



Dear Jardineros friends,

***June 1 meeting is being postponed to June 15. See explanation below.***

As we near June and the start of summer, I hope you're enjoying our beautiful, serene Placitas and the joy we receive from living in this special area.

For our next Jardineros meeting, our June refreshments committee is planning a Summer Solstice theme and tasty treats for us. To join in the fun, consider wearing summertime apparel – bright and light hues, florals, sun and stars, "summer of love," hippie retro – whatever makes you feel like school's out and it's time for summer partying! By the way, the Summer Solstice and the official beginning of summer is on June 21 this year.

**IMPORTANT: Our June meeting again will be held at the Placitas Community Library, but it will not be on the previously scheduled day of June 1. Because of both early voting and election day voting being held at the library in the Gracie Lee Meeting Room, we will be meeting on Wednesday, June 15, at the library.**

Refreshments and visiting will begin at 9 a.m. on June 15, and then we'll have our own Linda and Ted Heath as program speakers beginning at 9:30 a.m. They will be presenting "Archaeoastronomy" about archaeological sites (such as Chaco Canyon, Stonehenge and the Pyramids) reflecting ancient knowledge of the cyclical movements of the sun, moon, planets, stars and constellations. So, let the sunshine in, and please join us for this far-out presentation!

After our program, we'll break for more visiting and refreshments, and then reconvene for a brief business meeting, announcements and Happy Dollars. Speaking of dollars, don't forget to wear your Jardineros nametag unless you want to enrich our Treasury with a \$1 fine! We are blessed to have new and newish members who have joined Jardineros in the past year. Wearing nametags at our meetings helps all of us in meeting new people and growing our circle of Placitas friends.

Also, please consider giving monetary and/or goods donations to our selected non-profit organization for June – the wonderful Watermelon Mountain Ranch, a no-kill animal shelter. Member Jacque Moise is matching all monetary donations up to \$1,000. More information is included in the Jardineros email from Community Service sent to you on May 19. My kitties Winnie and Roo are Watermelon Mountain Ranch alums, and they approve of this message!

Unfortunately, I again have some sad news to share. After an extended illness, Erin Height's husband Jon passed away earlier this month. Please keep Erin in your prayers. And we have learned that Joan Jander, a long-time and former Jardineros member, passed away recently.

Also, we have several members who have had surgeries, disabilities and illnesses in the past month. Best healing wishes to those of you who have not been able to be your normally active selves recently!

A number of Jardineros members brought food and attended the lovely Celebration of Life for Patt Cain at the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church on May 21. This event was wonderful – sad and poignant, yes – but also inspiring. Patt's friends, sons and husband George shared great photos and stories about Patt, and I was so impressed with all of her diverse interests and accomplishments.

What I especially noted was one of her sons explaining how important it was for Patt to "do for others." Through Jardineros, there are many ways to do just that. Losing Patt is tough, but I'm grateful that she belonged to our organization and was so active in working to better our community after her retirement. Memorial donations to honor Patt may be made to the Patt Cain Memorial Fund for the Placitas Artists Series, the Nature Conservancy or other worthy organizations.

In case you want to drop by, a few of our members will be at a table talking about the benefits of being a Jardineros member at the annual Placitas Appreciation Day at the Homesteads Shopping Center on Saturday, June 4. Thanks very much to Karen Croxton and others of you who have been working on plans for this.

Hope to see everyone on June 15 in the Gracie Lee Meeting Room at the Placitas Community Library for our monthly meeting. And, let the sunshine in!

Linda Lockett

