall be issued by St. Bernard Parish for any structure, within the district boundaries, without a certificate of appropriateness issued from the Old Arabi Neighborhood Commission.
- Regulates issues of aesthetic concerns pertaining to the exterior and visible from any street frontage
 - New construction, exterior alterations, signs, demolition

Commission Members

- Two (2) appointees from council
 - Three (3) appointees from neighborhood association
 - One (1) appointee from the Chamber
 - One (1) appointee from planning commission
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- A quorum shall consist of three (3) members and a simple majority shall determine voting results. Any voting tie shall be decided by the Council member of District A. Council member of District A serves as advisor to the commission and shall vote in the event of a tie vote.

Application Process

- For all properties within the Old Arabi Historic District, applicants must acquire a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Old Arabi Neighborhood Commission
- Required documents: Old Arabi Neighborhood Commission application, survey, proposed site plan, proposed elevations
- Commission carries the right to recommend changes and modifications
- Once COA has been issued, applicant must still apply separately for standard building permits, special use permits, variances, and other authorizations

Criteria for the Issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness

- **A. For new construction.** (1) All new construction shall be visually compatible with the buildings and environment with which they are related.(2)The general design, scale, gross volume, arrangement of site plan, texture, material and exterior architectural features of new construction shall be in harmony with its surroundings and shall not impair the "tout ensemble" of the neighborhood.(3)No one (1) architectural style shall be imposed.(4)Quality and excellence in design should be major determinants.
- **B. For exterior alterations.**(1)All exterior alterations to a building shall be compatible with the building itself and other buildings with which it is related, as provided in (a)(2) above and in applying these standards, the original design of the buildings may be considered.(2)Exterior alterations shall not affect the architectural character or historical quality of the building.
- **C. For signs.** (1)The scale and design of any sign should be compatible with the buildings and environment with which it is related.(2)The materials, style, and patterns used in any sign should be compatible with the buildings and environment with which it is related.
- **D. Demolition.** In considering an application for the demolition of a landmark or a building in an historic district, the following shall be considered:(1)The historic or architectural significance of the building.(2)The importance of the building to the "tout ensemble" of the district.(3)The special character and aesthetic interest that the building adds to the district.(4)The difficulty or impossibility of reproducing such a building because of its design, texture, material or detail.(5)The future utilization of the site.
- **E. Destruction of nonconforming use.** The reconstruction of buildings legally nonconforming as to use and destroyed by fire, storms, or other acts of God shall be governed by the provisions of the zoning ordinance except that the commission shall regulate the exterior design of such buildings.

Appeal

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- All appeals must be filed with the Parish Council and the Council shall it within twenty (20) day.

Resources for Property Owners

- *New Orleans Houses*, written and illustrated by Lloyd Vogt, Pelican Publishing Company, 1985. Written and illustrated by an architect, this book provides the reader with an easy to understand introduction to a rich subject. The handsome sketches of the various houses are very appealing, and the text is presented in language that is aimed at the layman, not the trained architect. The commission shall add to the archives to aid in the promotion of historic preservation.
- Old Arabi Revitalization Plan, created by Waggoneer & Ball for St. Bernard Parish.

Last Call for Member Surveys

Email survey is going out one more time tomorrow & will be closed on Friday, Jan 28th.

Paper surveys are available to fill out tonight.

These answers are very important in helping us plan future meetings & events.

2022 Calendar of Events

February 28 – Lundi Gras Walking Parade

March 16 – General Meeting

March 31 – Sippin’ in the Sunset

May 18 – General Meeting

May 26 – Sippin in the Sunset

July 20 – General Meeting

September 15 – Sippin’ in the Sunset

September 21 – General Meeting

October 8 – Sugarfest

November 16 – General Meeting

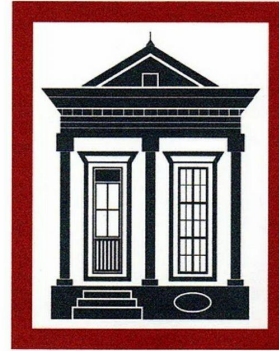
November 19 – Sippin’ in the Sunset

Member News & Notables

Please submit any member news you have so we can celebrate our members accomplishments and come together to help with their needs.

- Ongoing blood drives for Mary Nadler will be announced as we receive the info.
- Sam Catalonotto is having a tough time recovering from Covid and can use your thoughts and prayers.
- Congratulations to Troy Barrios on having your photos featured in an upcoming United Way publication!

Door Prize



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Thanks for coming!

Don't forget to renew/join before leaving if you didn't get to do it before the meeting.

Next General Meeting date is March 16th.

Have a great night!!