

JARDINEROS de PLACITAS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2026

Opening Meeting and Program

President Nancy Evans opened the meeting at 9:36. She welcomed three new members and visitors.

There was a moment of silence for Alan Friedman.

A representative of God's Little Angels explained how the program was helping families with children.

The next Jardineros' highway clean up is set for Saturday, April 4th at 9:00 am with members meeting at mile marker 5.

On Earth Day, April 22nd, those interested in a trash clean up will meet at 8:00 am in the loop road parking area on Hwy 165.

Oliver Prezant will present a series of lectures on opera. The lectures will be at the church.

Saturday, April 11th is the Spring Fling at the library.

May's speaker is John Rinaldi who will speak on wine making in New Mexico.

Jan O'Boyle introduced Maria Thomas, curator of plants at the Albuquerque BioPark, who spoke on plants and planting in arid and semi-arid landscapes.

Business Meeting

After a break, the business meeting was called to order by Nancy Evans at 11:38.

Nancy thanked greeters Claudia Moraga and Katie Thomas and the refreshment committee consisting of Lisa Fink, Cheryl Weber, Jayne Schultz, Tricia Lund, Kathy Suydam and chair Joanna Valentine.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Benevolence: Karen Cox reported that the committee is exploring organizations that will receive contributions from Jardineros. Both Seed2Need and Casa Rosa will not receive contributions from the benevolence committee this year.

Treasurer's report: Ivona McCrary reported that at the end of March there was \$17,075.88 in the checking account and \$2,155.00.99 in savings.

Membership: Jardineros has 180 members, the same as in March of 2019.

Community Service: Members donated \$1,255 to God's Little Angels this month.

History: Cathryne Richards reported that the 2025 year book is finished. She thanked the many individuals who helped her in completing the book.

Fourth of July Activities: Ivona McCrary is thinking about purchasing a bubble machine for the kazoo band. She also hopes to have a fife and drum performing at the event. She plans to have a platform constructed for the band made of wood palates and wood scraps.

Announcements, Happy Dollars and Birthdays

Nancy wished happy birthday to the many members having birthdays in April.

There was one happy dollar announcement.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Brown, Recording Secretary

JARDINEROS de PLACITAS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2026

Opening Meeting and Program

President Nancy Evans opened the meeting at 9:35. She welcomed new members and visitors.

Joanna Valentine announced that the refreshment committee needs two more persons to provide refreshments for the April meeting.

Cheryl Betterly introduced speaker Ben Massey, lead ranger at Cochiti Lake, who spoke about the history of the lake and its various uses.

Sharon Arthur announced that the speaker for the April meeting will be from the Albuquerque BioPark who will speak about plants sustainable in low water landscapes.

Business Meeting

After a break, the business meeting was called to order by Nancy Evans at 10:39.

Nancy thanked greeters Betty Vreeke and Jan O'Boyle and the refreshment committee consisting of Linda Heath, Margaret McHenney, Jane Garland, Pam Criscuolo, Janice Grann, Maquel Zuleta and Joanna Valentine.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Benevolence: Karen Cox reported that the committee will meet March 25th at 2:00 pm to determine which organizations will receive donations from Jardineros.

Treasurer's report: Ivona McCrary reported that at the end of February there was \$17,042.88 in the checking account and \$2,154.99 in savings.

Corresponding Secretary: Lisa Fink read thank you notes from Placitas Wild and from Placitas Elementary School.

Membership: Jardineros has one new member.

Community Service: Members donated \$1,068 to Placitas Wild last month, enough to purchase 60 bales of hay.

April's collection will be for Gods Little Angels. The donations will help provide basic necessities for families with children.

Fourth of July Activities: Ivona McCrary asked members to begin thinking about Jardineros participation in the 4th of July parade and the kazoo band.

Announcements, Happy Dollars and Birthdays

Placitas Community Library: The library is in need of volunteers for the many activities it sponsors. If you need seeds, the library has a variety and they are free.

Plant Whisperers: Sharon Arthur thanked Plant Whisperers for providing gifts for the monthly speakers. The group will be selling plants at April's Spring Fling.

Nancy wished happy birthday to the many members having birthdays in March.

There was one happy dollar announcement.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Brown, Recording Secretary

JARDINEROS de PLACITAS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2026

Opening Meeting and Program

President Nancy Evans opened the meeting at 9:38. She welcomed new members and visitors.

