



Jardineros Meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

Nov. 18 is deadline to pay 2024 Jardineros dues to be listed in 2024 Yearbook.

Hello Jardineros friends,

GOOD HOME NEEDED: Placitas Litter Critter is up for adoption. More info below!



For our Wednesday, Nov. 1 meeting, we'll inaugurate the holiday season with our biannual Show Your Stuff merriment at the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. Talented Jardineros members will display and sell their hand-crafted creations from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Get a jump on gift purchases for your special someones – and, don't forget to treat yourself! So, do bring a credit card and/or cash and checkbook, and start checking off your holiday list.

Participating **Show Your Stuff artisans** are Lisa Avila, Cheryl Betterly, Seth Betterly, Margaret Bruch, Karen Croxton, Jo Anne Fredrikson, Jane Garland, Annie Gross, Linda Heath, Nancy Lanzilla, Lavon Maestas, Margaret McHenney, Carol Ordogne, Sue Ortiz, Cathryne Richards, Betty Temple, Geri Verble and Erica Wendel-Oglesby.

Before we begin Show Your Stuff, we'll start at 9 a.m. with light refreshments and socializing and then gather at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary for our monthly Jardineros business meeting, announcements and Happy Dollars. Then, we'll begin Show Your Stuff at 10 a.m., and the public is invited to join us for that.

IMPORTANT – If you haven't already done so, please come to this November meeting with thoughts concerning which Jardineros activities, committees and interest groups you might like to participate in next year. The Membership Committee will provide sign-up sheets and guidance.

Also, consider stepping up to be Refreshments Committee co-chair, along with Jane Garland. With many of us traveling and busy with other commitments, having co-chairs to lead committees really helps to coordinate activities more easily.

And be sure to sign up for the Refreshments Committee for one or two months of 2024. We all look forward to food treats and visiting time at our monthly meetings, so please join others to volunteer for this social aspect of Jardineros!

At this Nov. 1 meeting, please bring a check made out to Jardineros de Placitas for \$75 for your 2024 dues, if you have not already done so. **Deadline for paying your 2024 dues so that you will be included in the 2024 yearbook/directory is Saturday, Nov. 18**, and we so want your smiling face in the yearbook!

If you aren't able to attend this November meeting, you may mail your \$75 dues check to **Jardineros de Placitas at P.O. Box 704 in Placitas, NM 87043**. Note on the check that it is for dues and for the name(s) of the members.



At our Nov. 1 meeting, we'll be offering adoption rights for the **Placitas Litter Critter**, lovingly crafted by Karen Croxton, from found "treasures" by participants in our volunteer Highway 165 litter cleanups this year, coordinated by Adopt-a-Highway Chair Cheryl Betterly. (It's mind-boggling how many drivers don't understand Toss No Mas!) The always creative Karen cleaned the found items and added her own embellishments in designing this merry critter.

Highest bidder for this one-of-a-kind sculpture will adopt Litter Critter, and proceeds will be given by Jardineros to help a chosen nonprofit serving people or animals in our area (high bidder's choice).

Fall Activities of note:

Saturday, Nov. 4 – 50th Anniversary Open House for Placitas Volunteer Fire Brigade –From 2-5 p.m. at the 463 Highway 165 Fire Station, stories will be shared about the formation of the volunteer brigade in 1973, its evolution, transition to Sandoval County Fire and Rescue in 2005 and current operations. Also, there will be tours, food, drinks, cake, fire prevention resources, art stations and giveaways for children and address numbers for residents. Jardineros individual members and organization have donated money for this celebration. Please contact Margaret Bruch if you can help with this very special community event.

Purchasing fall garden color or prepping for 2024 gardening? Remember that, thanks to our Plant Whisperers interest group, you have a membership and purchasing discount at Plant World, 250 El Pueblo Rd. NE in ABQ. At checkout, mention your Jardineros de Placitas membership.

Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 18-19 – Placitas Holiday Market at Wild Hearts Gallery, Placitas Community Library, Placitas Winery, Las Placitas Presbyterian Church, San Antonio Catholic Mission in the Village, Placitas Elementary School, Placitas Senior Center. For more info, see the market [website here](#).

Before our Nov. 1 meeting, please review the Oct. 4 Jardineros [meeting minutes](#). Minutes are also posted in the annual meeting binder on the Jardineros website.

As we welcome the golden month of November in Placitas, let's all reserve time for reflection. And give thanks for the beauty and culture that surround us in New Mexico and for our family and friends, including those who have joined together to nurture each other and our community through Jardineros de Placitas.

Have a joyous autumn,
Linda L.

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