



Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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Spring Luncheon Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Learn about Spring and Summer trends for 2017 and see the new styles of three retailers located in both the Barton Creek and Hill Country Galleria Malls. Join us for a beautiful luncheon at the River Place Country Club where the styles of Chico's and Soma, nationally well known retailers, and Gatsby's, local men's and ladies retailer, will be featured. We have planned a delicious spring luncheon buffet with plenty of surprises all around!

Questions or special dietary requests:
luncheon_director@austinnewcomer.com.



GATSBY'S
PURVEYOR OF FINE MENS CLOTHING

chico's

Soma

Location: River Place Country Club

Address: 4207 River Place Blvd., 78730

Cost: \$30 *pp*

Time: 11:00 am social time
Noon-luncheon followed by
fashion show

RSVP: Online by 4/16
or postmark by 4/14

President's Message



Interest Groups & Events

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April Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 5
Social at 9:30 am
Meeting at 10:00 am

Host: Kathy Finley, Laurie Gillig
 and Beth Noe

Where: 11701 Shadestone Terrace,
 78732

RSVP: Susi Spies
Susi.spies@gmail.com
 Laurie Gillig
 614-361-4936



Almost everyone knows the famous song lyric, "April showers will bring May flowers." But here in Texas, nothing about gardening seems that cut and dried. Ever since the holidays, it's been hot when it was supposed to be cold and cold after I prematurely dragged my summer clothes out of storage. My Sweet Olive hedge blossomed enticingly several months ago, then those fragrant blossoms got rained and mini-tornado-ed away. Bougainvillea bloomed in February! It's all been very confusing! With erratic flowers and no groundhog to pop out of the ground, the arrival of one of Newcomers' most popular events may be our only clear herald that Mother Nature has indeed turned her calendar pages to Spring.

April, as you may have heard, is the month of our annual Fashion Show. This year, you'll find pretty clothes being modeled by even prettier models in the beautiful glass dining room of River Place Country Club. Please mark April 19th on your calendars and be sure to come for both fun and fashion!

Elsewhere in the Club, you'll find all our usual bridge games and book clubs; hikes and live music evenings; parties and dinner parties. This month, we even offer swing dance lessons and an outing to peruse the produce at four wonderful urban farms.

I personally think that one of the greatest things about Newcomer's is that it offers people new in town the chance to transplant many of the activities they loved back home to their new home here in Austin.

It takes a lot of lovely people to make all our activities possible. I bring a clipboard with about 15 new groups we're thinking about starting to every Club luncheon. Several of these groups have long lists of sign-ups, but we need a chair for every new group we start. I listed our possible new groups at the very bottom of this letter. If you'd be willing to chair one, let me (susi.spies@gmail.com) or Alison Seaman (alisonseaman@yahoo.com) know and we can start the process that will make your new group official.

In the meantime, enjoy Spring, the Bluebonnets, our April fashion show, and all your new Newcomer's friends!

Tra la!

Possible new interest groups available for chairing: Bocce Ball, Pickleball, Tennis, Yoga, Movie-Go-ers, Beethoven, Bach & Ballet, Wine Lovers, Men's Beer & BBQ, Garden Club, Cycling, Investment Ideas, Grandparenting, and Doggie Play Group.

BOOK GROUPS

Book Groups: Thursday, April 27**Social:** 10:00 am**Discussion:** 10:30am**Book:** *A Man Called Ove* by Frederick Backman

If you would like to join a Book Group, please contact:
Sue Naylor, ssnayl@gmail.com

We have kept this group going by creating three groups: Indian Paintbrush, Yellow Rose and Bluebonnet. All groups read the same books, which are chosen annually in the fall.