Nancy announced that the Placitas Artists Series is sponsoring a bead display at the church. Various members of Jardineros have their work on display.

Nancy thanked Janice Grann, Lisa Fink and Jean Robertson for serving as officers for 2025.

Ellie Blossom spoke about setting up an investment chat group. The group would be structured as members agree and they would share investment ideas. If interested in being part of the group contact Ellie.

Sandy Johnson and Jackie Moise spoke about the work of Placitas Wild in caring for the wild horses of Placitas. Jardineros members contributed \$836 for the organization at the meeting.

Amy Atkinson introduced speakers Philip Spivey and Marc Davidson from the American Genealogical Society. They spoke about help available in Albuquerque for those researching their family history and ideas as to how to conduct a search.

Sharon Arthur announced that the speaker for March will be a ranger from Cochiti lake and dam who will talk about the history of the lake and its various uses.

Barbara Hill reported that she has conducted a review of Jardineros books and found no issues or reasons for modifications. She thanked Nancy Evans, last year's treasurer, for doing such an excellent job.

Business Meeting

After a break, the business meeting was called to order by Nancy Evans at 11:09.

Nancy thanked the greeters Erica Wendel-Oglesby and Karen Cox and the refreshment committee consisting of Nancy Yates, Betty Vreeke, Carol Horner, Amy Atkinson, Jody Jones and Joanna Valentine.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

January Board Meeting: The Board will be reviewing and updating Jardineros' standing policies. Jardineros is in the process of renting a storage unit to share with PAS. Minutes of the meeting will be posted after their approval at the next board meeting.

Treasurer's report: Ivona McCrary reported that at the end of January there was \$16,892.88 in the checking account and \$2,154.95 in savings. The budget for 2026 was discussed and will be voted on through the website.

Corresponding Secretary: Lisa Fink read thank you notes from Animal Protection of New Mexico and St. Vincent de Paul.

Membership: Jardineros has 178 members.

Benevolence: Karen Cox reported that the committee will meet in March to determine which organizations to donate money to. The committee has a \$8,000 budget.

Announcements, Happy Dollars and Birthdays

Nancy wished happy birthday to the many members having birthdays in February.

There were no happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned to 11:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Brown, Recording Secretary

JARDINEROS de PLACITAS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2026

Opening Meeting and Program

President Janice Grann opened the meeting at 9:33. She welcomed new members and visitors.

Janice announced that the Placitas Resilience and Emergency Preparedness Alliance will present a program on home insurance on January 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the church.

Janice also announced that the Placitas Artists Series is sponsoring a bead display at the church. Various members of Jardineros have their work on display.

Cheryl Betterly introduced the speaker, Marlon Magdalena from the Jemez pueblo, who spoke on the history of native American flutes and demonstrated various playing techniques.

Cheryl announced that the program for February will be presented by the American Genealogical Society on discovering your roots.

The following officers for 2026 were installed:

President: Nancy Evans
Vice-President: Sharon Arthur
Treasurer: Ivona McCrary
Recording Secretary: Susan Brown
Corresponding Secretary: Lisa Fink

Business Meeting

After a break, the business meeting was called to order by Nancy Evans at 11:02.

Nancy thanked the greeters Lisa Fink and Judy Labovitz and the refreshment committee consisting of Kathy Hays, Nancy Balcer, Ivona McCrary, Tom Wise, Larry France and Joanna Valentine.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Minutes: The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Ivona McCrary reported that at the end of December there was \$16,808.88 in the checking account and \$2,154.95 in savings. The 60th anniversary committee had \$300 left in their budget due in large part to donations made by members to the events.

Membership: Jardineros has 175 members.

Community Service: We collected \$2,480 in December for Blessings Day. During all of 2025, Jardineros collected a total of \$12,305.79.

Benevolence: Karen Cox said that the committee would meet after the 2026 budget was set so that the committee would know how much they have to spend.

Announcements, Happy Dollars and Birthdays

Lisa Fink reported on several events happening at the Placitas Community Library. Judith Roderick will be displaying her art from January 3rd to the 26th in the Gracie Lee room.

There will be a Dance Out at the library each quarter. The January Dance Out will be from 5:30 to 7:00 pm on January 9th. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to dance.

Nancy wished happy birthday to the many members having birthdays in January.

There was one happy dollar announcement.

The meeting was adjourned to 11:18.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Brown, Recording Secretary