Jardineros Meeting

October 7, 2026

Opening Meeting and Program

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

Announcements:

There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, October 10th for both Jake Barkdoll and Jeff Vreeke.

Community Service: A collection for Seed2Need was taken and $978.00 has been collected.

Vice President Sharon Arthur announced the program for this month's October meeting and the November meeting next month. The November program, the Placitas Community Showcase, will be 20 organizations from Placitas and the surrounding areas who will be there to promote their services.

2027 refreshment co-chair Lisa Fink presented the new way of signing up for refreshments. The sign-up sheet will be on a three month basis. Margaret Bruch supported the change and hoped everyone else would too.

President Nancy Evans thanked the following:

Refreshment committee, Juliet Jones, Lynette Fields, Marilyn Levandoski, Lisa Fink and Joanna Valentine.

Greeters, Larry France and Lillian Koenig.

Sharon Arthur and Nancy Yates introduced Joe Cook from the Museum of Southwestern Biology to speak about History & Conservation of Mammals.

Business Meeting:

Minutes from the prior month were approved**.**

Office/Committee Chair Reports:

Constitution and By-Laws: Linda Lockett reported that changes to the by-laws were made and will go out to the membership for a vote. The standing policies will be published in the Yearbook. The Sharing and Caring document will be sent to new members and will be in the Yearbook.

Treasurer Report: Ivona McCrary was absent. President Evans touched on the year to date budget and said it was positive.

Corresponding Secretary, Lisa Fink read thank you notes from the Placitas Artists Series and Animal Protection New Mexico, and invited the members to an open house at Casa Rosa food pantry on Saturday, October 18th.

Community Service: Margaret Bruch announced that Tricia Lund and herself will co-chair Community Service in 2027.

Nominating Committee: Linda Lockett announced the officers for 2027. President: Sharon Arthur; Vice President: Jean Roberts; Treasurer: Ivona McCrary; Recording Secretary: Susan Brown; and Corresponding Secretary: Dawn Evanoff

Sharon Arthur reported that in the past ten years Jardineros donated $200,000 dollars to the local community

Other Announcements, Happy Dollars and Birthdays:

Nancy wished a happy birthday to 13 members having birthdays in October.

There were 8 happy dollars collected.

Karen Cox is looking for a home for the kitten she rescued that is living in Karen's office in the church.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Fink, Corresponding Secretary

JARDINEROS de PLACITAS

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2026

Opening Meeting and Program

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

There was a moment of silence for Sandy Johnson and Jake Barkdoll who passed away recently.

A Celebration of Life for Judy Labovitz will be held on September 12th at the Presbyterian church beginning at 10 am.

There will be a firehouse open house on October 10th from 10:00 until 2:00. Volunteers from the fire department will be available and their equipment will be on display.

The Placitas Garden tour will be held on September 13th. Tickets are now available. We

Appreciate Placitas Day is on September 19th from 9:00 to 1:00 on the Merc parking lot.

There will be a blues concert Labor Day weekend from 6:00 until 9:00.

Sharon Arthur is collecting calenders for Meals on Wheels. If you have any extra calendars bring them to the October or November meetings.

Children under the age of 5 can sign up to receive free books from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Amy Atkinson introduced Colin Jones and Keith Allen West who spoke about their careers in film and the complexities of the film industry.

Business Meeting

After a break, the business meeting was called to order by Nancy Evans at 11:10.

Nancy thanked greeters Linda Lockett and Cheryl Weber. The refreshments were provided by Delectable Dining which included Lisa Fink, Amy Atkinson, Kathy Hays, Joy Renick, Carol Horner, Janice Grann, Jan O'Boyle, Kathy Suydam, John Streicher, Larry France, Richard Gilb, Pam Gilb and refreshment committee chair, Joanna Valentine.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Membership: Dues for 2027 can be paid by check or online (there well be a slight charge for paying online). To be included in the yearbook, dues must be paid by November 15th.

Community Service: There is a need for someone to chair Community Service in 2027. If you are interested, please call Margaret Bruch. The service group volunteers at Haven House on Mondays. If you are interested in participating, call Margaret.
Constitution and Bylaws: The committee has updated policies and bylaws. The updates will be first presented to the Board and then will be voted on by members.

