



Happy December, Jardineros friends!

'Tis the season – and soon I'll be a has-been president of Jardineros – so now it's time for me to confess: I love fruitcake!

My mom's fruitcake, date loaf and fudge were the best holiday treats in December. A key ingredient was the pecans – Puh Cahns – especially those freshly hulled from New Mexico's Mesilla Valley orchards, but definitely no Pea Cans from Georgia!

Of course, when you grew up in Texas, the Corsicana fruitcake, from the Collin Street Bakery, was required eating. Plus, the cake tin decorated with Lone Star State history scenes or bluebonnets lingered around the home for years holding crayons, buttons, bolts and whatnot.

Alas, I doubt we'll have any fruitcake at our annual December meeting/party/eating fest. But, our Jardineros Board members, led by Vice President Janice Grann, will tempt you with culinary delights. So please join in the fun at our **holiday buffet and party, starting at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 6 at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church.**

Savoring the treats, relaxing, greeting old and new friends and celebrating Jardineros and our very special community will be our agenda items.

November in Placitas has been a packed month with art exhibits, concerts, snow and a very successful Holiday Market in seven community locations with a number of our hard-working and creative Jardineros members involved.

In December, you may want to stop in at the **Placitas Community Library's Holiday Open House at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10** with a special presentation by The Young Voices of the Santa Fe Opera. The innovative Placitas Artists Series folks are coordinating the musical program, and also there will be storytellers.

Please remember that our Community Service collection in December is for Blessings Day, which is administered by St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP). Placitas, Bernalillo and Algodones families, especially children, in need of assistance will have more joyful holidays, thanks to your help.

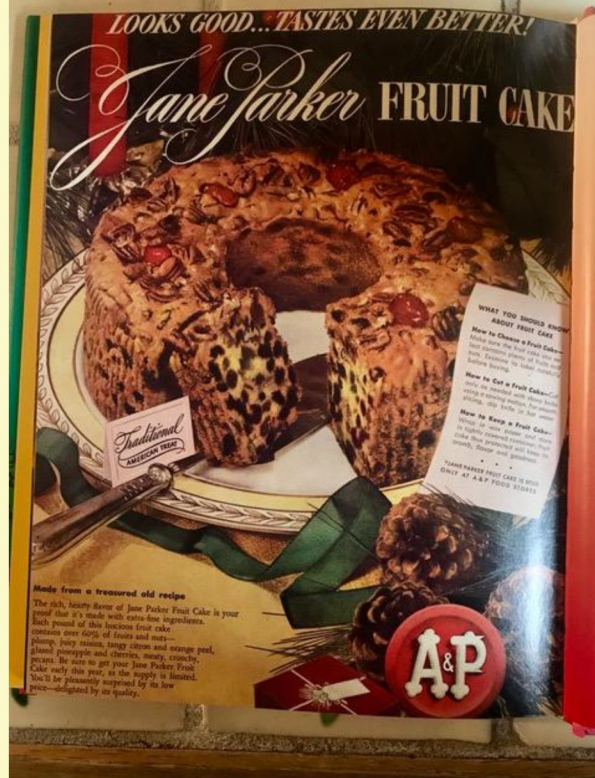
Big thank-yous to Cheryl Weber, coordinator for this collection, and Debbie Webster and Margaret Bruch, our Community Service chairs who have diligently served Jardineros and our community this year. Checks payable to SVDP Blessings Day may be given to Cheryl Weber at our Dec. 10 meeting or mailed to her at 23 Cerrito Rojo Road, Placitas, NM 87043.

Before our Dec. 6 meeting, please review the Nov. 1 Jardineros [meeting minutes](#). Minutes are also posted in the annual binder on the Jardineros website.

Just a reminder, in January our meeting is the second, not the normal first, Wednesday morning of the month, so we hope to see you **in 2024 on Jan. 10 at the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church.**

Best wishes for a heartwarming December to all!

Linda L.



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