



Greetings!

Hello friends,

It's springtime in Placitas, and we're almost into May! Unfortunately, our April showers did not develop, but there will be some May flowers here and there in gardens and nearby hiking areas. A few of us were delighted to spot vibrant Indian paintbrush along an Ojito Wilderness trail last week.

For our May 4 meeting, George Arthur, one of our own members, will be the program speaker at 9:30 a.m. for "A Journey of Discovery" about the fascinating and famous murals at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC) in Albuquerque and about the artists who crafted them.

George's insightful presentation is likely to encourage you to explore one of Albuquerque's crown jewels, the IPCC at 2401 12th St. NW, if you have not previously visited or to make a return visit if you have.

Refreshments for our May 4 meeting will be served beginning at 9 a.m. and also following George's presentation before our brief business meeting. Remember to wear your Jardineros member nametag or be prepared to add to our treasury with a whopping \$1 fine!

PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR MAY 4 JARDINEROS MEETING – We will be meeting at our Placitas Community Library, 453 Hwy. 165, in the Gracie Lee Meeting Room in the library's new wing, rather than at the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church.

We will be trying this change in venue for the next three months, and I hope that you will be able to join in the May 4 meeting at our wonderful, heart-of-the-community library.

Also, it's great to see Jardineros members of special interest groups now meeting in person as we learn, share thoughts, play, create and savor good food and company through our diverse interest group activities.

Just a reminder – at least two of our established interest groups, the birding group and the movie-watching group, need leaders in order to continue. And, if you have considered starting a new interest group, please give it a try. Expanding our range of activities helps grow our organization and in turn allows us to do more for our community.

Special thanks to Margaret Bruch for leading Jardineros volunteers in cleaning up Mile 5 to 6 of Highway 165 recently and to Geri Verble for spearheading the full-of-energy and informative "Placitas Small Business Showcase" Jardineros meeting in April. Events like these remind us of what a special and joyful place Placitas is.

But, we have also experienced deep sadness here recently with the passing of two Jardineros members, Dena George and Patt Cain, as well as the loss of Randall Phillips, Jennise's husband. Our deepest sympathies go out to Jennise Phillips, Ron George and George Cain. It has been heartbreaking to lose such talented, giving, special members of our community.

For Dena, a memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 6, at French Funerals at 7121 Wyoming in Albuquerque. For Patt, a celebration of life event will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. Lovely tributes were published in the *Albuquerque Journal* for Dena on April 24 and Patt on April 17.

If you would like to help our Benevolence Committee with their work in providing support to those who are in mourning or are dealing with hardships, please contact our past president, Pat Quick, who has stepped forward to lead these efforts for awhile. Many thanks to Pat and to those of you who already have been helping her with this.

Also, sincere thanks to Susan Craycraft and Marilyn Levandoski for agreeing to head up our 2022 Community Service collections, which – with your generosity – are providing needed funds this year to area non-profits. Those include St. Vincent de Paul (April, Cash for Food, coordinated by Judith Austin

and Joan Chamier) and Watermelon Mountain Ranch (June, coordinated by Jacque Moise).

Best wishes to all for a flower-filled (yes, yucca blooms count), merry month of May!

Linda L.

