



Dear Jardineros friends,

For some of you, August may be your favorite *Some Like It Hot* time of year. I, on the other hand, am trying to channel *Doctor Zhivago* and dream of carving through snow on a sleigh – although I do find joy in spotting our Placitas sunflowers and busy hummingbirds.

August, of course, is our last full month of summer 2022. Our August 3, Wednesday, monthly meeting will feature a program to savor – “New Mexico Food Trails” about searching out our state’s best food and drinks.

Travel and culinary writer Carolyn Graham will share her favorite finds and tips for dining in New Mexico. From Chope’s outside Las Cruces to the café at Abiquiu Inn, my favorite eateries stretch across the state. It will be enlightening to hear our speaker’s recommendations and add to our need-to-try restaurant lists.

For our August meeting, we’ll start with light refreshments and visiting at 9 a.m. on August 3 and then gather at 9:30 a.m. in the Gracie Lee Meeting Room at the Placitas Library for the program. That will be followed by more socializing and eating, and then closing with a brief business meeting, announcements and Happy Dollars. Please review the [meeting minutes from July](#) prior to the August meeting. Minutes will also be posted to the annual meeting binder on the website.

Thanks very much to all who are supporting our Community Service donations every other month. You already received an email about our August collection for Haven House, which provides shelter and does critically important work for women and children in Sandoval County.

Also, mark your calendars for the wonderful Placitas Garden Tour at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11. Some of our members are active in planning and volunteering during this annual event. Please consider joining in the fun and volunteering to help out. For more info, see <https://placitasgardentour.com/volunteer-signup/>. Tour proceeds benefit the Placitas Community Library and the Sandoval County Master Gardeners.

Another noteworthy, upcoming Placitas event is the opening concert of the Placitas Artists Series on Sept. 18 at the warm and intimate performance venue of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. For info on the exceptional musical performers being featured, along with visual artists, for the 2022-23 Placitas Artists Series, see <http://placitasartistsseries.org/>

For Jardineros, we’re looking for chairs/co-chairs for our interest groups of Crafts, Backyard Birders and Amigos de Cine (movie watchers). Please contact membership chair Cindy Bourne if you would like more info on being an interest group chair, joining an interest group or starting a new interest group.

Also, please start giving some thought to which Jardineros officer and committee positions you might want to fill next year because we’ll soon be working on 2023 plans. The Program Committee, headed by Janice Grann, Jardineros vice president, is already diligently lining up speakers for our 2023 monthly meetings.

Hope to see you at our meeting on August 3, refill your hummer feeders and stay cool!

Linda Lockett

