



A Joyful Journey — Celebrating More Than 50 Years of Sharing & Caring

Jardineros de Placitas

INTEREST GROUPS

An interest group is a group of members of Jardineros de Placitas that organizes to pursue a special interest, hobby, activity or entertainment. There are currently almost 20 different interest groups. In 2011, the board adopted general guidelines for how interest groups operate. New members are invited to join interest groups, and some interest groups allow for the participation of members' spouses or partners.

Backyard Birders - Debbie Webster Ginny Davis, Carol and Paul Ordogne



We Avian Appreciators meet in the morning of the 4th Thursday of the month to share our sightings, discuss birding topics, view photos or take walks to see actual birds. All members are welcome!

Bueno Gusto - Nancy Kellum-Rose



We are a small dinner group that meets once a quarter. Each host chooses an entrée and the rest of the meal is designed to complement it. We get together to eat great food, sample some wine and have far-reaching conversations.

Crafts - Ellen McMahon



The purpose of our group is to learn or teach a different easy craft. The teachers of the crafts are usually Jardineros members. Meets 4th Thursdays each quarter at 9:30am in the Colin Room at the library. Everyone is WELCOME. All must RSVP for each event due to costs and space available.

Delectable Dining - Nancy Yates



Delectable Dining is a monthly dining adventure to local area restaurants. Restaurants are selected at a meeting in Dec. for the following year. A host will select the time and date for the monthly outing. The chair will email out information to all members and the host will handle all RSVP's. This group is open to all members.

Game Night - Kelli Ballengee



We meet at 5:30 pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Each member signs up to host a month, provide the main entrée, beverages and the game(s) for the evening. Once the chair knows this, she sends out the information to the group. The other members bring appetizers, salads and desserts. We play board games, team games, and have even done a mystery murder game. The group is currently full, but we are maintaining a waiting list.

Happy Bookers - Jackie Pedersen



We are an interest group that reads 12 books per year and meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:00 pm. Each member signs up to host a month, selects a book (fiction or non-fiction) and hosts the discussion in their home. We have a potluck luncheon in December. A waitlist is available. For more information, contact the chair. Currently we are meeting via Zoom, but are looking forward to meeting in person when the COVID threat recedes.

Healthy Living - Barbara Hill



We explore a number of topics around "healthy living" including alternative medicine practices and tips for staying healthy. We share recipes and resources and together learn new things centered around health. We sometimes go on field trips, watch documentaries and have speakers come in or turn the meetings over to some of our members who are well versed in "healthy topics." We meet 4-5 times a year, typically on a Friday. We learn a lot from each other! COME JOIN US!!!

JPG - Jardineros Photography Group - Jeff Doll



Our mission is to share, improve, learn and explore current techniques for enhancing members' photography skills. This group includes all skill levels. We meet monthly, the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am, at various members' homes, unless otherwise noted. Each member is expected to take a turn hosting the group (no meetings in Dec.). This group is limited to 12 with a waitlist available. Please contact chair if interested.

Les Gourmandes - Sharon Sanfelippo



Les Gourmandes is a gourmet luncheon group that meets the 2nd Monday of the month. We have 8 members, each of whom hosts once a year. The hostess picks the theme of the luncheon and provides the entree. The other members each bring a requested dish or wine. We have 8 alternates and have room for two more on the list. Alternates are asked to join the group for lunch in case of a member's absence. On the month we aren't home-hosted we go out to lunch and invite all alternates to go with us.

Libro Sin Nombre - Karen Cox



We meet in members' homes on the third Wednesday of every other month at 9:30 am beginning in January. This group is limited to 12; we would welcome at least one new member, but could take up to 3. We can also add to the waitlist. Types of reading: all genres, with the hostess for the month selecting the book. The hostess will moderate and encourage discussion.

Lunch Bunch - Leslie Washburn



We are a group of 8 members that meets the third Wednesday of the month eight times per year in members' homes. We have a light and delectable lunch and enjoy stories and interesting conversation. We are open to subs for our list as many of us travel and can't always attend. It's a great way to meet other club members, so get on our sub list!!!

Mah Jongg Mavens - Karen Croxton



'Mahjong' is a Chinese word that interprets as, 'clattering sparrow', 'flax sparrow' or even, 'hemp bird'. This is due to the fact that when the Mahjong tiles are being mixed, they create musical sounds suggestive of the noise sparrows squabbling over strewn food crumbs make. Combining strategy and luck, American Mahjong offers an intellectual challenge, while playing with the beautiful Mahjong tiles offers tactile enjoyment. Meeting times/days are every Tuesday 2-4pm at the Placitas Café. Every Third Thursday, 1-3pm at a member's home

Money Matters - Jim DeLongchamp



After many years of an investment and estate planning focus, we are broadening the subject matter and exploring a variety of money related topics. This year, after surveying the group, we hope to include money saving ideas, emergency preparedness, real estate, energy audits, and some eating/shopping for less ideas. Generally, we meet at the library in the afternoon of the 3rd Wednesday of every other month starting in February. We'd love to have you join us!

Non-Fiction Book Group - Linda Lockett



As you have heard, truth can be stranger than fiction, and we enjoy reading fascinating non-fiction books selected by our members. We meet every other month, beginning in February, on the second Friday in members' homes – or on Zoom when necessary. If you're interested in joining, please let us know and we will advise you whether we have an opening at that time or if we need to add you to the waiting list.

Out to Lunch Bunch - Jennise Phillips, Dianna Stone



The goal of OTLB is to foster social relationships among members. We meet every other month at a different restaurant. We meet on Tuesdays or Thursdays, and go to unique restaurants in ABQ, Rio Rancho, and Santa Fe. For the holidays we have a pot luck lunch at a member's house. When choosing restaurants, we avoid chains or counter service, and are sensitive to driving distance, and ease of parking/access. Whenever possible, special requests are honored. Please join us for a lovely sit-down lunch and make some new friends.

Placitas Page Turners - Susan Brown



We have 12 members and are currently full. We meet the 2nd Wed. of the month. We read both fiction and non-fiction. The group meets in members' homes with each member selecting a book for the month they are hosting. Our schedule can be found on the Jardineros de Placitas website.

Tamalewood Divas - Joan Chewning



Our group gathers 10:30am-2:30pm on the 3rd Monday each month January-November to see current films of various genres, and then we stop for lunch together on the way home. For new members or long-time Jardineros, it's a great way to get to know each other better in an informal setting. If you like to go to the movies and try out new restaurants with friends, this is the interest group for you!

Trippers - Kathy Hays, Linda Lockett



Trippers has a monthly adventure: some are day trips and one or two each year are overnights to exciting destinations. Dates and times vary due to scheduling. We meet in Dec. to plan our adventures for the upcoming year. Our yearly tradition is to attend the Santa Fe School of Cooking in January and take one of their Bonus Classes that tests recipes that they will be using for the upcoming year. Open to all members! In early 2020, we were able to enjoy three Trippers adventures, and we're hoping to re-start when possible in 2021.

Wine & Food Fans - Cindy & Allen Bourne, Cheryl & Dick Weber



During Covid, we've been meeting on Zoom sessions the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month 5PM - 7PM. Allen Bourne moderates the session by going around the "Zoom room" giving each person an opportunity to discuss pre-selected questions/topics. Contact Cindy Bourne for the Zoom login info. We look forward to seeing you and hope you're all staying healthy & happy!!

Spouses/partners are included and new members are welcome!