Making the Most of Your Art Museum Visit

The world is full of museums. Did it ever occur to you that all the people who love to go to all those museums might know a few tricks you don’t? No? Well then, we dare you to come to our January luncheon and listen as Karen Pope helps you understand how to make the most of your next visit to an art museum.

Karen is an Austinite and one of the art world’s perpetually popular speakers. She’s been a revered professor at both Baylor University and UT. She’s written extensively about the art world, and she’s been conducting wildly popular and sold out study tours and educational programs locally, nationally, and internationally since the early ’80’s. Right here in Austin, she lights up The Neill Cochran House once a month with an ongoing series on major museums of the world.

On January 16th, Karen is coming to share some of her knowledge, tips and tricks with us. She’ll tell you not only how to have a happy time at the next museum you visit, but also how to have a memorable one. Don’t miss this one!

"Art enables us to find ourselves and to lose ourselves at the same time!"
Thomas Merton

ANC January Luncheon - January 16
Chez Zee Bistro
5406 Balcones Dr. Austin 78731
11:00 a.m. - social hour
12:00 p.m. - lunch & program
$30/person
Pay online before noon, January 11, or mail in your check and reservation form (page 14) by January 9.

Welcome Party for New Members
Sunday, January 27th, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Steiner Ranch
RSVP online by January 23.

Come and meet fellow Austin Newcomers, board members and our many interest-group chairs and learn about all we have to offer our members each month.

Couples please bring a hearty appetizer AND a beverage to share. Singles please bring a hearty appetizer OR a beverage to share.

Questions? Contact memberservices@austinnewcomers.com.
It's a brand new year!

During this time, I like to reflect on the things that brought me joy in the past year and things I still want to do that will bring me joy in the new year. Do you do the same soul searching each new year? Do you want to have the opportunity to fill the next year with new experiences, fun and more friendships? I suggest you volunteer to be an officer in Newcomers. The reason we have a dynamic Newcomers club is because we have members who devote their time and talents by becoming involved with the leadership of our club.

Do you like to plan events?

Do you like to have parties?

Do you love creative writing?

Do you want to be the first person new or prospective members meet?

Do you like technology or numbers, or do you just want to be a part of an exciting group?

The Austin Newcomers board of directors has a job you would love. Our board helps facilitate fun events and helps members jump start their involvement in the community. We are always searching for new ideas and fresh perspectives that help our club grow. If you are interested in serving on the board of directors, whose elected term will begin in July 2019, contact me by email: president@austinnewcomers.com and I will submit your name to the nominating committee.

Thank you all for attending the many ANC-sponsored events in 2018 and I look forward to spending time with you in 2019 at the fabulous events we have planned.

Valerie
Texas Advanced Computing Center Tour

When: January 15th, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Where: Pickle Research Campus, Burnett Road
Host: A.E. Martin, 512-301-9070, aemartin@austin.rr.com, or text 512-940-1434
Cost: $3.00 for parking/pay at meet up area
RSVP: Online by January 12th. Tour is limited to 20 people. All names must be submitted 2 days before the visit.
Details: In 2018, a new National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded petascale computing system, Frontera, was awarded for deployment at the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC). When deployed, Frontera will be one of the most powerful supercomputers in the world, and the fastest supercomputer on a university campus. Up to 80% of the available hours on Frontera, more than 55 million node hours each year, will be made available through the NSF Petascale Computing Resource Allocation program.

We will meet at Barton Creek Mall parking lot at 9:00 am and carpool. If you choose not to meet for carpooling make certain you contact the trip organizer regarding your travel plans. Meet on the northeast side in the area where the farmers market sets up.

Questions? Please contact A.E. Martin.

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Esther's Follies

When: Thursday, January 31, 8:00 p.m.
Where: 525 E. 6th St. Austin
Host: Joanie Maqsood
Cost: Reserved -$35, general admission - $25
RSVP: Call box office (512-320-0553) to buy tickets. Also, please register online so we know how many are attending.
Details: For over 40 years, Esther's Follies in Austin has been entertaining sold-out audiences with political satire, comedy sketches, Vegas-style magic and hilarious musical numbers. Esther's has been hailed as "Austin's answer to Saturday Night Live," with sharp insightful comedy. All tickets are in a roll-call list at the door, Come early (45 minutes) to pick the best seats and have a drink with your fellow newcomer friends!