**Bluebonnet Group**

Host: Lynn Davis
3702 Terrina St. #14 78759

Facilitator: Victoria Reck**RSVP:** [Online](#)

Chair: Sue Naylor
ssnayl@gmail.com

Yellow Rose Group

Host: Jeanette Swenson
6210 Brookside Dr. 78723

RSVP: (512) 524-1295 or
jeanetteswenson64@gmail.com

Chairs: Gayle Cannon
gayle.cannon70@gmail.com
Connie Esau
connieesau@gmail.com

Indian Paintbrush Group

Host: Mary McAllister
3322 Far View Drive, 78730

Facilitator: Susan Nichols**RSVP:** Not necessary

Chairs: Andie Allen
andreaalleninteriors@gmail.com
Janet Lande
jslaustin@gmail.com

Afternoon Mystery Book Group**Wednesday, April 12, 1:00 pm****Host:** Connie Gardner**Book:** *A Small Death in the Great Glen* by A D Scott**RSVP by 4/10:** peplett@aol.com**Chair:** Dianne Killough, dianne2345@gmail.com

Details: We meet in member's homes at 1:00 pm. on the second Wednesday of the month from September to May to discuss books whose subjects are always mysteries.

Upcoming titles:
The Nature of the Beast by Louise Penny

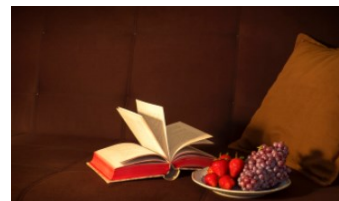
Men's Book Club**Tuesday, April 25, 2:00 pm**

Host: Arnie Schaffer
7015 Doswell La.

RSVP: Not necessary

Book: *Hillbilly Elegy: A memoir of a family and culture in crisis* by J.D. Vance

Details: "J. D. Vance's memoir, *Hillbilly Elegy*, offers a starkly honest look at what that shattering of faith feels like for a family who lived through it. You will not read a more important book about America this year" (The Economist)

Chair: Hector Barrio; hebate@gmail.com

ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS

Art House Cinema North**Friday, April 14, 7:30 pm****Cost:** \$1.00/person

Details: Arthouse Cinema North selects a film of the group's interest. We see the film separately, then get together as a group to discuss and rate the movie as well as select a film for the following month.

New Members RSVP: [Online](#) and isarratster@gmail.com

Details of upcoming gatherings for this group will be sent in a separate e-mail to group participants, giving details about the movie selection, location and any additional information that is needed,

Chair: Ingrid Sarrat
isarratster@gmail.com

Art House Cinema South**Friday, April 14 or 28, 7:00 pm****Cost:** \$1.00/person

Details: Love to go to the movies? Love to discuss them with others who share your passions? Would it be most convenient for you to meet on the south side of town? Arthouse Cinema South is right for you. To accommodate its growing size, this group offers a choice of two meetings, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Meeting attendees choose one or two films, see the movies on their own, and then gather to discuss and rate their selections.

RSVP: [Online](#)

Chair: ArthouseCinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com

Critics Corner**Friday, April 14, 7:30 pm****RSVP:** [Online](#)

New Members: Bobbi Barrio
criticscorner@austinnewcomers.com

Details: Members will receive an invite with information about the movie and the location of the meeting. Members see the movie on their own, then we meet at a member's home for a lively discussion. Members are asked to bring one of the following: a hearty appetizer or a dessert or a beverage (such as a bottle of wine to share). Couples should bring two items.

The Play's the Thing**Coming up *Sense and Sensibility***

As a group, theater lovers will attend a diverse and exciting lineup of plays in the Austin Playhouse 2016-2017 season.

Mark your calendars for the following plays and dates:

- April 1, *Sense and Sensibility* by Kate Hamill;
- June 3, *Guys and Dolls* by Frank Loesser, Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows

Prior to each performance, we will meet at 5:30pm at Vino Vino at 4119 Guadalupe for some wining and dining.

RSVP for Vino Vino: [Online](#)

For subscriptions and single tickets, call Cyndi at the Austin Playhouse box office at 512-476-0084. Mention that you are with Austin Newcomers. Subscriber services, including unlimited rescheduling if you have a date conflict, are all handled directly with the box office. For play descriptions and directions to the theater, go to www.austinplayhouse.com.

