



Dear Jardineros Members,

Welcome to May! The hummingbirds have returned, the bright green of new leaves and colorful blooming flowers are seen near and far. Spring has really arrived! It has even awakened a desire to clean the closets but fortunately for me I decided to write this letter instead and tell you about our May meeting. We will begin as usual at the Placitas Presbyterian Church on Wednesday May 1. We will start with socializing and coffee and treats at 9:00 and proceed to our meeting at 9:30. After our program and a few announcements, we will break for more visiting and then resume for our monthly business meeting.

We have a real treat in store for you as our program this month will take us all on a Trip Down Memory Lane with our very own Cathryne Richards. Cathryne will share highlights from years past when we really were a Garden Club as we look forward to our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025. Cathryne will also tell us about the plans for our yearlong celebration to commemorate 60 years of Jardineros de Placitas. She and her committee have been hard at work sifting through ideas, making contacts and designing a road map for the festivities. There will be lots of opportunities for members to get involved right away!

Speaking of opportunities, many of you serve in leadership roles as officers and committee and interest group chairs. And as we all know, sometimes it is time for a change as interests and other obligations take precedence in our daily lives. But we don't want to leave a hole in the structure. To ease these transitions, we will talk about opportunities for shadowing leadership positions at our May meeting.

Please take time to review the April 3 Jardineros **Meeting Minutes**. Minutes are also posted in our annual binder on the Jardineros website. We had our quarterly Board of Directors meeting on April 25 and those minutes will soon be posted on the website.

One of the great things about belonging to Jardineros is being a part of a group of dedicated individuals who really care about our community and take the time and effort to make a difference. We have lots of examples of this such as those dedicated individuals who give up a Saturday morning to collect trash with the Adopt-a-Highway group. Another example, among the many, are the donations you make for our Community Service collections every other month. In April we saw yet another demonstration of community involvement when the Plant Whisperers Interest Group participated in the Placitas Community Library Spring Fling. The Plant Whisperers collected donations of plants from local nurseries and manned the sale of these plants at the library on Saturday, April 20. As a result of the plant sale, the library made \$1,256.00! Great job, Plant Whisperers!

May is a busy month with Mother's Day, Graduations, Memorial Day and never forget the **Annual Placitas Studio Tour** on May 11 and 12. This year the participating artists include 13 Jardineros members and their partners/spouses who are eager to show you their beautiful artistic treasures. The Studio Tour Preview Exhibit is currently at the Placitas Library and will be there through May 12. If you have not seen it yet, it is amazing!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 1 – [Placitas Appreciation Day](#) at the Homestead Village Shopping Center from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM! Jardineros will be participating in this showcase of local businesses and organizations. Visitors will even have the opportunity to purchase a One-of-a-Kind limited edition Placitas ball cap! More about this at our May meeting.

Well now that I have written this letter, it may be time to clean that closet! Unless I can think of something more urgently pending...

Hope to see you May 1!  
Janice

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