



Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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It's Spring!

Our wardrobes are longing for new colors, new styles and new designs!

We have the answer. The ANC Annual Spring Fashion Show.

We'll gather at **Steiner Ranch Steakhouse**, have a great lunch then Newcomer members will model the latest in Spring fashion from dressbarn and Cavender's.

Dressbarn features lovely, affordable, fresh designs for women in sizes 2 to 24.

Cavender's will show us styles to help reveal our inner cowgirl/guy and give us a chance to kick up some dust.

Join us on April 17 to welcome Spring!

Register and pay [online](#) before noon, April 12, or mail check and reservation form (page 14) by April 5.

Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon
April 17
Steiner Ranch Steak House
5424 Steiner Ranch Blvd, Austin 78732
11:00 a.m. - social hour
12:00 p.m. - lunch & fashion show
\$30/person



dressbarn

CAVENDER'S



New Member Welcome Party

Sunday, April 28, 3-6 p.m., Circle C Area

Please 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. Register [online](#) by April 25.

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Welcome Mat Editor Position Open for 2019-20 Year

Are you interested in becoming a vital part of ANC leadership? The position of Welcome Mat Editor is open for the 2019-20 calendar year beginning in July.

Requirements are:

- strong computer, writing and design skills,
- previous experience with desktop publishing or willingness to learn Publisher,
- adequate time to produce Welcome Mat each month
- willingness to serve on Executive Board of Directors.

If interested, please contact Lynne Marcus , chairman, ANC nominating committee, at lmarcus1819@gmail.com.

April Board Meeting

When: Wednesday, April 3
10 a.m. - social
10:30 a.m. - meeting
Host: Marg Lowe, 5120 Jenkins Cove,
Austin, 78730
RSVP: valerie.ojeman@gmail.com

President's Message

Hello Fellow Newcomers,

After reading my past messages, you know how much I love this organization and all the volunteers that work together to make all our events happen. This month I want to focus on some of the popular Newcomer's Interest Groups.

Did you know that if you click this link [Interest Groups](#), you will be directed to the ANC website page listing all Interest Groups. This same link is on the first page of the Newcomers website at Austinnewcomers.com.

I recently met a new member who said she joined Newcomer's because she wanted to play games. I never thought of myself as a "gamer" but I have played many of the games in our Interest Groups and have had so much fun, mainly because the people playing are fun to be around. Austin Newcomers has long history of playing games, Bridge was the reason Austin Newcomers was formed.

The games we play are:

- BRIDGE a hugely popular pastime for Austin Newcomers!
- Better than your typical SCRABBLE!
- BUNCO is a social dice game based on luck rather than skill.
- MEXICAN TRAIN a game of dominoes which is easy to learn at your first visit
- Our CANASTA group gets together every week for a relaxing day playing the Hand and Foot version of Canasta.
- MAH JONGG is a board game played by four players using 152 tiles and uses the scorecard from the National Mah Jongg League.

The Live Music Interest Group is another group that is very popular and provides ANC with a variety of music events. I asked George Reynolds, one of the hosts of the group, why he thinks the Music Events are so popular. "Music is literally the essence of Austin. It's what makes Austin famous nationally and the world over. And, what's especially wonderful for us "Austinites"-- new and not so new-- is that we can experience some of the very best music our city has to offer whenever we wish. Join us and hear what Austin music has to offer!"

The 'when, where and how to register' information about all Interest Groups is available online and in the monthly *Welcome Mat*.

Valerie



Kayaking Lady Bird Lake, Saturday, April 6 Registration [Online](#) Closes March 30

See details in March Welcome Mat, online, or contact Marj Lowe at loweandlowe@ameritech.net.

Texas Governor's Mansion Tour

When: Thursday, April 25th, 2 p.m.

Where: 1010 Colorado St, Austin, 78701

Host: Joanie Maqsood

Cost: Free

RSVP: Register [online](#) by April 16.