For general information or questions email Rinette Seidner at



ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS, continued

Try This**Texas Burlesque Festival****April 6 - 8****Where:** Paramount Theatre**Cost:** \$20-\$40

Details: The Texas Burlesque Festival is a three-day hoedown and showdown celebrating the raucous revival of burlesque, vaudeville, and the accompanying et cetera. Just check out the performers to get in the spirit. Click [here](#) for info.

Austin Intl. Poetry Festival**April 6 - 9****Cost:** \$20-\$40

Details: The festival includes unique Austin venues, diverse themed poetry readings, open mics, workshops, music and poetry, anthology reading, dusk to dawn, and a poetry symposium. Click [here](#) for info.

Moontower Comedy Festival**April 19 - 22****Where:** Paramount and Stateside Theatres**Cost:** Tickets will be on sale

Details: Moontower Comedy and Oddity Festival brings to Austin over 100 of the funniest, wittiest, and oddest world-class comics from around the globe. Click [here](#) for info.

Capital 10K**April 23**

Details: Runners start at the Ann Richards Bridge, run up to and by the Texas State Capital Building, and finish at Auditorium Shores, serenaded by live bands as is the Austin way. This is the largest 10K in Texas. Run or just cheer them on. Click [here](#) for info.

If you have suggestions for events please email them with a link to the website to Lynne Marcus at lmarcus08@gmail.com with "Try This" in the subject line.

Dance Austin**West Coast Swing Lessons****Saturdays, April 1, 8, or 15, 3:00 - 4:00 pm**

Where: Dance International
2417 Buell Ave.
Behind the DQ Restaurant on Burnet

Cost: \$5; pay at door**RSVP:** [Online 4/1](#); [Online 4/8](#); [Online 4/15](#)

Details: We will have 3 one-hour West Coast Swing lessons with Jessica. You can attend any or all of the dates. These lessons are private - for Newcomers only. Come as a single or as couples. Bring your own drinks.

Chair: Karen Kirmis
kkirmis@gmail.com
(701) 570-5472

**Shop Austin!****Magnolia Market and a day in Waco****Monday, April 24, 9:00 am**

Where: Magnolia Market at the Silos
601 Webster Ave., Waco, TX

Carpool: 7:30 am**RSVP by 4/19:** [Online](#)**Details:** Do you watch Fixer Upper?

Do you love DIY? Does shiplap make you shiver?

There's a little something for everyone at the Magnolia Market made famous by Chip and Joanna Gaines from HGTV – shopping, games, garden and a bakery.

Everything is staged in order to get you inspired and excited about the space you live in. We'll have lunch and stop at a couple other Waco venues on this fun outing!

Hosts: and questions: Diane Gallagher
cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com
Janet Jones
jones6lp@gmail.com



M A G N O L I A

ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS, continued

Live Music Lovers**Monday, April 10 7:00 - 9:00 pm****Where:** Friends Bar
208 E 6th Street**RSVP:** [Online](#)**Chairs:** Dona Reynolds, grdr@hotmail.com
Ellen Honey, eshoney10@mac.com**Details:** Dave Scher grabbed an electric guitar at age 10 and has spent little of his waking time ever since without having one in his very capable hands. That is, unless, he

happens to be playing mandolin, fiddle, bass, piano, organ or any number of other instruments. He's been known to dabble in jazz, funk, or even a little country whenever he temporarily wanders from his beloved blues, but basically he does it all. And then there's his voice—powerful and sensual enough to convey every emotion on the spectrum, a natural extension and perfect complement to his work on the guitar.



FOOD/SOCIAL

Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate**Saturday, April 22, 6:30 pm****RSVP:** An email is sent to the people on the list the first of the month, and you should RSVP then. Once the guest list is complete, the hostess sends out menu information and the address and directions to attendees a few weeks before the event..**Details:** Come to Dinner – Bring a Plate is a monthly dinner group for single ANC members who enjoy cooking and socializing. If you would like to meet other singles around the warmth of a dinner table enjoying delicious food and interesting conversation, this group is for you. Contact Lynne Marcus if you want to receive the invitation.