History: Please send your pictures to Cathryne Richard at cathrynejardineros@gmail.com. Cathryne has already begun work on the 2026 yearbook.

Correspondence: Lisa Fink read thank you letters from Casa Rosa, Watermelon Ranch and the children's committee of the Placitas Community Library.

Nominating Committee: The following individuals have been selected by the nominating committee to serve as officers for 2027:

Sharon Arthur: President
Jean Roberts: Vice President
Susan Brown: Recording Secretary
Dawn Evanoff: Corresponding Secretary

Members will vote to elect officers in September.

Announcements, Happy Dollars and Birthdays

Nancy wished happy birthday to the 15 members having birthdays in September.

There was one happy dollar announcement.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Brown, Recording Secretary

JARDINEROS de PLACITAS

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
August 5, 2026

Opening Meeting and Program

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

Deborah Gullo spoke about the life of Judy Labovitz, a long time member of Jardineros, who died on July 14, 2026.

A representative of Haven House explained how the donations from Jardineros will be used and thanked everyone for their gifts.

Linda Lockett introduced Donna Pedace who spoke about women involved in a special intelligence organization who parachuted into Nazi-occupied France during World War II and worked with the French Resistance.

Business Meeting

After a break, the business meeting was called to order by Nancy Evans at 11:08.

Nancy thanked greeters Tina Thomas and Ivona McCrary. The refreshments were provided by Libro Sin Nombre book club which included Karen Cox, Claudia Moraga, Ivona McCrary, Ellen McMahon, Eleanor Jugle, Jill Kennedy, Jodi Lawrence, Joan Chewning, Sandy Pilcher and refreshment committee chair, Joanna Valentine.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Benevolence: Karen Cox reported that checks were sent out to the organizations Jardineros is supporting in 2026.

Community Service: Today Jardineros collected $1,683 for Haven House. Members are helping Haven House organize the donations in their warehouse. If you are interested in helping call Margaret Bruch.

Treasurer's report: Ivona McCrary reported that at the end of July there was $7,955.48 in the checking account and $2,155.08 in savings. During the month of July check were written to Bound for Success ($1,000), Happy Rascal Ranch ($1,000), Casa Rosa Food Pantry ($500), KUPR ($1,000), Peanut Butter & Jelly ($1,000), Placitas Community Library ($1,000), Rebuilding Together Sandoval ($1,000), Placitas Artist Series ($1,000).

Announcements, Happy Dollars and Birthdays

Nancy wished happy birthday to the 14 members having birthdays in.

There were 5 happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Brown, Recording Secretary

JARDINEROS de PLACITAS

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2026

Opening Meeting and Program

The Kazoo band along with flutist, Judy Hendry, began the meeting with a parade down the central isle while playing their rendition of various patriotic songs.

President, Nancy Evans, opened the meeting at 9:45. She welcomed new members and visitors.

Jud Fink spoke on behalf of PACE and described their fall program schedule which includes programs on classic music appreciation, genealogy research and UFO history. For a complete list of the fall program offerings check the PACE website at pacenm.org.

The Placitas Garden tour will be held on September, 13, 2026. If you are interested in volunteering call Sandy Liakus or Lisa Fink.

Linda Lockett announced that Betty Vreeke's husband, Jeff, died last week. His obituary can be read on the French Mortuary website.

Jud Fink introduced Dr. Rick Feinberg who spoke about the history of planet discovery and how Pluto came to lose its designation as a planet.

Business Meeting

After a break, the business meeting was called to order by Nancy Evans at 11:05.

Nancy thanked greeter Margi Weir. The refreshments were provided by the Wine and Food interest group which included Cheryl Weber, Linda Heath, Joann MacKenzie, Lisa Fink, Jim Neal and refreshment committee chair, Joanna Valentine.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Minutes: The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Benevolence: Karen Cox reported that all organizations recommended by her committee to receive donations were approved by voters. Checks will be sent our shortly.

Community Service: There was $2,313 contributed to Watermelon Ranch last month. So far this year donations have totaled $4,736. In August the money collected will go to Haven House. Members are helping Haven House organize their donations. If you are interested in helping, call Margaret Bruch.

