

**JARDINEROS de PLACITAS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**September 4, 2024**

**Opening Meeting and Program**

President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 9:30 am. She welcomed members and introduced guests and new members.

Janice reminded members that we need two people to replace Jane Garland as Refreshment Committee Chair. Ideally, the two people would start to shadow Jane right away to learn the job.

Lisa Fink reminded the members that the Placitas Garden Tour is Sunday, September 8. Tickets are available online or at the Placitas Community Library.

Mike Carey announced that the Trippers have planned a trip on the Toltec-Cumbres Railroad, September 18-19. Anyone interested should contact Mike, Linda Lockett, or Kathy Hays. He also announced that the Out to Lunch Bunch will travel by train for lunch in Santa Fe on Sept. 25. Members are welcome.

Ellie Blossom recommended the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which will provide free books monthly to children. Anyone can sign up online at the organization's website.

Cheryl Betterly reminded members that the next Adopt-A-Highway cleanup will be Sept. 14, 8 am, at Highway 165 mile marker 5.

Cheryl introduced today's program, "Lighter Than Air," on the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, presented by Nancy Holley and her committee.

**Business Meeting**

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 11:20 am. She recognized today's greeters, Lynnette Fields and Jan O'Boyle. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Amy Atkinson, Kathy Hays, Linda Lockett, Ted Heath, Geri Verble, Nancy Yates, and Chair Jane Garland.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

Minutes: The minutes for the August meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that, as of the end of August, we had \$4,789.58 in our checking account and \$1,654.73 in our savings account. Nancy noted that we have three new members, and that she paid rent for January through August.

Nominating Committee: Karen Croxton, Nominating Committee Chair, announced the slate of officers nominated for 2025: Janice Grann, President; Cheryl Betterly, Vice President; Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary; Lisa Fink, Corresponding Secretary; and Nancy Evans, Treasurer. If no other nominations are made, members will vote by electronic ballot this month.

Community Service: Tricia Lund reported that we collected \$1,722 for Haven House, the August beneficiary. The committee will meet in October to begin discussing beneficiaries for 2025. The October collection will be for Seed2Need.

### **Announcements, Happy Dollars, and Birthdays**

Sharon Arthur announced that she is collecting calendars again this year for Meals on Wheels.

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

There were no happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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**August 7, 2024**

**Opening Meeting and Program**

President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 9:30 am. She welcomed members and introduced guests and new members.

Karen Croxton, chair of the Nominating Committee, solicited interest for the Corresponding Secretary position and five members of the Nominating Committee for 2025.

Jane Garland solicited volunteers to chair the Refreshment Committee in 2025.

Jayne Schultz solicited artists who would like to have their work on the cover of the 2025 Yearbook. She also asked for a volunteer to take over the job of putting together next year's Yearbook.

Sandy Liakus and Lisa Fink reminded the members that the Placitas Garden Tour is Sunday, September 8. Tickets are available online or at the Placitas Community Library. More volunteers are needed.

Mike Carey announced that the Trippers have planned a trip on the Toltec-Cumbres Railroad, September 18-19. Anyone interested should contact Mike, Linda Lockett, or Kathy Hays.

Janice introduced Estella Weitz, Executive Director of Haven House, and Tracy Davis, Domestic Violence Counselor. Haven House is this month's Community Service recipient. Barbara Otter and Debbie Webster passed a collection basket among the Jardineros members.

Cheryl Betterly announced that the next program, on hot air ballooning, will be presented by Nancy Holley on September 4.

Cheryl also introduced today's speaker, Seth Betterly, who presented "A Field Season in Antarctica."

**Business Meeting**

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 11:20 am. She recognized today's greeters, Lisa Fink and Pam Criscuolo. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Lynnette Fields, Susan Craycraft, Sherry Streicher, Mike Carey, Charlotte Perry, and Chair Jane Garland.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

Minutes: The minutes for the July meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that, as of the end of July, we had \$6,111.56 in our checking account after checks totaling \$7,000 were written for our benevolence recipients. We also had \$1,654.71 in our savings account. Nancy noted that our budget is still on track year to date and that we have four new members.