Questions? Email Joanie Maqsood at fairwayj341@gmail.com or Pattie Webster Schieck at pattie@pattiewebster.com
**Art Treks**

*When:* January 30, 10:30 a.m.  
*Where:* Deep in the Heart Art Foundry, 405 Jackson Street  
*Bastrop TX 78602*  
*Cost:* $15 - pay at the event  
*RSVP:* Online by January 28.  
*Details:* We will be visiting the only active art foundry in the south, the Deep in the Heart Art Foundry. We will enjoy a guided tour through the entire process of designing sculptures and jewelry. The tour will give us a chance to learn what is behind the making of Metal Magic, which includes, sculpting, casting, finishing etc... The foundry encompasses more than 22,000 square feet of production space and they offer services that range from conception to installation. Please join us to see art being made!

We will be carpooling from the Starbuck's at Riverside/Ben White, so please be there at 9:45.

The tour will be followed by lunch in town.  
*Chairs:* Linda Poyser, 713-291-7545  
[lpoyser@sprintmail.com](mailto:lpoyser@sprintmail.com)  
Karen Werner, 817-896-4905  
[Karent Werner20@aol.com](mailto:[Karent Werner20@aol.com](mailto:Karent Werner20@aol.com))

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**Austin 101 - City-Wide Garage Sale**

*When:* Sunday, January 20, 1:30 p.m.  
*Where:* Palmer Events Center  
*900 Barton Springs Rd.*  
*Cost:* $7 entry fee at the door  
*RSVP:* Online by January 16.  
*Details:* Looking for that unique item to liven up your coffee table in the new year? You just might find it at the City-Wide Garage Sale! What started in 1977 as a bunch of garage sales all in one location has morphed over the years into a one-of-a-kind marketplace. No longer only a garage sale, City-Wide draws a mix of customers seeking vintage and collectible items, along with more typical items. Let’s visit and see what treasures await!

*Chair:* Janna Smith, [jannaks55@gmail.com](mailto:jannaks55@gmail.com)  
314-477-3618

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**Live Music - Evangeline Cafe**

*When:* Monday, January 28, 6:30 p.m.  
*Where:* Brodie Plaza, 8106 Brodie Lane, Austin  
*Cost:* Music is free but generous tips for musicians are greatly appreciated.  
*RSVP:* N/A  
*Details:* Warm up for Mardi Gras with Charles Thibodeaux and the Austin Cajun Aces. This is a Cajun/Creole restaurant, please plan to buy a little something. There is a small dance floor or just dance in the aisle.  
*Chair:* Ellen Honey, [eshoney10@mac.com](mailto:eshoney10@mac.com)
AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Daytrippers - Waco Revisited

When: Wednesday, February 13, TBD

Hosts: Susi Spies and Dale Truitt

Cost: Pay individually for lunch, fees, etc.

RSVP: Online. Early sign-ups make it easier to plan and are much appreciated. Final deadline is Monday, February 11.

Details: Given the option of several places to go explore in February, the choice of recent Daytrippers was a return trip to Waco. So, off we go! In the morning, we’ll explore the Homestead Craft Village, an amazing, totally self-sustaining religious community that makes and sells all its own, beautifully-crafted wares in a series of little cottages/shops offering pottery, cheese, woodworking, fine furniture, and the wares of the fiber craftsmen: spinning, knitting, and weaving. These are definitely NOT "loving hands at home" crafts. By presidential request, the Homestead crafters contribute pieces to the permanent White House Collection and the Village’s crafts have been featured in numerous national publications. After exploring the cottages, we’ll eat at Homestead Village’s sparkling clean Cafe (delicious food!), then give you a choice of afternoon activities. You can either take a two-hour historical boat ride on the Brazos River (weather permitting) or you can opt for the Texas Ranger Museum, the Dr Pepper Museum, and maybe Magnolia for those of you who’ve never seen it and want to. Please send your afternoon preferences to susi.spies@gmail.com so that we can sort out who wants to go where. As always, there will be carpools, camaraderie, and fun!