Details: The Governor's Mansion, the most historic house in Texas, sits on a beautifully landscaped city block in Austin near the Capitol building. Built in 1856, it is the oldest continuously occupied executive residence west of the Mississippi and it's the fourth-oldest continuously operating governor's house in the United States. The Greek Revival-style mansion has been designated a National Historic Landmark. The tour showcases the first floor, and



guests get an insider's look at historical home furnishings, ornate building details, and pieces of Texas history. All visitors must pass a background security screening. We must supply to the security staff all attendees names, date of birth and government identification information at least a week in advance of their tour.



The Great "Grandparents and Grandchildren Bike Tour" Led by Texas Bike Tours (TXBT)

When: Saturday, May 4
Ride at 10:00. Arrive at 9:15 if riding your own bike and it needs a check up or 9:30 if your bike is in "ready" condition or you'll be using a TXBT rental bike.)

Where: The Bicycle Sport Shop, 517 South Lamar

Host: Susi Spies, susi.spies@gmail.com.

Cost: \$21 per person for a three-hour ride. (Plus bike rental costs, if needed.)

RSVP: By April 26th with payment. [ONLINE ONLY](#). 10 people maximum. (Another group may be possible if there are another 10

wanting to participate.)

Details: Texas Bike Tours is the 5-star bike tour company owned by Deaton Bednar who spoke at an ANC luncheon a few months ago. She has created this custom tour for ANC grandparents and grandchildren in response to requests after that luncheon. This particular tour will be a mixture of 6.3 miles of casual cycling interspersed with plenty of stops to talk and laugh (and eat!) and create good times together.

This experience will be best for ages 8 to 12 years, but if there is enough interest expressed (to Susi Spies at email above), a two-hour tour option for 5 to 9 year olds can be arranged for a later date.

If you need bike rentals or helmets for anyone in your family group, please book your tour ASAP, then send, by family member name, heights for participating adults and height and inseam length for your grandchildren to: deaton@texasbiketours.com

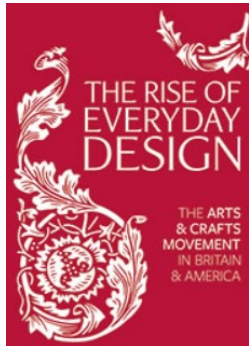
THE TOUR:

Among the pleasures of the day will be a dirt bike park and bike trails to give kids a sense of adventure and a climb to the top of Doug Sahm Hill so that your grandchildren can enjoy the ride down. There will be a visit to Gour dough's donuts, a piece of Home Slice or an Amy's ice cream to enjoy when the bikers get hungry. There will also be a stop to create a unique piece of art and a stop at Big Top Candy Shop for old-style fun. **EVERY CHILD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ONE ADULT FAMILY MEMBER!**

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Live Music - Mystery Monday**When:** Monday, April 8**Where:** El Mercado, 1302 S. 1st Street,
Austin 78704**Cost:** Music is free but tips for
musicians are appreciated.**RSVP:** N/A

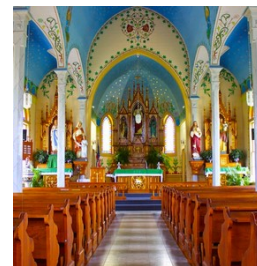
Details: "Mystery Monday" is a weekly gig hosted by Christine Albert and Bill Kirchen with weekly mystery guest luminaries from around the globe! Doors at 5:30pm, downbeat at 7:30pm each week and FREE for all ages. Seating is first come, first served. Full menu via El Mercado is served in the venue during the show.

Chair: Dona Reynolds, grdr@hotmail.com, 713-560-9663**Art Treks - The Arts and Crafts Movement in Britain and America****When:** Monday, April 15 10:30 AM**Where:** Harry Ransom Center
300 West 21st Street
Optional lunch at Goodall's
Kitchen,
Hotel Ella, 1900 Rio Grande**Cost:** Optional lunch**RSVP:** [Online](#) by April 12

Details: See more than 200 items including furniture, decorative art objects, and advertising ephemera that offer a new and detailed look at the arts and crafts movement. The movement used design during 1840's to the 1920's to promote a new and improved way of living that became affordable to the consumer.

We will have a docent-led tour for about an hour and then head to a wonderful lunch at Goodall's Kitchen. Easy parking at the restaurant before the tour with valet parking has been arranged and then we will car pool to the Ransom Center. Meet at Hotel Ella, Goodall's Kitchen at 10:10 AM to arrange the car pool.