Benevolence Committee: Karen Cox thanked members who participated in the Benevolence Committee's Meal Train for Alan and Kathy Friedman.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Arthur read a thank you letter from Alan and Kathy Friedman for the meals provide through the Benevolence Committee. She also read an invitation to a fundraiser from Animal Protection of New Mexico.

Community Service: Tricia Lund reported that we collected \$1,332 so far for Haven House.

### **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 11:37 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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**July 10, 2024**

**Opening Meeting and Program**

President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 9:35 am. She welcomed members and introduced guests and new members.

The Jardineros Kazoo Band made a surprise appearance with a performance of “Off We Go Into the Wild Blue Yonder.” They invited the membership to join in singing “This Land Is Your Land.”

Janice thanked Ivona McCrary and her Fourth of July Parade Committee for putting together this year’s float, complete with balloons and red noses for the float riders.

Janice also thanked Karen Croxton and the Marvelous Mah Jongg Mavens for their float in the parade, which featured Chinese parasols and fortune cookies.

The Presbyterian Church is working to start the AED program, and they are asking for names of medical professionals that they can contact to help certify the program.

Karen Cox announced that the Benevolence Committee will set up a Meal Train for Alan Friedman, who will be returning from an extended stay in Houston for medical treatment. Volunteers are needed to provide meals.

Cheryl Betterly announced the August program, A Field Season in Antarctica, presented by Seth Betterly.

Cheryl also introduced today’s program, “The James Webb Telescope,” presented by UNM Adjunct Professor of Physics and Astronomy Tony Hull.

**Business Meeting**

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 11:09 am. She recognized today’s greeters, Jennise Phillips and Nancy Yates. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Linda Lockett, Carol Davis, Cheryl Betterly, Regina Aumente, Nancy Evans, Lisa Fink, and Maureen Bertolo.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

Minutes: The minutes for the June meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that, as of the end of June, we had \$12,971.68 in our checking account and \$1,654.70 in our savings account.

Benevolence Committee: Karen Cox reported that the membership had approved the committee's donation recommendations in the recent online vote. Results of the survey are attached to the minutes.

Membership Committee: Pam Criscuolo reported that we have four new members.

History Committee: Cathryne Richards urged interest groups to send in photos for the history book, and she noted that the book is on display at every meeting. She also reported that plans are underway for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 2025.

### **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 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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June 5, 2024**

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

**OPENING**

President Grann thanked today's Karen Croxton and Pam Criscuolo for making the Jardineros table at Placitas Appreciation Day a big success.

Jud Fink spoke about PACE (Placitas Adult Community Education) programs and plans and invited members to attend and volunteer topics for the classes.

Karen Cox described the results of the survey of members on Benevolence and identified the proposed donations for 2024. She announced the electronic voting would be held shortly.

Cathryne Richards reported on the 2025 60<sup>th</sup> Jardineros Anniversary celebration(s), explaining the committee of 12 was working on it diligently. She announced there will be a showing of the film from the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Library on June 14.

Janice Grann reminded the members of the plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and urged them to help decorate the float on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and join the kazoo band that will ride on the float and perform during the parade.

Ted Heath told members of the events coming up by the Dinner and A Show interest group.

Jacque Moise and Annie Gross introduced Susie Lewis from Watermelon Mountain Ranch, the June non-profit Community Service contribution organization. Susie spoke about the shelter and described uses for the donations that are collected.

Cheryl Betterly and Diana Stone introduced the program and speaker for the meeting.

## **PROGRAM**

The speaker of the month, Professor Melanie Mitchell of the Santa Fe Institute, presented and spoke on “How Artificial Intelligence Will Change our Daily Lives”. She has been working in AI for over 20 years and her talk identified the progression of the technology and how it works. She illustrated where AI often fails and why, as well as when AI provides consistent benefits. Members had many questions and Professor Mitchell covered further insights during the dialogue.

## **BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Thank You:** President Grann thanked the greeters and the refreshment committee for the meeting including Susan Arreola, Charlotte Perry, Joanne Ruhl, Pam Criscuolo, Joan Chamier, Lesa Probst, Tricia Lund, and Kathy Hays.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The balance in the Jardineros account of \$13,452.68. This is the balance prior to the benevolence donations, which will be distributed after the online vote.