Chairs: Susi Spies, susi.spies@gmail.com, (310) 291-4150
Dale Truitt, daledtruitt@gmail.com

Welcome New Members

Molly Galbraith
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281-639-0339
mollygalbraith@hindsiteaustin.com

Patricia Davis

Nancy Bell
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Linda Ellis
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505-239-0517
bonnieewoodard@gmail.com

Cherri Larson
808-271-5762
laaulu2006@yahoo.com

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**Come to Dinner**  
**Bring a Plate**

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When you join the list, we expect a commitment to be a host or co-host at least once every 12-18 months.

**Chair:** Lynne Marcus, Lmarcus08@gmail.com

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**TGI Social - (Thank Goodness It’s Social)**

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<td>Details</td>
<td>Happy 2019 everyone. It is January and time for a Social! Connect with old friends, make new friends, relax and have fun. Couples bring a hearty appetizer and a drink (wine, beer, sodas, lemonade, etc.) to share. Singles bring either a hearty appetizer or a drink to share. Looking forward to seeing everyone.</td>
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**Happy Hour**

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<td>An old Newcomer favorite. A great way to meet old and new friends and kick off a new year.</td>
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| Chairs     | Charlie Brown, charlieb7127@gmail.com  
            | Saj Maqsood, sajidmaqsood268@gmail.com |

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**Out-to-Lunch Bunch**

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<td>Pamela Craig, <a href="mailto:pmcraig448@gmail.com">pmcraig448@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Details</td>
<td>Bet you don’t know this one. It’s Hanks, a big, beautiful new restaurant in a place you’d never expect--up on Berkman just off 51st Street. (Basically, it’s just outside of Mueller.) As you’re driving across Berkman, it will suddenly loom up, huge and white, like a palace in the desert. Food and bar are great. There’s a big, easy patio if the weather’s good. The inside is equally bright and lovely. Please reply online if possible. I’ll be away and Pamela Craig is subbing as hostess. Contact Pamela if you have questions.</td>
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<td>Susi Spies, <a href="mailto:susi.spies@gmail.com">susi.spies@gmail.com</a></td>
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When you join the list, we expect a commitment to be a host or co-host at least once every 12-18 months.

**Chair:** Lynne Marcus, Lmarcus08@gmail.com
Friends Connection Brunch

Friends Connection - a great place for singles (or not) to meet, get to know one another, and have the opportunity to try interesting restaurants in the Austin area. We won’t be meeting in January: brr, too cold! However, we will get together again for brunch in either February or March. Watch for details next month.

Chair:  Lynne Davis, elcdavis@sbcglobal.net, 512-368-5660

Art House Cinema North

When:  Friday, January 11 at 7:15 p.m.
Cost:  $1/person at the door
RSVP:  RSVP to email sent to group each month. No deadline but there is a limit to meeting size. If you are new, please sign up online.

Details:  Each month the group selects a film to see before the next meeting. We see the film and then discuss and rate it as a group on the 2nd Friday as well as select a film for the following month. Details of upcoming gatherings for this group are sent in a separate email to group participants with details about the movie selection, location, and any additional information that they need.

Chair:  Beth Knight, knightfe57@hotmail.com, (806) 368-1088

Cinema South

When:  Friday, January 11 & 25, 7 p.m.,
Cost:  $1/person at the door
RSVP:  All members currently on the Art House Cinema South email list will receive an email with details about this event. If you are new, sign up online. Meetings fill up fast so RSVP as soon as possible.
Details:  We meet at homes of members and discuss and rate two movies selected the previous month. Members choose to attend one of two meetings each month, on either the second or fourth Friday. Each host sets the maximum capacity they can accommodate. Details of meetings will be sent ahead of meeting dates via email once first timers have responded via online and have been added to the email list.