Chairs: Linda Poyser, 713-291-7545
lindap@sprintmail.com
Karen Werner, 817-896-4905,
Karentwerner20@aol.com

Daytrippers**When:** Thursday, April 30**Where:** Schulenburg, TX**Cost:** \$20 pp. payable at the C of C for tour guide/tip plus the cost of food and miscellaneous.**RSVP:** [Online](#) by April 25

Details: Texas has several wonderful little German towns, but Schulenburg is something special. It's a Czech town, and it's most notable for an array of small churches with interiors so beautifully and artfully hand-painted that they're as luminous as some of the great cathedrals of Europe. Daytrippers went to enjoy these beautiful churches once before, but so few people could go and so many have said they'd like to go now that we're going again. And here's the plan:

We'll meet for kolaches and coffee at the Original Kountry Bakery, then assemble at the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce to pay and collect our guide. She will take us to two or three of the prettiest of the painted churches. After a morning of ooh-ing and aah-ing, we'll break for lunch and a bit of shopping at The Garden Marketplace & Cafe (They're invited to exhibit at both Round Top antique shows each year.). After lunch, we'll finish seeing the rest of the best of the churches (the four best in all).

After that, your carpool can decide if you'd like to visit the Polka Music Museum across from the C of C and/or pop into the 1890's Sengleman Dance Hall and Biergarten before you head home. Full, fun day--and a real feast for both your soul and eyes!

Chairs:

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



Daytrippers Visit to Waco

Austin 101 - No April event. Next outing will be May 19.**Chair:** Janna Smith, jannaks55@gmail.com, 314-477-3618

In Vino Veritas Interest Group to Have First Meeting May 4



Created by wine lovers for wine lovers, In Vino Veritas will be a monthly wine-themed social gathering to share, taste and enjoy wines from all over the world. We will eat, drink and socialize, but we will also have a closer look at what's in our glass, and why.

We will explore different types of wine, wine making regions, grape varietals, fermentation methods, and food and wine pairings. Details can be found [online](#).

There will be two types of events, depending on the time of year and weather:

- ◆ Hosted late afternoon or early evening tasting events at members' homes.
- ◆ Planned outings to local wineries. Since most tasting rooms close at 5 or 5.30 pm, the winery visits will be planned for mid-day.

When: Saturday, May 4, at 5 p.m.

Hosts: Antra & Tim Getzoff, 6904 Telluride Trl, 78749

RSVP: No later than April 30 by email to antrrra@gmail.com (yes, 3 r-s in the name) The number of registrants is limited to 22 (max 24 participants, including the hosts)

Details: At this event, we will explore the variety of **US-grown Pinot Noir** in a price range of **\$20-\$30 per bottle**. Some really great quality wines can be found in this category while cheaper table wines usually have less character and are not so much fun to taste. So, only three requirements regarding the bottle you bring:

- ◆ The varietal must be Pinot Noir
- ◆ The grapes for this wine should be grown in the United States, whatever the appellation
- ◆ The price should range between \$20 and \$30

In addition to the wine, please bring a small appetizer.

We will do a blind tasting this time - cover the bottles upon arrival, taste, have little score cards for notes and rating, summarize the results, then reveal the brands and announce the best-scoring wine.

Co-Chairs: Antra & Tim Getzoff, antrrra@gmail.com, 214-235-8014
Sharon Arffa & Tom Collins, arffasharon@gmail.com, 412-401-2611

"Great wine requires a madman to grow the vine, a wise man to watch over it, a lucid poet to make it, and a lover to drink it."
Salvador Dali

TGI Social! (Thank Goodness It's Social!)

When: Saturday, April 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



Hosts: Faith and Don Stevens
903 Madison Fork Drive, Lakeway 78738

Cost: \$1 per person for paper goods

RSVP: [Online](#) or tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com by April 12.