Treasurer's report: Ivona McCrary reported that at the end of June there was $13,642.32 in the checking account and $2,155.02 in savings.

Nominating Committee: The first meeting of the nominating committee will be help on Friday, July 11th.

Announcements, Happy Dollars and Birthdays

Nancy wished happy birthday to the 14 members having birthdays in July.

There was only one happy dollar announcement. Ivona McCarey thanked all of those who participated in the planning and set up of the July 4th parade float.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Brown, Recording Secretary

JARDINEROS de PLACITAS

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2026

Opening Meeting and Program

President, Nancy Evans, opened the meeting at 9:34. She welcomed new members and visitors.

Cathryne Richards announced that the 2025 yearbook is available. Looking forward to the 2026 yearbook, Cathryne asks all interest groups to take pictures.

Ivona McCrary is planning the 4th of July parade. If you are interested in participating in the decoration of the Jardineros trailer or in the kazoo band, contact Ivona.

A representative from Watermelon Ranch spoke about several of the programs offered by the Ranch. (The Perpetual Care unit, the hospice program and the retirement village.) A chapel and memorial garden are in the planning stage.

Sharon Arthur introduced Elysia Poon, Executive Director of the Indian Arts Research Center. Elysia spoke about the Grounded in Clay exhibit of native pottery, including how committee members decided which pottery to include in the exhibit and their planning for other projects related to the exhibit.

Business Meeting

After a break, the business meeting was called to order by Nancy Evans at 11:00.

Nancy thanked greeters Kathy Suydam and Pam Criscuolo. The refreshments were provided by Carol Davis, Ellie Blossom, Janet Kennedy, Jan O'Boyle, Marilyn Levandoski and refreshment committee chair, Joanna Valentine.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Minutes: The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Benevolence: Karen Cox reported on some of the organizations chosen to receive funds from the treasury. There will be a vote to approve the committees recommendations. A meal train will be set up for Betty Vreeke whose husband is ill.

Community Service: There was $2,363 contributed to Watermelon Ranch today.

Treasurer's report: Ivona McCrary reported that at the end of May there was $13,626.51 in the checking account and $2,155.03 in savings.

Announcements, Happy Dollars and Birthdays

Janice wished happy birthday to the 23 members having birthdays in June.

Four persons had happy dollar announcements. Two of them gave $4.00 a piece for having 4 happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Brown, Recording Secretary

JARDINEROS de PLACITAS

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2026

Opening Meeting and Program

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

Margaret Bruch thanked the Plant Whisperers for participating in the Spring Fling. They raised approximately $2000 for the library. Margaret also thanked the 12 Jardineros members who participated in the Earth Day road cleanup.

PREP Alliance will present a program on fire prevention in Placitas at 7pm on May 12th at the Presbyterian Church.

The Placitas Studio Tour is May 8th through the 10th. Many members of Jardineros will display their art.

Cathryne Richards announced that the 2025 yearbook is available and will be on display at each monthly meeting.

Jan O'Boyle introduced Martha Liebert who spoke about the family's history of wine making. Her father, John Rinaldi, then spoke about his experiences with wine making in New Mexico.

Business Meeting

After a break, the business meeting was called to order by Janice Grann at 11:00.

Janice thanked greeters Susan Craycraft and Tamara Smith. The refreshments were provided by Birding Buddies. The members of the group providing food were Sharon Dewitt, Nancy Guist, Lorraine Hirsh, Janis Hirsh, Linda Hughes, Ivona McCrary and Linda Lockett.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Benevolence: Karen Cox reported on some of the organizations chosen to receive funds from the treasury. After she submits her committee's recommendations to the Board, the membership will vote to approve the recommendations.

Treasurer's report: Ivona McCrary reported that at the end of April there was $14,710.51 in the checking account and $2,155.00 in savings.

Membership: Jardineros has 183 members.

Constitution and Bylaws: Cheryl Betterly's committee is reviewing the standing policies. If a member has any ideas regarding the work the committee is doing, contact Cheryl.

Announcements, Happy Dollars and Birthdays

Janice wished happy birthday to the many members having birthdays in May.

There were no happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Brown, Recording Secretary

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 churc. 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