Chairs:  David/Joan Saidel, dpsaidel@gmail.com
512-666-7704
David/Patti Schieck, deschieck@yahoo.com
512-924-9923

Critics’ Corner

When:  Friday, January 11, 7:30 p.m.

Details:  Critics’ Corner meets at 7:30 on the second Friday of each month. Our next meeting will be on the 11th of January at 7:30pm. Details of the upcoming gathering, including meeting location and movie selection, are emailed to group participants prior to the meeting. Members see the movie on their own, then meet at the designated member’s house for a discussion of the movie. All attendees are asked to bring a hearty appetizer or dessert and a beverage. Visitors are welcome. Email Tom Taylor for information.

Chair:  Tom Taylor, tomtaylor9@gmail.com, 214-642-3873
Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

Books are chosen annually in the fall. Both groups read the selected book of the month then meet in separate locations on the fourth Thursday of the month. Open to all members of Austin Newcomers Club, there is no cost. If you would like to join, please contact Gayle Cannon, gayle.cannon70@gmail.com

**Bluebonnet**

**Host:** Sharon Moore  
3900 Scenic Overlook Trail, Austin 78734  
**RSVP:** By January 23 [online](mailto:).

**Bluebonnet Chairs:**  
Jayne Polly, jpolly3838@gmail.com  
Alison Seaman, alisonseaman@yahoo.com  
Dina Steiner, dinasteiner@gmail.com

**Yellow Rose**

**Host:** Barbara Klayman  
5709 Raindrop Cove, 78759  
**RSVP:** To Barbara, [barbklay@hotmail.com](mailto:barbklay@hotmail.com) or 512-418-0902

**Yellow Rose Chairs:**  
Gayle Cannon, gayle.cannon70@gmail.com  
Lou Blemaster, loublemaster@gmail.com

**Men’s Book Club**

**When:** January 22, 2:00 p.m.  
**Host:** Harry Polly  
11105 Scotland Wells Dr.  
**Cost:** Free  
**Details:** Book to be discussed: “Factfulness: Ten Reasons Why We’re Wrong About the World” By Hans Rosling. Hans Rosling tells the story of the “secret miracle of human progress” as only he can. But Factfulness does much more than that. It also explains why progress is so often secret and silent and teaches readers how to see it clearly.

“One of the most important books I have ever read - an indispensable guide to thinking clearly about the world.” Bill Gates

**Chair:** Hector Barrio  
[hebate@gmail.com](mailto:hebate@gmail.com), 512-633-2103

**Afternoon Mystery Book Group**

**When:** Wednesday  
January 9, 1:00 p.m.

**Host:** Joanie Maqsood  
908 W. Elizabeth St. 78704

**RSVP:** By Monday, January 7, to [fairwayj341@gmail.com](mailto:fairwayj341@gmail.com)

**Details:** Book: *The Dry* by Jane Harper

**Chair:** Susan Nichols  
[sunichols222@gmail.com](mailto:sunichols222@gmail.com), 512-346-9859
Knit ‘n Stitch

When: Thursday, January 3, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Host: Barbara McCollum
129 Clear Pond Cove, Austin 78737
RSVP: Register online or email Deborah by Monday, December 31.
Details: Space is limited and an RSVP is required to attend.
Chair: Deborah Marks, dmarksny@aol.com

Photography

Photo Shoot
No Photo Shoot in January.

Photo Share
When: January 22, 10:30am
Where: Precision Camera (classroom)
2438 W. Anderson Lane, Austin
Cost: None
RSVP: None

Details: Photographers and those who love them, join us as we share photos from our December lesson and PhotoShoot on architectural photography. Everyone is welcome, whether you take pictures with your phone, a hand-me-down camera, or the latest high end equipment and software. You don’t even have to share any pictures at all. Your family may not appreciate your works of art, but we will. Information on submitting pictures will be sent to our email list in mid-January. To join our e-mail list, send a note to Bernie.