**Community Service:** This month’s collection for Watermelon Mountain Ranch was \$2,336.00.

**Program Committee:** Cheryl Betterly identified the July program will be speaker Tony Hull on the topic of the James Webb telescope.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Happy Dollars were pledged, and there were announcements of upcoming events at the Coronado Monument and members who are ill.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Arthur, Corresponding Secretary



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**May 1, 2024**

**Opening Meeting and Program**

President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 9:30 am. She welcomed members and guests.

Janice made several additional announcements:

- The sad death of former member Gail Maduena on April 16.
- Congratulations to the Plant Whisperers Interest Group for their assistance with the plant sale portion of the library's Spring Fling on April 20. They solicited donations of plants from local nurseries and handled sales, netting \$1,256 for the library.
- The Placitas Studio Tour will feature 13 Jardineros members or their spouses. A preview at the library will be available through May 12.
- The June Community Service Collection will benefit Watermelon Mountain Ranch.

Karen Croxton reminded everyone that Jardineros will have a table at the June 1 Placitas Appreciation Day, sponsored by the Placitas Chamber of Commerce.

Ivona McCrary asked for volunteers to help build the Fourth of July parade float, serve in the kazoo band, and pass out balloons.

Karen Cox announced that the Benevolence Committee will send members a survey asking for opinions on current donation recipients and for suggestions for organizations the committee should consider.

Janice announced an opportunity for members to shadow current officers, committee chairs, and interest group chairs to learn whether the job would fit their interests and abilities. Currently, opportunities are available to shadow the chairs of Membership, Refreshments, Yearbook, and Corresponding Secretary.

Janice also announced the June program, Artificial Intelligence. The speaker will be Professor Melanie Mitchell from the Santa Fe Institute.

Janice introduced today's program, "A Walk Down Memory Lane," presented by Cathryne Richards. Cathryne provided a look at the history of Jardineros as we get ready for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year.

Cathryne presented a 2023 Jardineros History Book to past President Linda Lockett, in appreciation for her service.

## **Business Meeting**

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 10:50 am. She recognized today's greeters, Ted Heath and Eleanor Jugle. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Thomas Richards, Katie Thomas, Karen Cox, Tricia Lund, Ivona McCrary, and Sharon Arthur.

## **Officer and Committee Reports**

Minutes: The minutes for the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer: On behalf of Nancy Evans, Janice reported that, as of the end of April, we had \$13,820.58 in our checking account and \$1,654.64 in our savings account. She noted that \$2,133.45 had been transferred from savings to checking to pay for our new AV equipment.

## **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 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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**April 3, 2024**

**Opening Meeting and Program**

President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 9:35 am. She welcomed members and guests, and she announced a special welcome to past President Rose Gardner, who is visiting from her home in Arkansas.

Janice made several additional announcements:

- The sad death of former member Winnie Hoeskema on March 30
- The Plant Whisperers Interest Group assistance with the plant sale portion of the library's Spring Fling on April 20
- The Jardineros table at the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Placitas Appreciation Day on June 1. Karen Croxton is organizing plans for our representation there.
- The Placitas Studio Tour on May 11 and 12. A preview of the artwork is on display at the Albuquerque Sunport, and at least 11 Jardineros members are participating in the tour this year.

Janice also announced the May program, "A Walk Down Memory Lane," presented by Cathryne Richards. Cathryne will provide a look at the history of Jardineros as we get ready for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year.

Janice introduced Suzanne Neri, who spoke about the work of God's Little Angels, which is the recipient of this month's Community Service collection.

Linda Lockett introduced our speakers for today's program, Jessica Fox and Jay Blackwood, who presented "The Wonders of the Sandia Peak Tram."

**Business Meeting**

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 10:52 am. She recognized today's greeters, Ivona McCrary and Betty Vreeke. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Jane Garland (lead), Eleanor Jugle, Sharon Arthur, Ellie Blossom, Betty Vreeke, and Lesa Probst.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

Minutes: The minutes for the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that, as of the end of March, we had \$11,628.55 in our checking account and \$3,788.09 in our savings account.

