



Interest Groups

Jardineros de Placitas is a social, benevolent and charitable organization. It's purpose is to provide its members with opportunities for associating with other residents; to promote interest in and provide support for the improvement of the greater Placitas community, its residents, and its environment; and to provide information pertaining to gardening.

Adelante Dining Group



Connie Goodwin, Dianne Stropp

The Adelante Dining Group plans four seasonal dinners per year with one of the members hosting each dinner. Dinner menus are planned in advance and everyone prepares part of the dinner and brings it to the host home. At present, our group is full due to the constraints of seating everyone at a dinner party. We are happy to help others form their own similar dining group if they wish.

Backyard Birders



Judith Roderick

We Avian Appreciators meet in the morning of the 4th Thursday of the month to share our sightings, discuss birding topics, view photos or take walks to see actual birds. All members are welcome!

Bueno Gusto



Karen Cox

We are a small dinner group that meets once a quarter. Each host chooses an entrée and the rest of the meal is designed to complement it. We get together to eat great food, sample some wine and have far-reaching conversations.

Crafts



Ellen McMahon

The purpose of our group is to learn or teach a different easy craft. The teachers of the crafts are usually Jardineros members. Meets 4th Wednesday each quarter at 9:30 am in various locations. Everyone is WELCOME. All must RSVP for each event due to costs and space available.

Delectable Dining



Annie Gross

Delectable Dining is a monthly dining adventure to local restaurants. Restaurants are selected by the team for the month and the menu and price are provided. Dates vary and the number in attendance is based on what restaurant can accommodate. Tables of 6 or 8 are preferred. We are open to all members and guests!!!

Game Night



Kelli Ballengee

We meet at 5:30 pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Each member signs up to host a month, provide the main entrée, beverages and the game(s) for the evening. Once the chair knows this she sends out the information to the group. The other members bring appetizers, salads and desserts. We play board games, team games, and have even done a mystery murder game. The group is currently full, but we are maintaining a waiting list.

The Happy Bookers



Andrea Cohen

We are an interest group that reads 12 books per year and meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:00 pm. Each member selects a book and hosts a discussion in their home. Both fiction and non-fiction books are read. We have a potluck luncheon in December. A waitlist is available and space for new members is anticipated before the end of the year. WELCOME!

Healthy Living



Darlene Beeson, Barbara Hill

We explore a number of topics around "healthy living" including alternative medicine practices and tips for staying healthy. We share recipes and resources and together learn new things centered around health. We sometimes go on field trips, watch documentaries and have speakers come in or turn the meetings over to some of our members who are well versed in "healthy topics." We meet 4-5 times a year, typically on a Friday. We learn a lot from each other! COME JOIN US!!!

Les Gourmandes



Sharon Sanfelippo

Les Gourmandes is a gourmet luncheon group that meets the 2nd Monday of the month. We have 8 members, each of whom hosts once a year. The hostess picks the theme of the luncheon and provides the entrée. The other members each bring a requested dish or wine. We have 8 alternates and have room for two more on the list. Alternates are asked to join the group for lunch in case of a member's absence. On the month we aren't home-hosted we go out to lunch and invite all alternates to go with us.

Libro Sin Nombre



Karen Cox

We meet in members' homes on the third Wednesday of every other month at 9:30 am beginning in January. This group is limited to 12; we would welcome at least one new member, but could take up to 3. We can also add to the waitlist. Types of reading: all genres, with the hostess for the month selecting the book. The hostess will moderate and encourage discussion.

The Lunch Bunch



Connie Goodwin

We are a group of 8 members that meets the third Wednesday of the month eight times per year in members' homes. We have a light and delectable lunch and enjoy stories and interesting conversation. We are open to subs for our list as many of us travel and can't always attend. It's a great way to meet other club members, so get on our sub list!!!

Money Matters



Jim Delongchamp

After many years of an investment and estate planning focus, we are broadening the subject matter and exploring a variety of money related topics. This year, after surveying the group, we hope to include money saving ideas, emergency preparedness, real estate, energy audits, and some eating/shopping for less ideas. Generally, we meet at the library in the afternoon of the 3rd Wednesday of every other month starting in February. We'd love to have you join us.

Non-fiction Book Group



Lana Muraskin

We meet every other month, beginning in February, on the second Friday in members' homes. We would be happy to welcome a few new members this year.

Out To Lunch Bunch



Jennise Phillips

We meet once a month, usually Tuesday or Thursday at noon, at a different restaurant every month. We also have two evening events each year that include a guest. Our selection is pre-screened to include vegetarian and gluten-free options and we avoid national chains as much as possible. Per request of those in the group, we are sensitive to the driving distance, ease of parking/ access and favor table (as opposed to counter) service. Special requests are honored as able. Come join us! We have get together groups ranging from 3 to 43!

Placitas Page Turners



Pat Sporn

We have 12 members and are currently full. We meet the 2nd Wed. of the month. We read both fiction and non-fiction. The group meets in members' homes with each member selecting a book for the month they are hosting. Our schedule can be found on the Jardineros de Placitas website.

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Vicky Kimmel

Our mission is to share, improve, learn and explore current techniques for enhancing members' photography skills. This group includes all skill levels. We meet monthly, the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am, at various members' homes, unless otherwise noted. Each member is expected to take a turn hosting the group (no meetings in Dec.). This group is limited to 12 with a waitlist available. Please contact chair if interested.

Tamalewood Divas



Margaret Bolshazy & Joan Chewing

Group gathers 10 am-2 pm on the 4th Thurs. each month Jan.-Oct. (and the 3rd week of Nov.) to see current films of various genres, and then we stop for lunch together on the way home. For new members or long-time Jardineros, it's a great way to get to know each other better in an informal setting. If you like to go to the movies and try new restaurants with friends, this is the interest group for you!

Trippers



Kathy Hays & Linda Lockett

Trippers has a monthly adventure: some are day trips and one or two each year are overnights to exciting destinations. Dates and times vary due to scheduling. We meet in Dec. to plan our adventures for the upcoming year. Our yearly tradition is to attend the Santa Fe School of Cooking in January and take one of their Bonus Classes that tests recipes that they will be using for the upcoming year. OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS! SIGN UP TODAY TO START YOUR TRIPPER ADVENTURE!!

Wine & Food Fans



Ruth Clark, Lynne Kaskela, Harriet Neal

This interest group is designed for those who enjoy various wines and want to learn more about them and their food pairings. Group members will meet monthly January through November on Saturday afternoons or evenings; spouses/partners are included. Each member will be expected to host at home or coordinate an outside tasting at least once every two years. New Members Welcome!
