

JARDINEROS DE PLACITAS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2025

The June meeting was called to order by President Janice Grann at 9:30 a.m.

OPENING

President Grann recognized new members and guests present.

President Grann presented a short capsule of the 1980s history of Jardineros as part of the club's 60th anniversary celebration.

President Grann introduced members who described several of the upcoming 60th Anniversary events:

- Linda Lockett – June History Mystery Road Rally
- Ivona McCrary – 4th of July Parade with 1965 car, and Jardineros Kazoo Band with handouts at a table along the route
- Cathryne Richards – August Out to Lunch Bunch

Announcements included Trippers Backstage tour of the Santa Fe Opera on June 12, Placitas Appreciation Day on June 7, Open Spanish classes at the Presbyterian Church on Saturdays, and an Albuquerque Grief Center event.

Cathryn Richards presented the President's copy of the Jardineros 2024 History Book to Janice Grann. She identified that copies are available for members now.

President Grann reminded members about the discussion of Benevolence beneficiaries and distributions during the business meeting and the electronic vote that will be held in June.

Jacque Moise of the Community Service Committee identified this meeting's contributions will go to Watermelon Mountain Ranch, the largest no-kill animal shelter in New Mexico. She introduced Susie Lewis and the ever popular Quincy the shelter dog, who described the number of animals handled by the facility and their many programs.

Cheryl Betterly announced the July meeting topic is “How to be a Good Grief Friend”.

Cheryl Betterly and Linda Lockett introduced the program and speaker for the meeting.

PROGRAM

The speaker of the month, Eric Draper, was the official White House photographer for all 8 years of the George W. Bush presidency. His presentation, “Front Row Seat to History”, included his photographs and associated commentary about events and people through this turbulent time, which included the 9/11 attacks, the Afghanistan war and the 2008 financial crisis. His work provided an intimate and poignant look at the President, his family and leaders of his administration during this time. Mr. Draper also bought copies of his book including the photographs, should members want to purchase one.

BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thank You: President Grann thanked the greeters and the refreshment Committee for the meeting including Richard Gilb, Marta Lucas, Carol Davis, Janis Hirsch , Kathy Suydam, Joanna Valentine, Kathy Hays and Sharon Arthur.

Welcome Ambassadors: President Grann reminded everyone to greet the new members, who have yellow ribbons on their name tags.

Minutes: The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Benevolence: Karen Cox presented the draft current recipients and amounts for Benevolence contributions for 2025. She explained there were additional funds to be distributed beyond the draft, and invited member comments on both additional recipients and the amounts. Members asked questions about the non-profits included and any overlap between Benevolence and Community Service recipients (none). Karen and the Committee will take the comments from the meeting and adjust the list

for final approval. The final proposal will be sent to members electronically for voting before the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Evans reported the balance in the Jardineros checking account is \$14,247.60 and the balance in savings is \$1,654.85.

Community Service: Tricia Lund of the Community Service Committee announced \$2,675.00 was collected for Watermelon Mountain Ranch at today's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erica Wendle-Oglesby announced a show at the New Mexico Museum of Indian Arts and Culture on native graphics and petroglyphs and astronomy.

Cheryl Betterly announced the Highway Clean Up Committee will clean the route of the Fourth of July parade on July 5 and encouraged members to attend.

President Grann wished a happy birthday to the Jardineros members with June birthdays.

Happy Dollars were pledged.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Arthur, Substitute Corresponding Secretary

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May 7, 2025

Opening Meeting and Program

President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 9:30 am.

Janice welcomed new members and guests.

In honor of our 60th Anniversary, Janice provided a snippet of our history from the early 1980s, as Jardineros was evolving into a community service group. Kelli Ballengee reminded members of the May 15 Game Night Pub Trivia event at the Range. Linda Lockett announced the June 19 History Mystery Road Rally.

Ivona McCrary announced initial plans for Jardineros' participation in the annual Placitas 4th of July parade.