Details: Spring is springing and it is time to relax, kickback, mingle with old friends and make new friends at TGI Social. Couples bring a drink (wine, beer, lemonade, tea, etc.) and a hearty appetizer to share. Singles bring a drink (wine, beer, lemonade, tea, etc.) or a hearty appetizer to share. We have a space limit of 32. Sign up early and if you can't come, please email me at the URL below so I can fill your space with someone on the wait list.

Chairs: Janie and Jim McClam, jlmccclam@icloud.com
512-301-9230

Happy Hour

FABI + ROSI

When: Tuesday, April 16,
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Fabi and Rosi
509 Hearn St, Austin, 78703

Cost: Separate checks for cost of food and drinks.

RSVP: Register [online](#) by April 12. Group limited to 24 people due to space constraints.

Details: A European kitchen in the heart of Austin located off Lake Austin boulevard just west of Mopac. Consistently in the top 25 restaurants in Austin. Free parking on the street or the lot across from the restaurant.

Chair: Saj Maqsood, sajidmaqsood268@gmail.com
(972) 679-2268

FOOD/SOCIAL

Out-to-Lunch Bunch



When: Friday, April 26th, 11:30 a.m.

Where: Sour Duck
1814 E. Martin Luther King Blvd, 78702

Cost: Separate checks

RSVP: [Online](#) by April 25.

Details: Fans of Odd Duck should love the newest "duckling" in the Duck family. Sour Duck is wonderfully casual with fantastic food. You walk in and order at a counter as you come in, then get a number and venture outside to big, casual tables set up in the great outdoors. There's lots of tree cover if it's sunny and some inside seating if it rains--but, everybody seems to love the outside ambiance! The menu is fascinating. Currently, there are, among other things: rutabaga tater tots with deviled egg dip and pickled egg white; a winter green salad with sweet potato; a fried chicken terrine sandwich; goat chili; Greek carrot salad and lots of other deliciously creative options. Be brave and come join us; we can almost guarantee this restaurant will become one of your favorites. Plus, we'll be outside, so all our chatter won't bounce off the walls and deafen us like too often happens. A lovely, quiet alfresco lunch--BLISS!

Chair: Susi Spies, susi.spies@gmail.com, 310-291-4150

Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate

Come to Dinner – Bring a Plate is a monthly dinner group for single ANC members who enjoy cooking and socializing. We meet in small groups in a member's home the fourth Saturday of the month, and each guest brings a dish based on a menu selected by the host. In July and August we meet in a restaurant.

Contact the chair to be placed on the list to receive the monthly invitation, which is sent out early in the month. Click the Yes or No box in this email to RSVP, and your name will be added to the attendee list. Once the guest list is complete, the hostess sends out menu information and the address and directions to attendees.

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

Chair: Lynne Marcus, lmarcus08@gmail.com



Lunch Bunch at Hopfields

Friends Connection

When: Sunday, April 28, 1:30 p.m.

Where: The Grove Wine Bar and Kitchen - Downtown
800 West Sixth Street, 78701

Cost: Separate checks, medium price range

RSVP: [Online](#) by Friday, April 26.

Details: Friends Connection is for singles and for those whose partners may have other interests. We will be having our April Brunch at The Grove Restaurant- Downtown. The Grove has an affordable menu with something for every taste including those who are vegetarian, vegan or gluten free. It also has lots of outdoor dining area, but room inside should the weather be uncooperative. We hope you will join us and take advantage of another opportunity to meet with old and new friends, and to enjoy together what we hope will be beautiful spring weather.

The Grove has valet parking available for \$6 and there is also free street parking on Sundays.

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



MOVIES

Cinema South

When: Friday, April 12 & 26, 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/Pattie Schieck, deschieck@yahoo.com
512-924-9923



Art House Cinema North

When: Friday, April 12 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.

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

Critics' Corner

When: Friday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.

RSVP: [Online](#) by April 6.

Details: Critics' Corner meets at 7:30 on the second Friday of each month. 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



BOOK GROUPS

Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

Books for the year (January-December) are nominated and chosen by vote by the Bluebonnet & Yellow Rose members. Most chosen books or authors have won literary awards. Members are allowed to attend either book group if proximity is a problem. We meet at different members' homes having a half hour social time then a lively discussion for approximately one and a half hours. The two groups have a joint author-presenting luncheon party during the holidays, along with a book exchange. Come and join us. The more the merrier! To join, email Gayle Cannon at gayle.cannon70@gmail.com.