Audit Committee: Barbara Hill and Joan Mallen reported that the committee has reviewed the 2023 income and balance sheets and found no changes needed.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Arthur read a thank you note from KUPR, one of the recipients of our Benevolence Committee donations.

Community Service: Susan Craycraft announced that the committee has collected \$770 so far this month for God's Little Angels.

### **Announcements, Happy Dollars, and Birthdays**

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

There were five happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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**March 6, 2024**

**Opening Meeting and Program**

President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 9:33 am. She welcomed members and guests.

Vice President Cheryl Betterly announced the April 3 program, “Wonders of the Sandia Peak Tram,” presented by Jessica Fox. She also noted that today’s program would be the first to use our new upgraded A/V equipment. Cheryl welcomed new program ideas from members.

Dianna Stone introduced today’s speaker, Dr. Mark McCormick from the University of New Mexico. He presented a program on his work on slowing the aging process, entitled “Who Wants To Live Forever?”

**Business Meeting**

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 11:02 am. She recognized today’s greeters, Susan Brown and Jean Roberts. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Jane Garland (lead), Karen Croxton, Nancy Evans, Jayne Schultz, Betty Temple, and Tina Thomas.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

Minutes: The minutes for the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that, as of the end of February, we had \$11,492.02 in our checking account and \$3,788.06 in our savings account. She also noted that the 2024 budget was approved in the recent vote by the membership.

Community Service: Tricia Lund reported that she has made signs for each monthly collection that will be placed on the greeters table. She also created a sheet to record donations collected at each meeting.

Adopt-A-Highway: Cheryl Betterly announced that the February highway cleanup was rescheduled because of snow. The new date is Saturday, March 9, 9am, mile marker 5.

Trippers: Linda Lockett announced that the next outing will be an April 11 trip to Acoma. A visit to Las Golondrinas is being planned for later in the spring.

Yearbooks: Jayne Schultz confirmed that members are picking up yearbooks at the library.

**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 11:11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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**February 7, 2024**

**Opening Meeting and Program**

Vice President Cheryl Betterly opened the business meeting at 9:30 am. She welcomed members and guests and noted that President Janice Grann was absent due to illness.

Cheryl announced a delay in the February Community Service collection for the Placitas Elementary Parent Teachers Organization (PTO) until the PTO can regain its 501(c)(3) status.

She also announced that the March 6 program at the Placitas Presbyterian Church will be, “Who Wants To Live Forever?” by Dr. Mark McCormick. Cheryl welcomed new program ideas and urged members to consider serving on the committee.

Linda Lockett introduced today’s speaker, Laura Paskus, a producer at PBS focusing on environmental issues. She presented “Loving a Changing World—While Still Fighting for Justice.”

**Business Meeting**

After a short break, Vice President Cheryl Betterly opened the business meeting at 10:37 am. She recognized today’s greeters, Pam Criscuolo and Ellen McMahan. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Jane Garland (lead), Kathy Hays, Nancy Evans, Claudia Moraga, and Jill Kennedy.

Cheryl announced that the Board has decided to move ahead with the purchase of audio-visual equipment, as approved by the membership in the 2023 budget. We plan to have the new equipment for the March meeting.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were approved. Cheryl noted that the January 25 Board meeting minutes have been posted on the website.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans noted that we were slightly over budget in 2023, but that she has reworked the 2024 budget based on funds available as of the beginning of January rather than on the previous budget. She has also added minor tweaks, such as sharing the cost of a new battery for the church’s AED unit and seed money so that 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans can move forward. The new A/V equipment will come from money reserved in our savings account. Jardineros members will receive an email shortly to vote on the revised budget.

Nancy also reported that the checking account balance as of January 31 was \$13,461.47, and the savings account balance was \$3,788.03.

Membership Committee: Cheryl introduced a new member and noted that yearbooks are now available at the library.

Community Service: Karen Cox announced that the committee plans to send a survey to the membership, seeking ideas for Jardineros donations to additional organizations.

