



A Joyful Journey — Celebrating 60 Years of Sharing & Caring

An “interest group” is a group of Jardineros de Placitas members that organize to pursue a special interest, hobby, activity or entertainment. Below are descriptions of 18 current Interest Groups.
New members are invited to join Interest Groups, or create NEW groups.

Placitas Birding Buddies - Nancy Guist/Ellie Blossom



About: The avian appreciators meet to share sightings, discuss birding topics, view photos or take walks to see actual birds.

Meets: Third Wednesday morning of selected months

Delectable Dining - Amy Atkinson



About: Delectable Dining is an adventure to local area restaurants. Restaurants are selected at a meeting in December.

Meets: The host will select the date/time/place

Dinner and A Play - Ted Heath



About: This group is for members who enjoy going to plays. The Chairs will maintain a list of Albuquerque performances that are being presented for the current year.

Meets: Members are responsible for obtaining their own tickets and making their own dinner reservations.

Game Night - Kelli Ballengee



About: Each member signs up to host a month, provide the main entrée, beverages and the game(s) for the evening.

Meets: Third Saturday of each month

Happy Bookers - Debbie Webster



About: This is an interest group that reads 12 books per year. Each member signs up to host a month, selects a book (fiction or non-fiction) and hosts the discussion in their home.

Meets: Second Monday of each month

iSALUD! - Barbara Hill



About: The focus is similar to Healthy Living but using Salud as an acronym for the new focus will be "Safe Products, Active Aging, Living Healthily, Understanding our Bodies and Dining with Healthy Purpose".

Meets: Periodically determined by the event scheduled

JPG - Jardineros Photography Group - Joanie Wood



About: This group is a supportive community of photographers with a wide range of interests and skill levels. JPCs provides a creative and educational space where members can explore techniques, share knowledge, and refine their craft.

Meets: Second Tuesday of each month

Libro Sin Nombre - Karen Cox



About: All genres of reading, with the host for the month selecting the book and moderating and encouraging discussion.

Meets: Third Wednesday every other month

Low Maintenance Book Club - Dawn Evanoff



About: Do not let the "Low Maintenance" title discourage you from joining, we are serious about reading and we want to create a space that encourages the pure enjoyment of reading and discussing books of all genres.

Meets: Third Thursday every other month

Mah Jongg Mavens - Carol Ninkovich



About: American Mah Jongg offers an intellectual challenge combining strategy and luck, while playing with the beautiful Mah Jongg tiles that offer tactile enjoyment

Meets: Tuesdays at the Senior Center

Non-Fiction Book Group - Linda Lockett



About: As you have heard, truth can be stranger than fiction. This group enjoys reading fascinating non-fiction books selected by our members.

Meets: Every other month on second Friday

Out to Lunch Bunch - Dianna Stone & Mike Carey



About: The goal of OTLB is to foster social relationships among members. This group meets every other month at a different restaurant

Meets: Every other month

Placitas Page Turners - Susan Brown



About: This group reads both fiction and non-fiction. The group meets in members' homes with each member selecting a book for the month they are hosting.

Meets: Second Wednesday of the month

Poker Pals - Cathryne Richards & Carol Ninkovich



About: This group is for those who love to laugh and play, Poker, that is! We follow the Rules of Play according to Hoyle and play a friendly, penny-ante Poker for fun and fellowship. Each member will take a turn hosting in the year.

Meets: Third Monday of each month

The Plant Whisperers - Marta Neely Lucas, Nancy & Paul Smith



About: 4 Seasonal Events each year with the April Library Spring Fling plant sale fundraiser, 4th of July Seed Ball Project, September assisting Placitas Garden Tour, November Holiday Market fundraiser

Meets: Varies

Trippers - Jayne Schultz



About: This group has a monthly adventure: some are day trips and one or two each year are overnights to exciting destinations. 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

Meets: Monthly

Wine & Food Fans - Cheryl Weber



About: W&FF is designed for those Jardineros members who enjoy tasting various wines and desire to learn more about wine and food pairing. Each member is expected to host either at home or coordinate an outside tasting every two years.

Meets: Third Saturday of the month