April 25

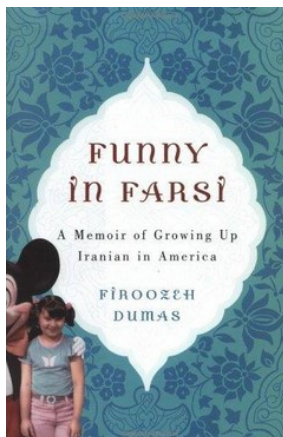
10:00 a.m. (social), 10:30 a.m. (lively discussion)

Bluebonnet

Host: Iris Groten
Sue Naylor will be the facilitator.

RSVP: By April 24 [online](#).

Chairs: Jayne Polly, jpolly3838@gmail.com
Alison Seaman, alisonseaman@yahoo.com



Yellow Rose

Host: Judy Gunnels
9408 Topridge Dr., 78750

RSVP: To Judy at 214-823-5636
or judy.gunnels@yahoo.com

Co-Chairs:
Gayle Cannon, gayle.cannon70@gmail.com
Lou Blemaster, loublemaster@gmail.com

Men's Book Club

When: Tuesday, April 23, 2:00 p.m.

Host: TBD

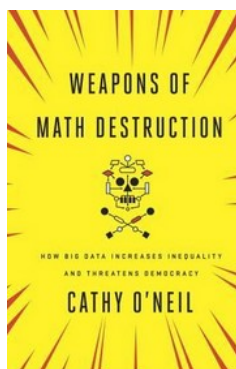
Cost: Free

RSVP: [Online](#), no deadline.

Details: Book to be discussed:

"Weapons of mass destruction: how big data increases inequality and threatens Democracy" by Cathy O'Neil. "O'Neil's book offers a frightening look at how algorithms are increasingly regulating people. Her knowledge of the power and risks of mathematical models, coupled with a gift for analogy, makes her one of the most valuable observers of the continuing weaponization of big data. She does a masterly job of explaining the pervasiveness and risks of the algorithms that regulate our lives". New York Times Book Review.

Chair: Hector Barrio
hebate@gmail.com, 512-633-2103



Afternoon Mystery Book Group

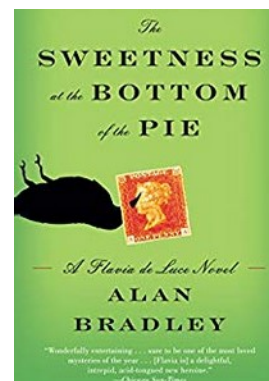
When: Wednesday, April 10, 1:00 p.m.

Host: Connie Gardner
11817 Cherisse Dr. 78739

RSVP: RSVP by Monday, April 8, to peplett@aol.com.

Details: We will be discussing the book:
The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley.

Chair: Susan Nichols
sunichols222@gmail.com
512-346-9859



HOBBIES

Knit 'n Stitch

When: Thursday, April 4, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Host: Marilyn Kowalski
 South Austin. Directions provided with confirmed reservation.



RSVP: Space is limited and an RSVP is required to attend; please RSVP by Monday, April 1, [online](#) or to Deborah Marks, dmarksny@aol.com.
Details: We meet on the first Thursday of each month to knit, crochet, or do laptop needlework projects. Join us for coffee, crafting, and conversation.
Chair: Deborah Marks, dmarksny@aol.com

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

PhotoShoot

When: April 9, 10:00 a.m.



Where: Lady Bird Johnson
 Wildflower Center
 4801 La Crosse Ave. 78739
 512-232-0100
 Meet in the Courtyard
www.wildflower.org

Cost: \$8 Adults 65+, \$10 Young Adults

RSVP: Not necessary

Details: In time for bluebonnets, this month we'll visit the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. After paying your admission fee at the entrance kiosk, we'll gather briefly in the Courtyard before scattering to explore and photograph. We'll meet again at 11:30 in the Wildflower Cafe. If you have any kind of camera, including cellphone cameras, you're welcome to join us.