We meet on the 4th Saturday night in groups of between four and twelve at one or two homes. The

hostess plans the menu, compiles recipes, and asks guests to provide one of the dishes. This group has grown over the past several months, so we would like a commitment when you join the list to be a hostess or co-hostess at least once every 12-18 months. Some homes are small and parking can be an issue, but even a small group would enjoy spending time in your home. This group works because of the generosity and kindness of the members.

Chair: Lynne Marcus
lmarcus08@gmail.com; 505-340-5464**Friends Connection****Brunch at Vinaigrette****Sunday, May 7, 1:30 pm****Where:** 2201 College Ave, Austin 512-852-8791**Cost:** \$7-\$17**RSVP:** [Online](#)**Details:** Vinaigrette healthy, joyful and fun. The founder Erin Wade has a sustainable farm where she grows 70% of the produce used in the restaurant. The beet salad I had there was the best! A bright, airy restaurant with imaginative soups, salads, sandwiches and deserts. You are truly in for a treat!**Chair:** Karen Werner
karentwerner20@aol.com or 817-896-4905

FOOD/SOCIAL, Continued

TGI Social

Thank Goodness It's Social

Sunday, April 9, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

A time to kick back to meet and connect with friends old and new. Nothing but FUN on the agenda!

Hosts: Jim Martin and Sky Benson

Where: 118 Daisy Path, 78737

Cost: \$1.00 at door for paper goods

RSVP: [Online](#)

Bring: Hearty appetizers and beverages of your choice to share: beer, soft drinks, wine, tea, lemonade, etc. Singles bring beverage or appetizer. Couples bring both.

Chair/Questions: Charlotte Slack
cbs200@gmail.com
979-255-1680

Out to Lunch Bunch

Friday, April 28, 11:30 am

Where: Siena Ristorante Toscana
6203 Capital of Texas Hwy

Cost: Separate checks

RSVP by 3/29: [Online](#) or psklar1@gmail.com

Limit of 15 people

Details: For over 13 years Siena has been Austin's premier destination for authentic Tuscan cuisine. All food at Siena is prepared to order, pasta is made fresh daily as well as all stocks and sauces.

Chairs: Jan Jones, Jones6LP@gmail.com
Peggy Sklar, psklar1@gmail.com



Recruit 5 new members; get next year's dues free!

Our ANC membership has never been healthier! We now have over 400 member households and new members joining every month.

Many new members have mentioned that an existing member encouraged them to join. We would like to say "Thank You" to those members that recruit someone new.

Time Period: July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017

Ask new members to put your name on their application as a referral. Only one sponsor per new member.

Happy Hour

Tuesday, April 18, 4:30 pm

Where: Red Ash
303 Colorado St., 78701

RSVP by 4/16: [Online](#)

Price: Cost of food and drinks, separate checks.

Details: Join us to meet and mingle over cocktails and appetizers.

Chairs: Joanie Maqsood, fairwayj341@hotmail.com
Debbie Highbarger, mombcool@aol.com



LANGUAGES/EXPATS

Expats

Saturday, April 15, 6:00 pm

Host: Gail and Bill Sofer
4103 Mesa Court, 78731-3743

RSVP by 4/10: [Online](#)

We request that anyone who needs to cancel notify both the hostess and Faith Stevens so that we can invite the next participant(s) on the waiting list. stevensfai@aol.com. Gail and Bill can host a maximum of 40 guests.

Chair: Faith Stevens, stevensfai@aol.com

Bring: Couples, please bring a hearty appetizer (not a dessert) and a bottle of wine or beverage of your choice. Singles, please bring either a hearty appetizer or a beverage.

Details: We enjoy sharing our overseas experiences and being with members who are from outside the US. If you are curious about other cultures, while sharing yours or your overseas travel experiences, please join us.

French Conversation

Wednesday, April 12, 12:30 pm

Host: Penny Jamrack
12896 Park Drive, 78732
pjamrack@gmail.com; 512 2662613

RSVP: Not necessary

Chairs: Michele Abrio, 512-771-3372, abriol@mac.com
Genevieve Antier, 737-932-3631,
littlefrenchy44@gmail.com

Spanish Conversation

Monday, April 17, 10:00 am

Where: La Madeleine
5493 Brodie Lane, Sunset Valley, 78745

RSVP by 4/16: [Online](#)

Chair: Susana Surbek, susana.surbek@hotmail.com
512-740-2349

GAMES

1st Friday Bridge

Friday, April 7, 6:30 - 9:45 pm

Where: Lamar Senior Activity Center
2874 Shoal Crest Drive

Cost: \$5.00 per person

RSVP: edward@stokes.biz

Details: All Bridge players are welcome both couples and singles. Our group consists of bridge players who are experienced in the game. Social time is from 6:30 to 7:00 pm and bridge is from 7:00 to 9:45 pm.

Chair: Ed Stokes
edward@stokes.biz
512-280-4117

3rd Thursday Bridge

Thursday, April 20

9:45 am social time

10:00 am play begins promptly

Host: Linda Buckingham

Where: IHOP, 1101 S Mopac Expy

Cost: \$2.00

This is a group of average to expert bridge players who enjoy playing together. We like the competition and challenge of party bridge and the opportunity to meet new people. Bridge is open to all.

RSVP by 4/17: 512-605-9807
Ladybucko52@gmail.com

Chair: Felicia Morrison
512-619-0100,
feliciamorrison@hotmail.com

GAMES, continued

Kitchen Bridge**Wednesday, April 26, 10:30 am****Cost:** \$2.25

Bring your lunch

RSVP after 4/1/Chair: Mimi Rhea
512-491-0744
eerhea@att.net**Details:** We are a relaxed bridge group which welcomes all who want to play. We play in members' homes on the fourth Wednesday of the month. An email is sent to the people on the list before the first of the month with information about the hostess, location and contact information for registering.**Bunco****Tuesday, April 18, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm****Host:** Donna Burgess**Cost:** \$5**RSVP:** dlburgess@austin.rr.com
Directions will be provided in response.**Chair:** Connie Gardner
peplett@aol.com

Contact Connie Gardner if you are interested in joining Bunco as a regular member or substitute.

Canasta**Mondays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 11:00 am****Location:** Mimi's Cafe
2613 Galleria Circle
Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave**RSVP:** Register [online](#) the Sunday before each date.**Details:** We meet every Monday for a relaxing day playing a Hand and Foot version of Canasta. The game is easy to learn. New players are invited to join in. You're welcome to play as often as you like - every week or just occasionally.

We begin playing at 11:00 am, break for lunch about 12:30 pm and continue to play afterward. We order from the menu and get separate checks.

Join us for a fun day of cards and conversation with a group of interesting ladies.

Cost: New players pay a one time fee of \$15 when they join to cover the cost of cards and supplies.**Chair:** Dottie Thoms
canasta@austinnewcomers.com
512-820-5980**Euchre****Saturday, April 8, 6:30 pm****Host:** Nancy Shipley**Cost:** Free**RSVP by 4/7:** nshipley@me.com**Chair:** Kasha Petrea, 716-393-1991
kasha.action@gmail.com**Details:** This game is quick and easy to learn but with enough challenge to make it interesting. We welcome seasoned and new players looking for an evening of fun playing cards. Limit 8 players. Please bring a snack to share and what you want to drink, other than water.