Adopt-A-Highway: Cheryl Betterly reminded the group that the next highway cleanup will be on Saturday, and that she is watching the weather.

Dinner and a Play Group: Co-Chair Ted Heath announced that the group will attend the Vortex Theater production of “The Art of Raising Anything” on Thursday. He welcomed others interested in joining the group.

Trippers: Linda Lockett announced that the next outing will be a visit to the Telephone Museum on March 21.

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Cheryl reminded members to contact Cathryne Richards if interested in working on the committee.

### **Announcements, Happy Dollars, and January Birthdays**

Several members announced upcoming programs at the Placitas Community Library, including “The Art of Staying Alive,” by Shannon Farrell, this coming Saturday, and a February 24 program on geology.

The Placitas Facebook page organizers have scheduled happy hours at the Range on the first Tuesday of every month, 4-6 pm.

Cheryl wished happy birthday to all members who have February birthdays.

There were seven happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary



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**January 10, 2024**

**Opening Meeting and Program**

President Linda Lockett opened the business meeting at 9:30 am. She welcomed members and guests, and she recognized the Program Committee for their work to set up programs for 2024.

Linda introduced former president Pat Quick, who conducted the installation of officers for 2024: Janice Grann, President; Cheryl Betterly, Vice President; Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary; Sharon Arthur, Corresponding Secretary; and Nancy Evans, Treasurer. After the installation, all new officers assumed their positions.

Vice President Cheryl Betterly announced the February 7 program to be held at the Placitas Presbyterian Church, “Loving a Changing World—While Still Fighting for Justice,” by Laura Paskus, a producer at PBS who focuses on environmental issues. Cheryl also welcomed program ideas and urged members to consider serving on the committee.

Cheryl introduced speaker Charey Fox, an expert on learning to express gratitude at Source Community Healing Oasis, who presented the program, “Practicing Gratitude.” Charey recommended two books on gratitude, “The Magic,” and “40 Days to a Joy-Filled Life.”

**Business Meeting**

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 10:50 am. She recognized today’s greeters, Joanne Ruhl and Tamara Smith. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Jane Garland (lead), Lisa Fink, Marilyn Levandoski, Carol Horner, and Nancy Evans.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

Minutes: The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Janice provided the treasurer’s report on behalf of Nancy Evans for the previous two months. The checking account balance as of November 30 was \$13,197.03, and the savings account balance was \$3,686.97. The checking account balance as of December 31 was \$13,711.08, and the savings account balance was \$3,787.92.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Arthur read donation thank you letters from Rebuilding Together Sandoval County, the PAS outreach program for children, Seed2Need, Casa Rosa, and Animal Protection of New Mexico.

Membership Committee: Janice introduced five new Jardineros members.

Community Service: Margaret Bruch reported that Jardineros members provided \$11,000 in Community Service donations in 2023, possibly a record for our organization. The committee will be collecting donations for the Placitas Elementary Parent Teachers Organization.

Yearbooks: Janice noted that 2024 yearbooks are available in the Fellowship Hall today.

Adopt-A-Highway: Cheryl Betterly announced that an email will come out soon with the date for the next highway cleanup.

Dinner and a Play Group: Co-Chair Ted Heath announced that more than 30 people signed up for this new interest group, so he plans to have everyone make their own dinner reservations and purchase their own tickets. He and his co-chair, Judy Labovitz, will provide a list of upcoming plays and nearby restaurants. Ted and Judy will hold an organizational meeting on January 16, 10:30, at the Placitas Library.

Trippers: Kathy Hays and Linda Lockett will hold a planning meeting on January 18, 1:30, at the library. The Trippers will visit the Santa Fe Cooking School on January 24.

### **Announcements, Happy Dollars, and January Birthdays**

Janice announced the dates for 2024 Board of Directors meetings, open to all members: January 25, April 25, July 25, and October 10. Meetings will be held at the Placitas Community Library in the Gracie Lee Room.

Diane Shepard is teaching a conversational Spanish class every Wednesday from 10-noon at the Placitas Community Library. No experience is needed.

Janice wished happy birthday to all members who have January birthdays.

There were twelve happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary