



**** Jardineros meeting on October 5 at the Placitas Community Library ****

Dear Jardineros friends,

What a lovely start to autumn we are having! With Jupiter and other planets “starring” in the skies, it’s been beautiful during the nights and the days here in Placitas.

Plus, it’s that joyful time to spot giant flying unicorns, bees, witches, sea horses, Airabelle the Cow, Smokey Bear, Darth Vader, fractals and more lofty wonders at the Oct. 1-9 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

Our Wednesday, Oct. 5 Jardineros program will feature a program from leading hydrogeologist John Shomaker on **“Placitas’s Water: Where It Comes From, Where It Goes and How Long It Might Last.”**

Water is a critically important topic for all of New Mexico and the Southwest. Our lives and especially the lives of those who follow us will be aided by implementing solutions to escalating water and climate challenges.

For our October 5 meeting, we’ll start with light refreshments and visiting at 9 a.m. and then gather at 9:30 a.m. in the Gracie Lee Meeting Room at the Placitas Library for the program. That will be followed by more socializing and eating, and then closing with a business meeting, announcements and Happy Dollars. We also have reserved the Library’s smaller Collin Meeting Room to provide more space because October is when we begin important signups, check-writing, etc. for the following year.

During this meeting, the Nominating Committee will present the nominees for the slate of 2023 Jardineros officers (President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer). Members may submit additional nominations by email to Linda Suydam, Nominating Committee Chair, and then voting will be done through electronic ballot later in October.

At our October meeting, we will be collecting 2023 membership dues. A special shout-out to Membership Committee member Linda Hughes, who was our first member to already submit her \$60 check!

If you forget to bring your check for 2023 dues on Oct. 5 or you can’t attend this meeting **please mail your check for 2023 dues to Jardineros de Placitas, P.O. Box 704, Placitas, NM 87043.** Note on the check that it is for dues and for the name(s) of the members. To be included in our 2023 yearbook/directory, please submit your 2023 dues of \$60 per person either in October or no later than Friday, Nov. 18.

Speaking of the yearbook, we are **looking for a yearbook editor.** Karen Croxton has been doing an outstanding job on this for several years, and she is now ready to pass the reins to someone else. Needed skills are graphic design and production knowledge, along with proofreading.

Main duties of the yearbook editor and committee members included **designing the yearbook in your choice of graphic design software program; acquiring all pertinent copy/information and photos for upcoming yearbook from our various committees and officers; designing page layouts; copyfitting/formatting raw text; getting printing cost estimates, coordinating and sending finished files to the printer; providing our webmaster with new member and updated member photos.**

At our October meeting, we also will have **member signups for 2023** monthly meeting greeters, refreshments and other important Jardineros committees, including programs (2024 program planning), benevolence, membership, history, nominating, yearbook, community service, adopt-a-highway, 4th of July parade and more, including fun and fulfilling special interest groups.

Also, we’re now accepting checks for our **Noche Encantada holiday dinner party at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4, at Prairie Star.** There will be entertainment, delicious food and Jardineros stars galore at this

festive event. Cost is \$62 per person. Please send your checks to Jardineros de Placitas, P.O. Box 704, Placitas, NM 87043, and note on your check that it is for Noche Encantada and the names of those attending. Plan now to join in the fun, and help us Bring Out the Stars at this Dec. 4 celebration!

One more announcement about another fun event – at **3-5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 17 at the Placitas Library, a New Member Social** is being hosted by the Membership Committee. This event is open to all Jardineros members and is being planned to help those who have joined Jardineros in the past three or so years and for any Placitas friends or neighbors who you believe might be interested in joining Jardineros.

Also, portraits for the yearbook will be taken, so please come if you need a photo or would like an updated photo. Please wear your Jardineros nametag, and come ready to enjoy light refreshments and to talk with experienced, newish, new and potentially new Jardineros members. Please RSVP for this social by Oct. 3 to Linda Hughes at monkeymind505@yahoo.com, or text/call her at 505 463-8659.

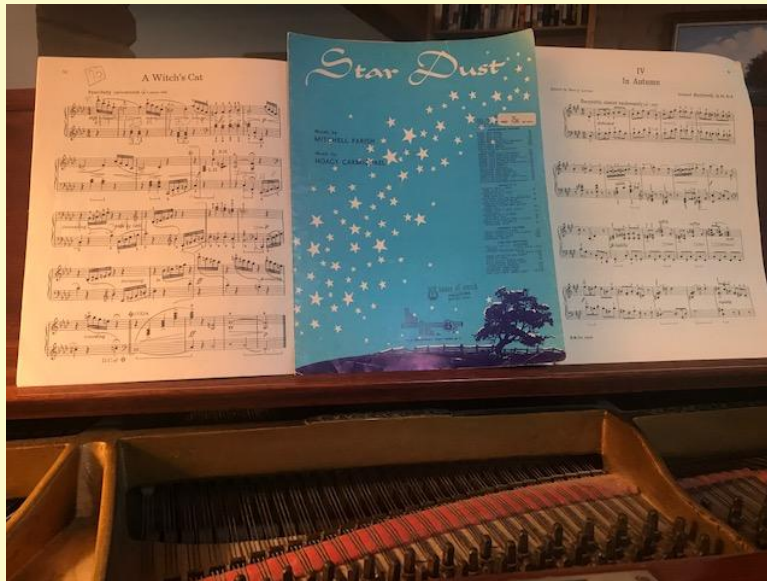
I do have some sad news to share. Past Jardineros member Linda Keim passed away quietly on Sept. 28 in Alice, Texas. There will be a memorial service there on Nov. 5. Cards may be sent to her husband: Steve Keim, 1903 Santa Rosa Dr., Alice, TX 78332. Also, Jardineros member Dianna Stone's mom recently passed away. Our deepest sympathies go to Dianna and to Linda's family.

Please review the [meeting minutes](#) from September prior to our October meeting. Minutes are also posted in the annual meeting binder on the Jardineros website.

For our scheduled Nov. 2 and Dec. 7 monthly meetings, please note on your calendars that we are planning to meet at the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church.

Hope to see you at our Oct. 5 monthly meeting at the Placitas Library and out and about enjoying our glorious autumn in Placitas!

Linda Lockett



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