GAMES, continued

Ladies Poker**Thursday, April 27, 6:30 pm****Host:** Bonnie Kelly
6000 Rutledge Ln**Cost:** \$5.00**RSVP by 4/25:**
inge@austin.rr.com**Chair:** Inge Eichberg
512-351-9807**Mah Jongg****Thursday, April 13 & 27, 1:00 - 4:00 pm****Where:** Café Express, 3418 North Lamar Blvd.**Hosts:** Jeanne Broussard and Jeannette Van Deventer**Details:** This group plays the American Version of Mah Jongg and uses The National Mah Jongg League card. We welcome players who have knowledge of the game. Players are invited to come early for lunch if desired.**Cost:** .50 cents**RSVP/Chair:** Jeanne Broussard
jeanne.marie.broussard@gmail.com**Mexican Train****Wednesday, April 12, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm****Where:** Cafe Express 3418 N. Lamar, near Seaton**Cost:** \$2 pot. Split between highest and lowest scores**Details:** We meet once monthly to "Burn up the Tiles". We begin at 11:00am, stop for lunch, and end about 2:00pm. If you have a set of dominoes for Mexican train, bring it, in case we need a second set.**RSVP:** nancybelmont1@gmail.com**Chair:** Nancy Belmont
nancybelmont1@gmail.com; 512-964-5738**Second Sunday Scrabble****Sunday, April 9, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm****Where:** Russell's Bakery & Coffee Bar
3339 Hancock Dr.**RSVP by 4/7:** 513-293-5523**Details:** This is a non competitive group and we strive to have fun. Join us and sample some of the great food and pastry at this independent Austin business.**Chair:** Sandy Longstreth,
sandytzone@juno.com
513-293-5523**Pinochle****Friday, April 7, 7:00 pm****Host:** Nancy Shipley
5812 Tributary Ridge Dr.**RSVP:** [Online](mailto:nshipley@me.com)**Details:** All levels of players welcome! We play single, double or triple deck Pinochle with lots of laughter! Come join us for an evening of fun at Nancy Shipley's house in north Austin.**Chair:** nshipley@me.com
832-236-9909

HEALTH/FITNESS

Happy Trails**Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center
Saturday, April 1, 9:00 am****Where:** 4801 La Crosse Avenue, 78739**Cost:** Regular admission \$10; Seniors \$8; Members free**RSVP:** [Online](#) or email donnadau@hotmail.com

Details: Let's celebrate Spring in style at one of the nation's premier native plant botanic gardens and research centers. We will meet at the Admissions Kiosk promptly at 9:00 a.m. On our way to the Courtyard, we will stop and say hello to Athena, the resident owl who has found a lovely perch to nest and await her owlets. We will then proceed to the Savannah Meadow Trail and check out the wildflowers in bloom. Then we will walk through the Luci & Ian Family Garden. We will cross the karst bridge and pass the McDermott Learning Center on our way to the Theme Gardens. Then we will venture out to the Texas Arboretum, a collection featuring the diversity of Texas trees (especially oaks). The Hall of Texas Heroes is a collection of live oaks descended from famous trees from historical Texan sites. Finally we will visit the swings of Cathedral Oaks. After our walk, you are free to roam and explore the beauty of this place on your own. There is a cafe and a gift shop for your enjoyment too. Come and experience nature in full pageantry!

Chair: Donna Dauenhauer
donnadau@hotmail.com
 512-852-9535

Hearty Hikers**River Place Nature Trail
Tuesday, April 11,
10:00 am****Where:** Big View Dr, NW Austin**Cost:** Free. Optional self-pay lunch after the hike at Rudy's.**RSVP:** [Online](#)

Details: River Place is a beautiful hike through the hills in NW Austin. This will be a guided hike! We will hike one way which is about 3.5 miles, lasting around 2-3 hours. We start the hike by the pond and follow the stream through a woodsy area, then begin to climb up and down the limestone ridges. This is considered one of the most difficult hikes in Austin, but the views are wonderful!

Bring: Water, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, sturdy hiking shoes, and a hiking stick optional. There is a restroom at the trailhead.

Chair/Information: Beth Holcomb,
bethholcomb7@gmail.com
 908-963-9731
 Dorothy Docherty
dotinsg@hotmail.com

Golfing Around Austin**Monday, April 10****Where:** Course to be determined**Cost:** Greens fees vary, pay at course

RSVP by 4/2: Marj Lowe (April host)
loweandlowe@ameritech.net

Details: The ANC golfing group plays at different golf courses the 2nd Monday of each month in order to introduce new members to some of the many fine courses in and around the Austin area. We usually play a Select Best

Ball Scramble which allows golfers of all abilities to have fun. In addition to the upcoming April 10 play date, the last play date before the summer break will be May 8 after which we will resume playing again in September.

Chair/Information: John Cates, 832 814-8402,
jwcates3@gmail.com



HELLO AUSTIN!