PhotoShare

When: April 23, Conversation 10:30 am, Share 11:00.
 We often adjourn to lunch afterwards

Where: Precision Camera
 2438 W. Anderson Lane

Cost: None

RSVP: Not necessary

Details: Join us as we share photos from this month's PhotoShoot. 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 e-mail list in mid-April. To join our email list, send a note to Bernie.



Austin 101 March outing to Laguna Gloria



LANGUAGES/EXPATS

French Conversation

When: Wednesday, April 10, 12:30 p.m.
Host: Penny Jamrack
 12896 Park Drive, Austin 78732

RSVP: RSVP strictly required; deadline is April 5.
 Please RSVP to our host: pjamrack@gmail.com (or 512-266-2613, which takes messages if no answer)

Details: This is a monthly lunch and conversation group, on a topic designated in advance, for those who already speak intermediate or advanced French. We rotate hosting the group in our homes, so there is a practical limit to its size, but francophone new members are accepted whenever space allows. Newcomers interested in joining us are asked to email the chair, Deborah Cavin.

RSVPs for our monthly meetings are required no later than the Friday before the meeting. Regrets from members who can't attend are also requested.

April discussion topic: What is your favorite hobby, and why?

Carpooling is encouraged, as parking space is limited, but parking is always available near the Marshall Ford/Park Drive intersection, a short walk away. Please contact host if directions are needed.

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



Expats

When: April 13, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Hosts: Kathy and Brandon Jones
 10916 Range View Drive, Austin, 78730

RSVP: [Online](#) by April 6.

Details: Expats is a friendly group of people who have lived overseas or enjoy traveling the world. We meet at each others houses and share our experiences with one another. We bring an appetizer and a drink and have fun eating and socializing. We can enrich each others lives and open our eyes to new experiences by sharing our travel journeys. If you feel adventuresome, please join us. You are always welcome.

Chair: Sharon King, sharonktraveler@gmail.com



Spanish Conversation

When: April 15, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Trianon Coffee
 3654 Bee Cave Rd suite A, Austin 78746

Cost: Free

RSVP: [Online](#) by April 14.

Details: For intermediate or advanced Spanish. Contact Susana for more information

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

Kitchen Bridge

Daytime Buddy Bridge

3rd Thursday Bridge

Canasta

Chair: Marti Glycer, martiglycer@hotmail.com



Mah Jongg

Bunco

When: April 16, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Directions will be given when you respond.

Host: Carolina Holme

Cost: \$5

RSVP: By April 12 to edholme1@gmail.com

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

FUN AND GAMES

Mexican Train**When:** April 10, 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)**RSVP:** [Online](#) by April 7.**Details:** We start at 11 a.m., break for lunch, and finish by 2 p.m. 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? Email Eugenie.**Chair:** Eugenie Whalen, eswhalen@sbcglobal.net
512-608-0010**Second Sunday Scrabble****When:** Sunday, April 14, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**Note new time!****Where:** Russell's Bakery
3339 Hancock Drive Austin 78731**Cost:** Free**RSVP:** Email Sandy by April 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**Hello Austin!****2019 Events Coming This Spring and Summer**Event dates in [green](#) are linked to detailed information on the website. Information will also be posted in future issues of the *Welcome Mat*.[May 11](#)

Chaetura Canyon Bird Sanctuary Tour

[May 16](#)

Shakespeare in the Park, Merchant of Venice

[May 19](#)

Hello Austin! Planning Party

[June 19 & 23](#)

Zack Performance, "Immortal Longings"

[August 4 & 7](#)

Zack Performance - "Ann"

August

Lake Travis Boat Tour

Chair: Pattie Schieck, pattie@pattiewebster.com, 512-924-9923

Happy Trails Blunn Creek Nature Preserve



When: Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m.
Where: Blunn Creek Nature Preserve
 1200 St. Edwards Drive, Austin
Cost: Free
RSVP: [Online](#), no deadline