Chair: Bernie Mayoff, bernie@mayoff.com (972) 670-2099

Hearty Hikers enjoying a sunny Austin day.
French Conversation

When: January 16, 2019 at 12 noon
Host: Francine Webb
RSVP: By December 31 to Debbie Cavin.
Details: The group meets monthly and a conversational (intermediate or better) knowledge of French is needed to participate.

Reservations are strictly required no later than December 31, as our hostess Francine Webb will provide lunch at an outside venue. Please contact Group Chair Debbie Cavin for details and to RSVP.

Chair: Deborah Cavin, dccavin@hotmail.com
      512-401-3831

Expats

When: January 19, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Host: Roz Stevenson
      4101 Gandara Bend, Austin  79738
RSVP: TBA

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 at our monthly gatherings. Each individual or couple is requested to bring a large appetizer and a bottle of wine for a stand-up, mix-and-mingle supper. If you have questions, email expats@austinnewcomers.com.

Chair: Sharon King, sharonktraveler@gmail.com

Spanish Conversation

When: January 21, 10:00 a.m.
Cost: Free
RSVP: January 20
Details: Host and location TBD. Contact Susana for more information

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

Hello Austin! 2019 Events

Detailed information about these events will be posted online and in future issues of the Welcome Mat.

February
  Governor’s Mansion Tour
  UT Makers Lab (3D Lab) Tour
March
  SXSW
  Rodeo
April
  Bike Tour for Members & Grandchildren
  Bocce
  Kayak-Paddleboard
May 11
  Chaetura Canyon Bird Sanctuary Tour
May
  Shakespeare in the Park
  Top Golf
June or July
  Roller Derby
  Zack Performance
  “Fire and Air”
August 4, 7
  Zack Performance - “Ann”
August
  Lake Travis Boat Tour

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**Canasta**

**When:** Mondays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Where:** Café Blue (new location)
12800 Hill Country Blvd., G-115
Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave

**RSVP:** Sunday before gameday
[canasta@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:canasta@austinnewcomers.com)

**Details:** We meet most Mondays for a relaxing day playing a hand-and-foot version of Canasta, which 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 at 11:00 a.m., break for lunch about 12:30 p.m., 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:** Marti Glyer, [martiglyer@hotmail.com](mailto:martiglyer@hotmail.com)

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**3rd Thursday Bridge**

**When:** Thursday, January 17, 10 a.m.

**Where:** IHOP
1101 South Mopac

**Host:** Nancy Cosby

**Cost:** $3.00/person

**RSVP:** Email Nancy Cosby by January 10.

**Details:** This group of average-to-expert bridge players enjoys playing together. We like the competition and challenge of party bridge and the opportunity to meet new people. Bridge is open to all.

**Chair:** Nancy Cosby, [ncosby@flash.net](mailto:ncosby@flash.net), 817-360-0494

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**Daytime Buddy Bridge**

**Details:** Welcome 2018-2019 Buddy Bridge teams! Sign-up is over for this year but we always welcome subs, so please contact us and let us know if you would like to participate. The Buddy Bridge teams are assigned a different team to play each month and these two teams choose a mutually agreeable date to play. These small groups of four are a wonderful way to get to know one another. Please call or email Sandi or Cathy for details.

**Cost:** $15

**Chairs:** Cathy Cotter, [catcot72@gmail.com](mailto:catcot72@gmail.com) 512-465-9472
Sandi Ladd, [sladdtx@gmail.com](mailto:sladdtx@gmail.com) 512-250-9339

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**Kitchen Bridge**

**When:** Wednesday, January 23, 10 a.m.

**Host:** TBD

**Cost:** $2.25 paid at meeting

**RSVP:** RSVP to Hansa Nasta on or after January 1.

**Chair:** Hansa Nasta
[hnasta@yahoo.com](mailto:hnasta@yahoo.com) 512-328-1886
**Mexican Train**

*When:* January 9, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
*Where:* Jack Allen’s Kitchen  
3600 N. Capital of Texas Hwy  
*Host:* Eugenie Whalen  
*Cost:* $2.00 (separate checks for lunch)  

*Details:* We start at 11 am, break for lunch, and finish by 2 pm. Mexican Train is fun, easy to learn, but has some challenges. Low/high scores split the pot. Please sign up in advance so I can let the venue know the head count. Questions or comments? E-mail Eugenie.  

