



Who We Are

Jardineros Photography Group (JPG) is a community of photographers with a wide range of interests, experience, and skill levels. Some members have been photographing for years, while others are newer to photography and eager to learn.

We believe that everyone has something to learn and something to contribute. JPG is a place to develop both technical skills and a personal photographic voice in a welcoming, curious, and supportive environment.

What We Do

JPG meets monthly to learn, share, experiment, and improve our photography. Meetings generally include a presentation, discussion, demonstration, or other learning activity during the first hour, followed by member photo critique during the second hour.

Our goal is not simply to take better photographs, but to become **more thoughtful photographers**. We are interested not only in *how* a photograph was made, but in *why* it was made.

During critiques, we encourage photographers to talk about their intent: **What drew you to the photograph? What were you hoping to capture or convey? Did the finished image accomplish what you intended?** We encourage thoughtful questions and constructive feedback that help photographers see their work in new ways.

Members may submit photographs related to the monthly assignment or their own projects. The number of submissions may vary depending on group size and meeting format.

Membership & Participation

Membership in JPG is open to members of Jardineros de Placitas who have an interest in photography and a commitment to learning and improving.

You don't need to be an expert to join us. We welcome photographers at all skill levels, including those who are relatively new to photography. Members should be curious, willing to ask questions, share ideas, and learn from others.

Because JPG is a participatory group rather than a lecture or presentation series, **regular attendance and active participation are expected**. Getting to know one another makes our critiques more meaningful and helps us create a supportive environment where everyone feels comfortable sharing their work.

Members should have access to basic photo-editing software and a willingness to develop their skills using it.

JPG meets the second Tuesday of each month, except December, from 9:00–11:00 a.m. at the Placitas Community Library. We usually share a group breakfast in December.

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Chair