



Dear Jardineros friends,

Welcome to September! Yes, I'm excited to move into autumn, my favorite time of the year. With the first day of fall officially being Sept. 22, I'm ready for more comfortable outdoor dining and hiking and yes, for pumpkin spice-flavored everything.

Our Wednesday, Sept. 7 Jardineros program will feature geologist Roger Moose, who some of you know, covering "Placitas's Place in the Earth's History: 4.5 Billion Years in 45 Minutes." So come ready to learn more, in less than an hour, about the amazing geologic history and formations that make our region so special.

And in the spirit of this program, I'll be revealing the significance of my Intro to Geology vintage mnemonic – "Come On, Suzy, Drive My Pretty Pontiac"! Guesses, anyone?

For this meeting, we'll start with light refreshments and visiting at 9 a.m. 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 August prior to the September meeting. Minutes are also posted in the annual meeting binder on our website.

A special thank-you to Debbie Webster and Margaret Bruch for leading the Highway 165, Mile 5 to 6, Jardineros clean-up crew on August 6. As always, this was a productive and enjoyable activity with friends, and our volunteers received a lot of thanks from passers-by.

For Jardineros, the fall is when we pull together plans for our next year of benevolence, service, enlightening programs, fun and fellowship. So, please begin seriously considering Jardineros positions, committees and groups you would like to be involved with next year. We'll start collecting membership dues for 2023 in October and hope to have our membership renewals completed by the end of November, so that work on the 2023 yearbook/directory may be finalized in December.

A big thank-you to those of you who shared your thoughts on our meeting venues. During 2022, our first two monthly meetings were conducted on Zoom, and then we met at the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church in March and April. From May to October we have held or will hold our meetings in the new Gracie Lee Meeting Room at the Placitas Community Library.

At our recent Jardineros Board of Directors meeting, we discussed input gathered from the online membership survey. Our plans are to hold our October meeting at the Library and then most likely to have our November and December 2022 meetings at the Presbyterian Church, but we still need to confirm those plans.

I personally believe that each of these Jardineros meeting venues (library and church) has pros and cons, benefits and limitations, and that there is no clear-cut, easy solution. So I sincerely appreciate the flexibility and willingness of Jardineros members to work through the changes in routine that we have had in 2022, as well as the past two years, with the effects of the COVID pandemic and other challenges.

Big News – To celebrate our easing out of the tough times, Jardineros again will have our Noche Encantada holiday party this year. The party will feature delicious food, tunes and stars galore – more info on that to come!

Jardineros social butterfly Kathy Hays volunteered to chair this party, which is now scheduled for the evening of Sunday, Dec. 4, at the lovely Prairie Star. Jennise Phillips, Janice Grann and Karen Croxton are currently on Kathy's party-hearty planning committee. They do need more volunteers, so please contact Kathy if you would like to join in working on a fun and festive party that we all need!

And, one last reminder about special Placitas events this month -- First, we have the wonderful Placitas Garden Tour at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11. For more info, see <https://placitaspacitasgardentour.com/>.

One week later is the opening concert of the Placitas Artists Series on Sept. 18 at the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. For info on the concerts and exceptional musicians and artists participating in the 2022-23 Placitas Artists Series, see <http://placitasarts.org/concerts.htm>.

Also, there are the funky, fun, evening concerts for Canyon Blues & Jazz at the Homesteads Shopping Center parking lot – Sept. 4 and Sept. 25. Proceeds to these concerts will benefit Happy Rascal Ranch, Placitas Wild, Placitas Animal Rescue and Rebuilding Together Sandoval County. For more info and tickets, see <http://canyonbluesandjazz.org/tickets.htm>.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Jardineros meeting on Sept. 7 and at other wonderful upcoming Placitas events.

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