*Chair:* Eugenie Whalen, eswhalen@sbcglobal.net  
512-608-0010

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**Bunco**

*When:* January 15, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
*Host:* Jackie Morris-Hendrickson  
*Where:* Directions will be given when you respond.  
*Cost:* $5  

*Details:* Please contact Connie Gardner if you are interested in becoming a regular playing member or substitute.  

*Chair:* Connie Gardner  
peplett@aol.com, 915-203-4522

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**Second Sunday Scrabble**

*When:* Sunday, January 13, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Where:* Russell’s Bakery  
3339 Hancock Drive Austin 78731  
*Cost:* Free  
*RSVP:* Email Sandy by January 12.  

*Details:* Join us for some fun and sample some great food and pastry at this independent Austin business.  

*Chair:* Sandy Longstreth, sandytzone@juno.com

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**Mah Jongg**

*When:* January 10 & 24, 1:00 p.m.  
*Where:* Central Market, 4001 N Lamar (upstairs)  
*Cost:* Free  
*RSVP:* No Deadline  

*Details:* This group plays the American Version of Mah Jongg and uses The National Mah Jongg League card. We welcome anyone who is interested to join us.  

*Chair:* Marsha Hoffer, mhoffer@gmail.com  
(409) 351-4074
**Hearty Hikers**

**When:** Wednesday, January 23, 9:30 a.m.  
Hearty Hikers now meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month.  

**Hosts:** Laurie Zahn and Dana Thor  

**Where:** Hamilton Greenbelt trail head  
1173 Lohmans Crossing Rd, Lakeway 78734  

**Cost:** Free  

**RSVP:** By Monday, January 21 to Laurie and Dana.  

**Details:** This is a wonderful park with moderately challenging paths along running water and waterfalls. Restrooms available. The trail begins on crushed granite surface, generally flat and easy walking, and then gets a little more challenging with some rocky surfaces and climbs. Approximately 2 hours.  

After the hike we’ll have lunch, with an excellent view, at The Grove Wine Bar on 620.  

**Chair:** Laurie Zahn, laurdon@flash.net, 214-769-2389  
Dana Thor, danathor@gmail.com

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**Golfing Around Austin**

**When:** Monday, January 14  

**Where:** Course to be determined  

**Cost:** Green fees vary, each individual pays at the course.  

**RSVP:** Online by Sunday, January 6.  

**Details:** We’ll start the New Year off right with our monthly golf play date on Monday, January 14, 2019. Please register on-line by Sunday, January 6, 2019. Since we play a select best ball scramble, any golfer regardless of skill level should have fun and is welcome to play with us. We also try to play a different course each month so that new members can try out the many nice golf courses in the Austin area. If you have any questions about the ANC golfing group or in general about golfing in Austin, please feel free to contact me.  

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

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**Happy Trails**

There will not be a Happy Trails Saturday walk in January.  

**Chair:** Donna Dauenhauer, donnadau@hotmail.com, 512-852-9535
Luncheon Reservation

Price: $30 per person payable online. Deadline is noon, January 11.
or
Send this reservation form and a check payable to Austin Newcomers Club.
Mail to Pamela Craig, 7313 Wolverine Street, Austin, TX 78757. Mail should be posted by January 9.
Name(s) ________________________________________________________________
Phone ____________________________
Guest ___________________________________________________________________

Members with dietary restrictions: An alternative menu option is available at regular monthly luncheon meetings. NOTICE IS REQUIRED WITH THE RSVP. Please include specific information regarding your restrictions. YOU ARE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MENU SUBSTITUTIONS MADE AT THE EVENT.

Member Directory

Members now have access online to a printable members-only directory. Please contact communications director Lynne Marcus at lmarcus1819@gmail.com to receive instructions and a password that will enable you to access this PDF file.

Daytrippers in Castroville, TX, on November 8.

Friends Connection brunch at the Driskill Hotel on December 9.
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