Other announcements:

- Janice noted that the Placitas Studio Tour, which begins Friday, May 9, features the work of 12 Jardineros members.
- Marta Lucas asked for volunteers to help make and distribute seed balls that will be given away during the Garden Tour and during the 4th of July parade.
- Janice reminded the members that Placitas Appreciation Day is scheduled for June 7. Cheryl Betterly and Karen Croxton will be at the Jardineros table.
- Ted Heath thanked everyone who attended the Dinner and a Play activities in honor of our 60th Anniversary. He noted that the events were well attended and very successful.
- Lisa Fink announced that Plant World has agreed to offer an 18 percent discount to all Jardineros members who purchase items there.

Cheryl Betterly announced that the June program will feature Eric Draper, the longest-serving Chief White House Photographer.

Chris Daul introduced Bernalillo Mayor Jack Torres, who spoke about the town's history, accomplishments, and future plans.

Business Meeting

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 11:00 am. She recognized today's greeters, Geri Verble and Joan Lucero.

Janice thanked this month's refreshment committee members: Amy Atkinson, Lynnette Fields, Linda Lockett, Susan Craycraft, and chair Joanna Valentine.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes for the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that as of the end of last month, we had \$14,456.35 in our checking account and \$1,654.84 in our savings account.

Corresponding Secretary: Lisa Fink read a letter from St. Vincent de Paul, thanking Jardineros for our donation.

Community Service: Tricia Lund announced that next month's recipient will be Watermelon Mountain Ranch.

Announcements, Happy Dollars, and Birthdays

Janice wished happy birthday to all members who have birthdays this month.

There were four happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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April 2, 2025

Opening Meeting and Program

President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 9:34 am.

Janice welcomed new members and guests.

In honor of our 60th Anniversary, Janice provided a snippet of our history from the late 1970s. Ted Heath spoke about the events for April 18 and May 4, sponsored by the Dinner and a Play interest group. Kelli Ballengee spoke about the May 15 Game Night Pub Trivia event at the Range. Kathy Hays announced the History Mystery Road Rally on June 19. Janice encouraged donations from members to help defray the costs of these events, as the Jardineros budget will not be paying for them.

Other announcements:

- Janice noted that the April Community Service donations will go to St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Food Supply, rather than God's Little Angels, which is working to use a large donation received from another source.
- Marta Lucas asked for volunteers to help make seed balls that will be given away at the next meeting, sold at the library sale, and possibly sold during the Garden Tour and during the 4th of July parade.
- The Albuquerque Gem and Mineral Show is next week.

Janice introduced John Benage and Perry Bendicksen, who spoke about the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Food Pantry. The organization is this month's recipient of Community Service donations.

Joanna Valentine announced that she is looking for a volunteer to coordinate refreshments for the June meeting, when she will be out of town. Joanna also thanked today's refreshment volunteers, Sharon Arthur, Ivona McCrary, Jackie Pedersen, Nancy Guist, and Joy Reineck.

Dawn Evanoff announced that she plans to form a new Jardineros book club. An organizational meeting is scheduled for April 14, 4pm, at the library.

Janice noted that KUPR will celebrate their 10th anniversary with an open house at their studio, 4-7 pm, April 4. On May 4, they will celebrate again with an event at the Placitas Winery, 2-6 pm.

Cheryl Betterly announced that the May program will feature Bernalillo Mayor Jack Torres.

Cheryl introduced today's speaker, Carl Allen, who agreed to step in when the previously scheduled speaker was unable to attend. Carl spoke about nearby planets in our solar system, in his fascinating presentation, "Earth, Fire, Air, and Water."

Business Meeting

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 11:12 am. She recognized today's greeters, Susan Brown and Karen Croxton.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes for the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that as of the end of last month, we had \$14,486.35 in our checking account and \$1,654.82 in our savings account.

Community Service: Janice announced that we collected \$1,762 in donations so far for this month's recipient, St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Food Pantry.

Corresponding Secretary: Lisa Fink read letters from Placitas Wild and Las Placitas Association, thanking Jardineros for our donations to them.

