

Date	Program Title	Presenter	Coordinator	Description for Yearbook
January 8	Five Wishes	Maryllyn Kirk	Sharon Arthur	Maryllyn Kirk, RN health educator with 40 years experience, will speak on the Five Wishes program. It is the most frequently used living will in America and provides ways to express your desires - medical, legal, personal, emotional and spiritual - that you want your loved ones to know the most.
February 5	Peace, Love...and Murder: Crime Writing 101	Ron Franscell	Jan O'Boyle	Ron will talk about the research and writing process for his true-crime books and journalism, and promises to talk about a fascinating but little-known double-murder in Placitas's hippie days ... a bizarre case that might be the basis of a future book.
March 5	Some Like It Hot: New Mexico Chile Association	Travis Day	Cheryl Betterly	Chiles are an essential part of New Mexico agriculture, cuisine and state pride. Come hear about the history of chile farming in NM, how the many current varieties came to be and more from the executive director of the New Mexico Chile Association.
April 2	Preserving A Remarkable New Mexico Place	Roch Hart	Linda Lockett	Roch Hart, formerly an ABQ Police detective and founder of NM Jeep Tours, is now managing the private 22,000 acre Diamond Tail Ranch, near the Diamond Tail residential community. His New Mexico True roots will be highlighted through his current work protecting the stunning area full of wildlife and historic cultural sites of Native and colonial inhabitants.
May 7	Bernalillo - 330 Years Young	Mayor Jack Torres	Linda Lockett	During his 15 years as Mayor, Jack Torres has overseen significant growth in Bernalillo. Mayor Torres has deep roots in Bernalillo and will share insights about his historic hometown, our good neighbor to the west.
June 4	Front Row Seat to History	Eric Draper	Linda Lockett	Eric Draper of Albuquerque is the longest-serving Chief White House Photographer. During his tenure as President George W. Bush's personal White House photographer, Eric directed the conversion from film to digital, and was named Special Assistant to the President. Eric also has covered significant events as a photographer for the Associated Press and various U.S. newspapers.
July 9	How to Be a Good Grief Friend	Mickey Kivits	Jan O'Boyle	Learning how to talk about grief is a skill worth practicing. After the death of a loved one, many people are unsure of what to say and how to approach conversations about dying, death and grief. Mickey, director of education at The Grief Center, will share helpful communication strategies for speaking with grieving individuals.
August 6	Brujeria: A History of Witchcraft in New Mexico	Rob Martinez	Janice Grann	What if there were witches in New Mexico? State Historian Rob Martinez explores the history of such beliefs during the colonial, Mexican and U.S. Territorial periods, as well as the historical events that inspired such beliefs.
September 3	Wildfire Safety	Chief Ryan Louchard	Amy Atkinson	Sandoval County Fire and Rescue provides fire and emergency medical services through 8 Fire Districts, 20 Fire Stations, and 280 career and volunteer firefighters and paramedics. Battalion Chief Ryan Louchard, Wildland Coordinator for Sandoval County Fire & Rescue, will talk about wildfire safety and give us tips to protect ourselves and our homes.
October 1	Wolves in New Mexico: The Past, Present and Future	Dr. Adam Dean	Cheryl Betterly	Wolves once thrived in New Mexico until subject to a federal eradication campaign in the early 20th-century. Environmental historian and Valles Caldera Park Ranger Adam Dean will cover the history of wolves in New Mexico and will discuss Asha's famous journey to the Jemez mountains, the first documented in the area since 1932.
November 5	Show Your Stuff		Cheryl Betterly	Jardineros members talents and skills will be on full display. Artists, crafters and performers will be showcasing their talents and selling their unique artisan wares. Come see the creativity on display and perhaps do some holiday shopping!
December 3	Holiday Buffet	Board of Directors	Board of Directors	Our December meeting provides an occasion to gather and celebrate the holiday season. Come enjoy delicious delicacies made by our Board of Directors. The Outstanding Service Award for 2025 will also be presented. Don't miss this festive annual event!