Make it Sweet Cooking Class**April 2, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

Where: Make it Sweet
9070 Research Blvd

Cost: \$27

RSVP: [Online](#) (Max. 40-RSVP and prepay required)

Details: Owner Jennifer will be teaching the class. The class runs for 2 to 2 1/2 -hours @ \$27.00 a person (a significant savings for our members, regularly \$45). She needs a minimum of 12 people to hold the class. All cake ball materials are included and each participant goes home with 16 beautifully decorated and delicious Cake Balls just in time for Easter.

In February the Austin American Statesman Cooking Section highlighted Make It Sweets and its owner, Jennifer. She was lauded for helping to reintroduce the art of making decorative cakes to Austin

I can only tell you, you'll love the class and have fun at the same time. So impress your families for Easter with your own homemade cake balls and hear all the praise. And now you will be the cake ball queen (or king) of your family or office!

Event host: Linda Walker

East Austin Urban Farm Tour**Sunday April 9, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm****Rain or Shine**

Where: Details of where Newcomers will meet to begin the tour will be announced later.

Cost: TBA [here](#) when available

RSVP: [Online](#)

Details: Mark your calendars now! This event is a perennial favorite. Come tour the four east Austin urban farms that are all within a mile of each other, (Boggy Creek, Hausbar, Rain Lily, & Springdale). These farms emphasize community and sustainability. Meet local drink purveyors and many of the restaurants that support the farms.

Enjoy delicious bites from many of Austin's top chefs using the freshest farm ingredients and handcrafted sips from local brewers, wine merchants, and mixologists on each farm. Guided farm tours allow guests to get to know the farmers behind the food and learn how it's grown.

Sip, taste, and tour your way through the afternoon. Tickets will go on sale in March.

Host: Mariln Vinson

Register for events: www.austinnewcomers.com
Questions helloaustin@austinnewcomers.com

**PHOTOS WANTED!**

Please submit photos that you would like to have posted to our Instagram page to:
webmaster@austinnewcomers.com.



HOBBIES

Knit and Stitch**Thursday, April 6, 10:00 am - Noon****Host:** Babette Stevenson
7409 Vol Walker Drive, 78749**RSVP by 4/3:** [Online](#)**Details:** We meet on the first Thursday of each month from 10am-noon to knit, crochet or do laptop needlework projects. Join us for coffee, crafting and conversation.**Chair:** Heather Ashbee, heatherashbee@comcast.net**Photography**

Welcome photographers! The photography interest group meets twice a month, once for a photo shoot usually the second Tuesday and again on the fourth Tuesday for a photo share session. If you would like to join the group, please email kajones510@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

PHOTO SHOOT**Location and time:** TBD

Instructions will be emailed to all members before each photo shoot giving the location, time and directions.

PHOTO SHARE SESSION**Date:** Fourth Tuesday of each month

Time: 10:30 am socializing - 11:00 am share session
Email 6 photos to Bill Sofer at billsofer@mac.com. He will compile a slide show to project the photos on a screen for all members to enjoy and to offer ideas.

Location: Precision Camera store's classroom at 2438 W. Anderson Lane in the West Anderson Plaza.
Optional lunch afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New & Prospective Member Welcome Event**Sunday, April 23, 2017****3:00 pm - 6:00 pm****Home of:** Donna and Bob Withrow**RSVP:** [Online](#)

Please RSVP for directions and planning purposes

Details: Couples please bring along a hearty appetizer AND a drink to share. Singles please bring along a hearty appetizer OR a drink to share.

Please come and meet fellow Austin Newcomers, Board members and our many Interest group chairs.

For questions contact Annie Prasad:
memberservices@austinnewcomers.com
or leave a message at 512-785-8198



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RSVP REQUIRED: [Click here](#) or complete form below



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION for April 19.

Meeting Price: \$30.00 Make check payable to: **Austin Newcomers Club**

Name(s) _____

Please print

Phone _____

Check one: ☐ Continuing member household ☐ Have not joined yet
☐ 1st luncheon as member ☐ 2nd luncheon as member

Austin zip code _____ moved from _____

Guest _____

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