Announcements, Happy Dollars, and Birthdays

Janice wished happy birthday to all members who have birthdays this month.

There were four happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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March 5, 2025

Opening Meeting and Program

President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 9:34 am.

Janice welcomed members and guests.

In honor of our 60th Anniversary, Janice provided a snippet of our history from the 1970s, when Jardineros members planted gardens in red, white, and blue to celebrate the bicentennial of the United States. Cheryl Betterly reviewed upcoming plans for our 60th Anniversary celebration, including the Highway 165 cleanup this month. She added that the library and the church will participate, so that seven miles of the highway leading up to the village will be cleaned. Ted Heath spoke about the April event, sponsored by the Dinner and a Play interest group. Cheryl spoke about the May Game Night Pub Trivia event at the Range. Kathy Hays and Lisa Fink encouraged donations from members to help defray the costs of these events.

Other announcements:

- Janice noted that the April Community Service donations will go to St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Food Supply, rather than God's Little Angels, which is working to use a large donation received from another source.
- Marta Lucas asked for volunteers to help make seed balls that will be given away at the next meeting, sold at the library sale, and possibly sold during the Garden Tour and during the 4th of July parade.
- The Albuquerque Gem and Mineral Show is next week.

Cheryl Betterly announced that the April program will be "Preserving a Remarkable New Mexico Place," by Roch Hart. The program will feature cultural and historical spots in the Placitas area.

Cheryl introduced today's speaker, Dr. Stephanie Walker of the Chile Pepper Institute and New Mexico State University. The program was entitled, "Some Like It Hot."

Business Meeting

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 11:10 am. She recognized today's greeters, Kathy Suydam and Ivona McCrary. She also thanked today's refreshment committee, Maureen Bertolo, Karen Croxton, Annie Gross, Kathy Hays, Lillian Koenig, and Erica Wendel-Oglesby.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes for the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that as of the end of last month, we had \$15,498.98 in our checking account and \$1,654.81 in our savings account.

Janice also noted that the membership voted to approve the budget via the recent electronic vote.

Benevolence Committee: Karen Cox announced that she is looking for volunteers to serve on the committee. She hopes to have the committee's donation recommendations next month.

Announcements, Happy Dollars, and Birthdays

Janice wished happy birthday to all members who have birthdays this month.

There were two happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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February 5, 2025

Opening Meeting and Program

President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 9:35 am.

Janice welcomed members and guests, and she introduced three new members.

Outstanding Service Award: Janice presented the award to Linda Lockett and reviewed all the volunteer work Linda has done for the community over the years.

Jacque Moise spoke about the work of Placitas Wild, this month's recipient of the Community Service collection.

Janice provided a snippet of our history, in honor of our 60th Anniversary, and Cheryl Betterly reviewed upcoming plans for our 60th Anniversary celebration. The January new member social was a success. Karen Cox announced that the February 24th event will be the Book Club Tea.

Other announcements:

- Jayne Schultz reported that the Trippers held a planning meeting over the weekend. The first event will be a train ride to Santa Fe, followed by lunch and gallery visits.
- Margaret Bruch announced the latest art exhibit at the library, and she has the exhibit calendar for the year for anyone who would like one.

Cheryl Betterly announced that the March 5 program will be "Some Like It Hot: New Mexico Chili Association," presented by Executive Director Travis Day.

Jan O'Boyle introduced today's speaker, author Ron Francell, who presented "Peace, Love, and Murder: Crime Writing 101."

Business Meeting

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 11:00 am. She recognized today's greeters, Linda Lockett and Marilyn Levandoski. She also thanked the Healthy Living interest group members, who provided today's refreshments.

Barbara Hill, chair of Healthy Living, conducted a drawing for a gift basket that the group put together. Judy Labovitz won.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes for the January meeting were approved.

Audit Committee: Barbara Hill reported that she and Jan O'Boyle had reviewed our books and found them in order.

