

2022 Monthly Meeting Schedule

First Wednesday of Each Month

EXCEPT January—2nd Wednesday

Refreshments: 9 AM • Meeting: 9:30 AM

January 12

Butterflies-The Harbingers of Spring

Suzy Andrego, past president of New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., current President of New Mexico Judges Council and 27-year Master Gardener, will present a program on butterflies in central NM.

Coordinator: Janice Grann

Greeters: Linda Hardin and Betty Temple

Refreshments: Vicky Kimmel, Margaret Bruch, Margaret McHenney, and Nancy Durell

February 2

Placitas Small Business Showcase

This presentation provides Placitas small business owners the opportunity to share with our members the challenges and opportunities that they have faced during these difficult times and inspire the community to work together to support their local businesses.

Coordinators: Geri Verble, Kathleen Levine, Jennise Phillips

Greeters: Margaret McHenney and Sandra Liakus Pilcher

Refreshments: Ruth Clark, Joan Chewning, Barbara Hill, Jane Garland, and Cheryl Betterly

March 2

Update on Hunger in New Mexico

Katy Anderson and Sonya Warwick, from Roadrunner Food Bank of New Mexico, will speak to us about how the food bank and its network partners are responding to hunger issues in our state.

Coordinator: Sue Overley

Greeters: Barbara Hill and Ellen McMahon

Refreshments: Erica Wendel-Oglesby, Harriet Neal, Elaine Carey, Nancy Lanzilla, and Marilyn Levandoski

April 6

Memoir Writing—How to Tell Your Story

Whether for publication or just to leave a record for your children and grandchildren, you have a story to tell. Norma Libman will demonstrate how to retrieve forgotten memories and how to weave them into your written life story. Bring paper & pen and you will leave with your story started, or continued, if you have already begun a memoir.

Coordinator: Geri Verble

Greeters: Susan Brown and Jean Roberts

Refreshments: Jodi Lawrence, Charlotte Perry, Karen Cox, Cindy Bourne, and Jill Kennedy

May 4

A Journey of Discovery

George Arthur, a docent at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, will discuss the museum's famous Pueblo murals. He will review the history and heritage of these oversize installations and the native artists who painted them.

Coordinator: Sharon Arthur

Greeters: Karen Croxton and Cheryl Betterly

Refreshments: Linda Heath, Judy Stein, Kathy Hays, Eleanor Jugle, and Jayne Schultz

June 1

Archaeoastronomy

Ancient peoples were very aware of and connected to the stars and changing seasons. Their buildings and temples reflected deep knowledge of the cyclical movements of the sun, moon, planets, stars, and constellations. Examples are Stonehenge, the Pyramids, Machu Picchu and Chaco Canyon. Travel the ancient world with Linda and Ted Heath as they explore archaeological sites that reflect this ancient knowledge.

Coordinator: Geri Verble

Greeters: Margaret Bruch and Erica Wendel-Oglesby

Refreshments: Karen Croxton, Karon Clayton, Debra Yoshimura, Ron Richman, and Lee Small

July 6

Visual FX Industry in Albuquerque

Aaron Estrada, Head of Studio VFX at CraftyApes, a visual FX company, will discuss and provide examples of the use of visual effects in filmmaking in Albuquerque. Visual effects (VFX) use computers to create and manipulate on-screen imagery that does not physically exist such as the flying dragons in Game of Thrones. CraftyApes has created visual effects for a large number of films and TV shows including Star Trek Discovery, Westworld, The Walking Dead, Respect, and La La Land.

Coordinator: Dianna Stone

Greeters: Linda Suydam and Lavon Maestas

Refreshments: Linda Suydam, Tina Thomas, Trina Hall, Pam Criscuolo, and Judith Austin

August 3

New Mexico Food Trails

New Mexico food, wine, and travel writer Carolyn Graham takes us on a delicious drive across the Land of Enchantment to discover the state's best classic dishes and drinks. Which green chili cheeseburger is worth the trek? Where will you find the state's top beers getting tapped, the spiciest breakfast burritos, or the most tempting tasting rooms?

Along the way, there's also coffee, nuts, tacos and other culinary surprises.

Coordinator: Jodi Lawrence

Greeters: Susan Craycraft and Sharon Arthur

Refreshments: Annie Gross, Nancy Evans, Jan O'Boyle, Pat Quick, and Kathy Friedman

September 7

Placitas' Place in the Earth's History:

4,500,000,000 Years in 45 Minutes

Roger Moose, a geologist with a 40-year career as a consultant performing environmental projects for industry and government agencies, will discuss and describe the geology of the lands that surround us.

Coordinator: Sharon Arthur

Greeters: Betty Vreeke and Marilyn Levandoski

Refreshments: Jennise Phillips, Carol Ninkovich, Linda Kelly, Lee Small, and Connie Goodwin

October 5

Placitas's Water:

Where it Comes From, Where it Goes, and How Long it Might Last

John Shomaker, President of Shomaker & Associates, presents the water issues in Placitas, Sandoval County, and our state. With a Ph.D. in hydrogeology and over 50 years' field experience, he'll discuss the status of water, reasons for the water shortage, key pressures for water (e.g., growing population, farming), and ideas to manage our water resources wisely.

Coordinator: Dianna Stone

Greeters: Nancy Yates and Vicky Kimmel

Refreshments: Ellen McMahon, Lavon Maestas, Leslie Washburn, Nancy Durell, and Patt Cain

November 2

El Rancho de las Golondrinas:

Celebrating New Mexico Culture & Traditions

Founded as a museum in 1972, El Rancho de las Golondrinas's mission is to preserve the legacy of the land and its people through demonstrations of traditional arts, crafts, and daily life-skills, offering a hands-on immersive experience of the past. Education and Volunteer Manager Laura Gonzales will explore these traditions as well as the mosaic of cultures that have shaped New Mexico's rich layer of history and unique cultural heritage.

Coordinator: Sue Overley

Greeters: Harriet and Jim Neal

Refreshments: Nancy Yates, Joan Chamier, Sharon Arthur, and Nadine Burton

December 7

Holiday Buffet and Party!

Our December meeting provides us an occasion to gather together and celebrate the holiday season. Come and enjoy delicious delicacies made by our Board of Directors, and share the holiday spirit of community with our talented and creative members. The Outstanding Service Award for 2022 will also be awarded, so you don't want to miss this event.

Hosted by:

The Jardineros de Placitas Board of Directors