Details: Let's escape the hustle of city life for a 1.5-mile-loop around Blunn Creek Nature Preserve. This forty-acre preserve can be found across the street from St. Edward's University, and it remains wild and natural. The trails are well marked and maintained, although portions are rocky and steep. Blunn Creek is forded twice while going from dense tree cover to hilly overlooks. The significant feature of this walk will be a short segment that leads to the Volcano Overlook. Who knew that Travis County's very own volcanoes existed here approximately 75 million years ago? Some of the tops of those volcanoes now provide a bird's eye view of the surrounding terrain--and a gorgeous view of St. Edward's University--and maybe some bluebonnets. Bring hiking sticks, water, wear sturdy shoes, and dress for the weather. Sorry, no dogs are permitted on this trail. Park along St. Edwards Drive and meet at the trailhead.

Chair: Donna Dauenhauer
donnadau@hotmail.com, (512) 584-5834

Golfing Around Austin

When: Monday, April 8
Where: Course to be determined
Cost: Green fees vary, each individual pays at the course .
RSVP: [Online](#) by Sunday, March 31.

Details: Our next monthly play date will be Monday, April 8. Please register [online](#) by Sunday, March 31. Each month, the ANC golf group (composed of men and women golfers) plays a best ball scramble at a different Austin area golf course. The best ball format lends itself to golfers of all abilities from beginners to long-time players. So, don't be bashful about signing up and joining us for some fun outdoors. If you have any questions about the ANC golf group or playing golf in Austin, please feel free to contact me.

Chair: John Cates,
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Hearty Hikers



When: Wednesday, April 24, 9:30 a.m.
Where: Hamilton Greenbelt trail head
 1173 Lohmans Crossing Road, Lakeway 78734
Hosts: Laurie Zahn and Dana Thor
Cost: No Charge
RSVP: By Monday, April 22 , 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. If you have questions, please call Laurie.

Chairs: Laurie Zahn, laurdon@flash.net, 214-769-2388
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Taking Care of Business.....



Luncheon/Program Reservation - April 17 - Steiner Ranch Steak House

Price: \$30 per person payable [online](#). Deadline is noon, April 12. 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 April 5.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Guest _____

Members with dietary restrictions: An alternative menu option is available at regular monthly luncheon meetings. Notice is required with your RSVP. Please include specific information regarding your restrictions. You are financially responsible for menu substitutions made at the event.

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ANC FAQs - How do I register for an event?

You can register for an event in at least four ways:

- ◆ Every event in the *Welcome Mat* has a line for RSVP information to let you know how to RSVP for the event. It will include instructions on how to register and a link to the online calendar, an email for the event chair, or a phone number.
- ◆ The monthly calendar on the next to last page of the *Welcome Mat* has a link to each online event description and RSVP form where you can register for an event.
- ◆ Log in to the www.AustinNewcomers.com website and go to News and Events in the bar at the top. You can scroll down the list of events by date to find the one you want.
- ◆ Log in to the www.AustinNewcomers.com website and go to News and Events and scroll down to calendar to see the entire month of events. Click on the one you want to register for. You can also click Calendar on the left side of the News and Events page to access the monthly calendar.

In addition, you can always contact the interest group chairperson by phone or email, whichever is included in the *Welcome Mat*.

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If you are viewing this newsletter as a PDF, note that the underlined texts below are links to registration page.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Canasta	2	3 ANC Board Meeting	4 Knit & Stitch	5	6 Hello Austin! Kayaking
7	8 Golfing Around Austin Canasta Live Music!	9 Photo Shoot	10 Mexican Train Mystery Book Club French Conversation	11 Mah Jongg	12 Critics' Corner Cinema South Arthouse Cinema North	13 Happy Trails TGI Social ExPats
14 Second Sunday Scrabble	15 Canasta Spanish Conversation Art Treks	16 Bunco Happy Hour	17 ANC Monthly Meeting	18 Third Thursday Bridge	19	20
21	22 Canasta	23 Photo Share Men's Book Club	24 Hearty Hikers Kitchen Bridge	25 Bluebonnet Book Club Mah Jongg Yellow Rose Book Club Hello Austin! Tour	26 Cinema South Lunch Bunch	27 Come to Dinner Bring a Plate
28 Friends Connection New Members' Party	29 Canasta	30 Daytrippers				



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