Bylaws Committee: Janice reported that the membership approved changes to the bylaws in the recent electronic vote.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported a late addition to the 2024 income, bringing the revised total in our checking account as of the end of December to \$16,184.21. As of the end of January, we had \$15,396.98 in our checking account and \$1,654.80 in our savings account.

Corresponding Secretary: Lisa Fink read thank you two notes from recipients of our benevolence donations, St. Vincent de Paul (Blessings Day) and Seed2Need.

Benevolence Committee: Karen Cox announced that she plans to send an email to the membership asking for volunteers to serve on the committee.

Nominating Committee: Cheryl Betterly announced that the nominating committee also needs volunteers.

Community Service: Tricia Lund announced that \$1,254 was collected today for Placitas Wild. Margaret Bruch reported that the committee is putting together a list of places that take items for recycling; the list will be ready by Earth Day.

Announcements, Happy Dollars, and Birthdays

Margaret Bruch announced that the Spanish Club at the library will start again on February 12, and she encouraged everyone to see the current art exhibit featuring mosaics. The art exhibit reception will be Friday, February 6.

Janice wished happy birthday to all members who have birthdays this month.

There were three happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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January 8, 2025

Opening Meeting and Program

President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 9:30 am.

Installation of New Officers for 2025-2026: Karen Cox installed into office President Janice Grann, Vice President Cheryl Betterly, Recording Secretary Jean Roberts, Corresponding Secretary Lisa Fink, and Treasurer Nancy Evans.

Janice welcomed members and introduced new members Lillian Koenig, Michael McPherson, and Camille Victour. She also asked for a moment of silence in memory of member Doug Sporn, who recently passed away.

Janice noted that the Outstanding Service Award would be presented in February, because the recipient was unable to attend the meeting today.

Janice and Cheryl reviewed the monthly plans for our 60th Anniversary celebration. Janice also reminded members to pick up their yearbooks and put their names on it; those who attend all events on the back cover will be eligible for a prize.

Other announcements:

- Barbara Hill noted that the Healthy Living group planned to provide refreshments for the February meeting, with the theme, “Earth Friendly.” A gift basket of earth-friendly items will be raffled off, with the stipulation that the winner must attend the business meeting.
- Ted Heath reported that the Dinner and a Play group would hold a planning meeting on January 17. The group will also discuss plans for its role in the April portion of this year’s 60th Anniversary celebration.
- Joanna Valentine thanked Jane Garland for her work as past chair of the Refreshments Committee, and she announced that Jackie Pederson had agreed to be co-chair.

Cheryl Betterly announced that the February 5 program will be “Peace, Love, and Murder: Crime Writing 101,” presented by Ron Franscell. Sharon Arthur introduced today’s speaker, Marylyn Kirk, who presented today’s program, “Five Wishes.”

Business Meeting

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 11:10 am. She recognized today’s greeters, Tamara Smith and Jean Roberts. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Nancy Evans, Lisa Fink, Kathy Friedman, Annie Gross, Jane Garland, Jackie Pederson, and Joanna Valentine.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes for the December meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans provided reports for November and December. As of the end of November, we had \$16,176.31 in our checking account and \$1,654.77 in our savings account. As of the end of December, we had \$16,332.16 in our checking account and \$1,654.78 in our savings account. The increased amount in the checking account largely reflects dues payments.

Corresponding Secretary: Lisa Fink read thank you notes from recipients of our benevolence donations, including Eastern Sandoval Citizens Association, Hawks Aloft, and Peanut Butter and Jelly Family Services.

Membership Committee: Linda Hughes reported that the committee plans to update lists of interest group members and schedules, and they will send an email to the groups for information. She also noted that the Birders and Trippers groups need new chairs to lead them.

Community Service: Margaret Bruch thanked members for their generous contributions during the year.

Bylaws Committee: Cheryl Betterly presented changes to the bylaws recommended by the committee. The revised bylaws, with an indication of where changes were made, will be sent to members electronically for review. Subsequently, members will be asked to vote on the changes.

Announcements, Happy Dollars, and Birthdays

Janice wished happy birthday to all members who have birthdays this month.

There were four happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary