



Welcome Mat

Come Hear Maestro Peter Bay



Peter Bay, Conductor and Music Director, Austin Symphony Orchestra

Peter Bay, who has been the conductor of the Austin Symphony Orchestra since 1998, will be the guest speaker at our February luncheon. Maestro Bay grew up in Washington D.C. As a youth he greatly admired Leonard Bernstein and whenever possible, traveled to New York to hear Bernstein's Young People's Concerts. At age 17, he had an opportunity to meet Bernstein, and came away firmly convinced that to succeed as a conductor, he needed to, "Work my butt off." And so he has. He has appeared with over eighty different orchestras, he has held several positions as Music Director and made many recordings.

Having been in Austin almost 20 years, he feels that the quality of the orchestra has improved since he first came. "They demand a certain level of playing and conducting. They have made me grow as a musician as a result of that." One of his challenges now, Bay says, is to advance the repertoire that the ASO plays. In Austin this subject is controversial, because there is a segment of the audience that really isn't interested in that. His

philosophy is to give people what they want, but also acknowledge that there is much more the audience can know.

He loves living in Austin. The University is here, the city has a huge energy that has grown since he has been here. He acknowledges how much the city has grown, especially the downtown area. "The city has everything. I love the city and love the people here. Everything that's significant in my life has happened here."

February 19, 11:00 am — 1:00 pm

**Chez Zee American Bistro
5406 Balcones Dr.
Austin 78731**

\$30/person

Register and pay online before February 17, or mail check and reservation form (page 2) by February 10



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February Board Meeting

When: February 5, 10:00 am

Where: Gail Wilson
4009 Terrina St., #14
Austin 78759

President's Message



Happy Valentine’s Day everyone!! I can’t believe 2019 went by so fast!

I am expecting this new decade to be really special for Austin Newcomers and all of its membership. I would also like to give all your volunteer board members and committee chairmen a special thank you for working toward this goal. Welcome to the new Roaring Twenties!

P.S. Remember to register for the “All Member” Mardi Gras party — the deadline is February 1st. Just so you know:

Austin dressy — Mardi Gras costume not required

You don’t need a mask or beads

You may bring an additional four guests at \$35pp

I look forward to seeing you having the time of your life at the Mardi Gras Party!

See page 1 for details

Luncheon/Program Reservation — February — Chez Zee

Price: \$30 per person payable online (online deadline: February 17). 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 February 10.

Name _____

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.

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Hello Austin

A Night with Janis Joplin

When: Wednesday, February 5, 7:30 pm
OR
Sunday, February 9, 2:30 pm

Where: Zach Topfer Theatre
202 South Lamar Boulevard, Austin 78704

Host: Pattie Webster Schieck

Cost: Call Alyson Mintz in Group Sales at the Zach Theatre, or use promo code links (see below)

RSVP: February 3

Details: The legendary queen of rock-n-roll, Janis Joplin, explodes onto the stage in a concert experience that celebrates the Texas musical marvel, and shines a spotlight on the trailblazing female blues and soul vocalists who influenced her. A Night with Janis Joplin is packed with enduring hits like "Me and Bobby McGee," "Mercedes Benz," and "Summertime," plus hit songs by icons Aretha Franklin, Nina Simone, Etta James, and more. It's sure to take a little piece of your heart! Created, Written, and Originally Directed by Randy Johnson. Age recommendation: 17 and up for strong language, political commentary, and adult themes. Run time: One hour and 40 minutes

To purchase: Group Sales is offering a generous group dis-

count. Group rates are our usual range from \$46 to \$76 per seat, depending on your seating selection. Call Alyson Mintz, Group Sales Associate at 512-476-0594 x245 or email amintz@zachttheatre.org. You can also use the promo links to purchase your tickets.

Promo Code Links: <https://tickets.zachttheatre.org/single/SYOS.aspx?p=9669&promo=NEWCOMERS> on Wednesday, February 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Promo Code Links: <https://tickets.zachttheatre.org/single/SYOS.aspx?p=9675&promo=NEWCOMERS> on Sunday, February 9 at 2:30 p.m.

Questions:: Contact Pattie Webster Schieck,

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



Live Music

Beethoven Concert Series: Take Me to Your Lieder

When: February 2, 3:00 pm

Where: Saengerrunde Hall
1607 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin 78701

Cost: \$20 at the door

RSVP: Not necessary

Details: "Take Me to Your Lieder" Music by a variety of people. With your admission you get beer, wine, and pretzels.

Chairs: Dona Reynolds, grdr@hotmail.com
713-651-7899
Ellen Honey, eshoney10@mac.com
737-703-5248

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Hello Austin

Hill Country Tasting Room Event

When: Sunday, January 26, 2020, 2-5 pm

Where: 18992 FM 150, Suite 101, Driftwood, TX 78619

Host: Roni Seemann & Cindy Johnson
Hill Country Tasting Room

Cost: \$21.00 through online registration

RSVP: Deadline: Saturday, January 25

Details: HELLO AUSTIN invites you to an afternoon of music and tasting Texas made beer, mead, cider, and wine at HILL COUNTRY TASTING ROOM in Driftwood, TX.

Hill Country Tasting Room was founded on a simple idea:

support local businesses by drinking local. Hill Country Tasting Room, therefore, provides locally crafted beers, wines, meads, and ciders. They provide a rotating menu of each, so there's likely something new from Texas for you to try each time you come in. Check them out!

www.hillcountrytastingroom.com

Cost of \$21 per person includes a tasting of a Texas made beer, mead, cider, and wine or a combo of the 4. What a better way to gain great tastes and new experiences from our big and gracious state of Texas! And gather with your ANC friends!

Please register online only at Austinnewcomers.com

Questions: Roni Seemann roboseem@msn.com or
Cindy Johnson cindylwjohnson@gmail.com

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



Daytrippers



When: Thursday, January 30, all day, start time TBD (probably 8:30)

Where: Johnson City

Hosts: Susi Spies & Dale Truitt

Cost: Lunch and required admissions

RSVP: Monday, January 27, end of day

Details: Since January's weather is unreliable, we're doing an indoor kind of day seeing the wonderful Science Mill in Johnson City along with the colorful, old west charms of the The Buggy Barn in Blanco. Lunch is the pièce de résistance: Tillie's is the new restaurant out at Camp Lucy in Dripping Springs that EVERYBODY is talking about and planning to visit. It's a grand destination and one that Matthew Odam's review in the "Statesman" says that the drive to get there (across one-lane bridges and creekside roads) "almost equals the (restaurant's) beauty on arrival." It's an amazing place with soaring wooden columns supporting the thatched ceiling of a century-old building that was once a town hall in Vietnam. Honest! Tillie's, in its former state, was disassembled and shipped back to Texas by Camp Lucy owner and former antique dealer, Whit Hanks.

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

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Art Trek (extra event) Austin Graffiti and Street Art Tour



When: Saturday, February 1, 2 pm (another tour at 10am)

Where: Starts at Capital City Bakery
2211 E. Cesar Chavez, Austin 78702

Host: Katalin Russay

Cost: Buy ticket yourself, \$23 at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

RSVP: Unsure, Eventbrite didn't say

Details: I just now caught wind of this tour and being new to Austin, I'm going! I can't wait to hear the interesting stories behind all the street art I've been seeing. Join me if you are interested!

Chair: Katalin Russay, drzsu2006@yahoo.com

Art Trek "Women and Their (Art) Work"



When: Friday, February 21, 11:00 am (PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME!)

Where: Women and Their Work Art Gallery
1710 Lavaca St., Austin 78701

Host: Katalin Russay

Cost: Free Admission, donations appreciated

RSVP: Friday, February 14

Details: For over 40 years, Women and Their Work has been a nationally renowned venue which brings groundbreaking visual and performing contemporary art to Austin. Meanwhile they also support, financially and technically, many women artists, both new and established. It was the first organization in Texas that won a grant for visual art from the National Endowment for the Arts. Among other goals, their mission is to show the value and excellence of art by women.

Come join us to see what AUSTIN women artists are up to.

Check out the short video on their web

site: [womenandtheirwork.org](https://www.womenandtheirwork.org)

We will follow with lunch at the Texas Chili Palace, known for its "Mad Dog Margaritas."

It has a wild and great history behind it. Put on your fun boots cuz this event will be a kickin'!

Chair: Katalin Russay, drzsu2006@yahoo.com

Welcome New Members!

Wendy M. Decareau

James McLean
317 Bandstand Lane
Cedar Park, TX 78613
mcchamney@gmail.com

Marie Glancy
1333 Shore District Drive
Austin, TX 78741
202-302-4754
mjglancy@aol.com

John and Nancy AufderHeide
17405 Rush Pea Cir
Austin, TX 78738
920-410-8494
naufder@gmail.com

Kendall Dolphin
313 Buffalo Cave Rd
Austin, TX 78628
281-723-0782
kdolphin19@comcast.net

FOOD/SOCIAL

Austin Newcomers Club Mardi Gras Party

Join us for an all-member party Saturday, February 15, 2020, 5-9 PM

\$35 per person (limit 2 tickets)

RSVP and buy tickets online by February 1

Lady Bird Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Ave

You're Invited

Join us for a special evening of:

- ◆ Catered hors d'oeuvres
- ◆ Wine, beer, and hurricane punch
- ◆ Music from Charles Thibodeaux and the Cajun Aces Band
- ◆ King cakes
- ◆ Photo wall and masks, hats, etc. for your selfies
- ◆ Beads, beads, and more beads and LOTS of fun



Mardi
GRAS

Party the Night Away

Limited to 200 guests

Come dressed in your best feathers and masks
(visit www.mardigrasoutlet.com)

Carpool with your ANC friends or schedule an
Austin Ride, Uber, or Lyft

FOOD/SOCIAL

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.

Contact the chair to be placed on the list to receive the monthly invitation, which is sent out early in the month.

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.

RSVP: Contact Lynne to be placed on email list.

Chair: Lynne Marcus, lmarcus08@gmail.com

**In Vino Veritas
EXCLUSIVE to Italy**

When: Saturday, February 1, 5 pm

Where: 5613 Hero Drive, Austin 78735

Host: Sharon Arffa & David Zimmer

RSVP: January 26

Cost: \$25 per person at the door

Details: Join us for a night of tasting wines that are EXCLUSIVE to Italy!

40 years ago, in 1980, classification Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita (DOCG) was introduced to identify truly the best of what Italian wines could offer. The first DOCG wines were Barolo and Barbaresco, both red wines made from the Nebbiolo grape in Piedmont, as well as Brunello di Montalcino and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, both red wines made from the Sangiovese grape in Tuscany. Now, there are more than 70 highly regulated and strictly quality-controlled DOCG wines worth exploring.

At our February 1 event, we will sample some of the wines characteristic ONLY to Italy and pair them with pizza bites

for an even more authentic experience.

We'll be hosted by Sharon Arffa and David Zimmer at 5613 Hero Drive (SW Austin just off of Southwest Parkway).

Please register online before January 26. If registration through the website is impossible, e-mail Antra (antrrra@gmail.com) to check availability and to be put on the waiting list if the capacity has been reached.

You need to bring nothing to the tasting (no wine or food) but a \$25 per person tasting fee. Everything will be provided.

Looking forward to seeing you at 5 pm on Saturday, February 1, for exclusive wines of Italy and some pizza!

Chairs: Antra & Tim Getzoff
antrrra@gmail.com, 214-235-8014



FOOD/SOCIAL



Happy Hour



When: Tuesday, February 18, 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Where: El Naranjo Restaurant and Bar
2717 South Lamar Blvd., Austin 78704

Cost: Separate checks for food and beverage

RSVP: February 16

Details: With its roots in Oaxaca, El Naranjo is dedicated to serving well seasoned traditional Mexican dishes with savory salsas and moles. The restaurant also makes its own bread

and tortillas. Come join your friends, or meet new ones for appetizers and drinks at El Naranjo's new and more convenient location on South Lamar at the corner of Manchaca in the Bell Apartments

Free parking is available on the 1st level of the Bell Apartments with garage entrances on both Manchaca and South Lamar. A limited number of surface parking spots are also available next to restaurant off South Lamar.

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

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

When: Friday, February 28, 11:30 am

Where: Easy Tiger
6406 N. Interstate 35 Frontage Road
Suite 1100 in "The Linc", Austin 78752

Cost: Separate checks

RSVP: Wednesday, February 26, Noon!

Details: Lots of you may be familiar with the original (and Food & Wine award-winning) Easy Tiger restaurant downtown, but this is their new North/Central location up near A.C.C. It's a great restaurant to know about! Blessed with a huge covered patio as well as a lovely, casual ambiance inside, this Easy Tiger Bake Shop and Beer Garden Features an in-house bakery, artisan bread and pastries, locally roasted coffee, cured meats, wurst and sausage, a full bar and more than 30 local and boutique draft beers.

FYI, Easy Tiger's Wholesale Division provides bread to more than 90 accounts--many of them Austin's top restaurants. It's become my favorite pre-movie restaurant because it's fast, fun, and there's something for everyone. Come join us the end of February and see if I'm right!

P.S. To entice you, the wonderful manager at this location gave me a whole bag full of tokens good for one of their delicious signature soft pretzels. I'll be giving out these freebies at the ANC monthly luncheon at Chez Zee on February 19th, so come join us for that outing, too!

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



TGI Social! (Thank Goodness It's Social)

When: Sunday, February 23, 6-8 pm

Hosts: Saj & Joanie Maqsood
908 W, Elizabeth Street, Austin 78704

Cost: \$1.00 per person for paper goods

RSVP: February 22

Details: It is February T.G.I. Social time, a fun time to kickback and relax. Come and visit with old friends and mingle and make new friends. Couples bring a hearty appetizer and a drink (wine, beer, tea, lemonade, etc.) to share. Singles bring either a hearty appetizer or a drink (wine, beer, tea, lemonade, etc.) to share. Register early, space may be limited.

Chairpersons: Janie and Jim McClam
512-771-1170, Jlmcclam@icloud.com

HEALTH & FITNESS

Golfing Around Austin**When:** Monday, February 10**Where:** Course to be determined**Cost:** Fees vary, each individual pays at the course .**RSVP:** Sunday, February 2**Details:** Golfers of all skill levels are welcome to come out and play with us and hopefully have some fun. Each month from September through May we play a select best ball scramble at a different Austin area golf course. If you have any questions about the ANC golf group or about golf in Austin in general, please contact me.**Chair:** John Cates, jwcates3@gmail.com, 832-814-8402**Hearty Hikers
Violet Crown Trail****When:** Wednesday, February 26, 9:30 am**Where:** 4970 US 290/Spec's Parking Lot**Hosts:** Laurie Zahn/Dana Thor**Cost:** No fee**RSVP:** Monday, February 24**Details:** Please include your email and cell phone.

Parking near the service road of Spec's Wine & Spirits at 4970 US 290 Service Road. Directions can be found in your GPS. No restrooms.

This is a moderate hike on trails with some rough surfaces.

As always: sturdy shoes, water and a walking stick are always recommended. Sunscreen and a hat are also advised. No dogs, please.

Lunch following at Mad Greens, 5601 Brodie Lane

Chairs: Laurie Zahn, laurdon@flash.net, 214-769-2388
Dana Thor, danathor@gmail.com 415-367-5911

**Happy Trails**

There will not be a Saturday Walk in the month of February. See you in March!

Chair: Donna Dauenhauer

donnadau@hotmail.com, (512) 584-5834

MOVIES

Cinema South**When:** Friday, February 14 & 28, 7 pm**Hosts:** February 14 — Jim Cahalan & Lea Masiello
cahalanjim@gmail.comFebruary 28—Nancy Ferrin & Elliott Kossak
eskossak@gmail.com**RSVP:** ASAP**Where:** Host address will follow by email to those who have RSVP'd.**Cost:** \$1 per person, pay at door.**Details:** We meet at homes of members to discuss and rate two movies selected the previous month. Each host sets the maximum capacity they can accommodate. Details of meetings will be sent ahead of meeting dates via email.All members currently on the Cinema South email list will receive an email with details about this event. If you are new, first RSVP to the Host's email. Then email us at CinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com to be placed on our member list. Meetings fill up fast so RSVP as soon as possible.**Chairs:** Susan Holland & Robert Nutt
Pattie & David Schieck
CinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com**Art House Cinema North****When:** Friday, February 14, 7:15 pm**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:** Harry Polly, harry.polly@hotmail.com
214-598-5071

BOOK GROUPS

Men's Book Club**When:** February 25, 2:00 pm**Where:** Jay Stein home
8230 Spicewood Springs, #3, Austin 78759**Cost:** Free**RSVP:** Not required**Details:** Book to be discussed: *Heartland: A memoir of**working hard and being broke in the richest country in the world*, by Sarah Smersh. An essential read for our times: an eye-opening memoir of working-class poverty in America that will deepen our understanding of the ways in which class shapes our country and "a deeply humane memoir that crackles with clarifying insight."**Chair:** Hector Barrio, hebate@gmail.com
512-633-2103

BOOK GROUPS

Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

February 27

10:00 a.m. (coffee/social time), 10:30 – 12:00 noon (book discussion)

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.

To join, email Gayle Cannon at gayle.cannon70@gmail.com.

Bluebonnet

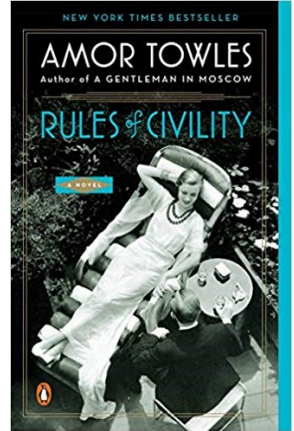
Host: Iris Groten
3810 Agape Lane, Austin 78735

Facilitator: Volunteer needed. If interested, please contact Nikki (see below)

RSVP: To Iris at irisgroten@gmail.com or 512-351-8569

Chairs: Jeanette Swenson 512-627-1295
jeanetteswenson64@gmail.com
Nikki Faulkner 512-994-5677
faulkhome2@aol.com

February selection:



Yellow Rose

Host: Judy Parken
7917 West Rim, Austin 78731

Facilitator: Karen Rankin

RSVP: To Judy at jparken@aol.com or 512-502-0278

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

Afternoon Mystery Book Group



When: February 12, 1:00 pm

Where: Home of Bettye Halperin
4843 Calhoun Canyon Loop, Austin 78735

Cost: Free

RSVP: Online, by February 10, or to
kkirmis@gmail.com & bettyeha@gmail.com

Details: Dianne Killough will lead us in a discussion of *An Innocent Client*, by Scott Pratt. Response to your RSVP will be directions to 4843 Calhoun Canyon Loop.

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

FUN AND GAMES

Kitchen Bridge**When:** Wednesday, February 26, 10:00 am**Host:** Suzanne Davis**Cost:** \$1.25**RSVP:** Please RSVP with Suzanne Davis on or after February 1. 512-632-1737, mysuzannedavis@gmail.com**Chair:** Hansa Nasta, hnasta@yahoo.com
512-328-1886**Bunco****When:** February 18, 10:30 — 1:00 pm**Host:** Nancy Ferrin
nferrin5169@gmail.com
Directions will be given when you respond.**Cost:** \$5**RSVP:** February 17**Details:** Please contact Connie Gardner if you wish to become a substitute player.**Chair:** Connie Gardner, peplett@aol.com
915-203-4522**3rd Thursday Bridge****When:** Thursday, February 20, 10 am**Where:** IHOP
1101 South Mopac**Host:** Nancy Cosby**Cost:** \$3.00/person at the door**RSVP:** Email Nancy Cosby ASAP.**Details:** 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.**Chair:** Nancy Cosby, ncosby@flash.net, 817-360-0494**Canasta****When:** Mondays, February 3, 10, 17, 24
11:00 am**Where:** Café Blue
12800 Hill Country Blvd., G-115
Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave, TX 78738**Cost:** \$15/ one-time fee**RSVP:** RSVP online by the night before play date**Details:** We meet weekly at the Cafe Blue and break to eat lunch. Play wraps up around 3**Chair:** Beth Hernandez, beth8021@gmail.com
720-549-3770**Mah Jongg****When:** Thursdays, February 13
& 27, 1:00 p.m.**Where:** Central Market, 4001 N
Lamar (upstairs)**Cost:** Free**RSVP:** Online by the Tuesday before game day.**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

FUN AND GAMES

Mexican Train**When:** Wednesday, February 12, 11:00 am**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 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.**Chairs:** Eugenie Whalen, eswhalen@sbcglobal.net
512-608-0010
Shelley Smith, agenomore01@aol.com
512-608-9264**Daytime Buddy Bridge** — Partnerships schedule play with other partnerships in each other's home each month from September through May except for December. Although the deadline for partnerships signing up to play for the year is past, you can still sign up as a substitute. Call Marilyn at 512-331-8385 if interested.**Chairs:** Marilyn Calhoun, calron1@att.net, 512-331-8385; Cathy Cotter, catcot72@gmail.com, 512-465-9472

HOBBIES

Photography — Photoshoot**When:** No Particular Time**Where:** N/A**Cost:** No Cost**Deadline:** No later than February 14 by 3:00 pm**Details:** Often, we look at a photograph and think, "I wish my photos looked like that". Now you will have the opportunity! We are looking for between nine and fifteen photographs. The photographs will be submitted to the members that enjoy processing using Photoshop, Lightroom or another photo processing program to process. With the number of people in our group that enjoy processing photographs, there may be several creative takes on the photographs that are submitted.You are welcome to come to our February 25th meeting at Precision Camera (see **Photoshare**, below) so that you can see the result of our members work and give your reaction as well.Please submit your photographs to photoman401@gmail.com. I will send you a return email up-

on receipt of your photograph. It is requested that you submit your photograph in RAW format (different manufacturers have different endings to their picture settings (i.e., Canon CR2, Nikon NEF and Sony ARW, etc.). You may submit your photograph in JPEG format (normal for the internet), but we may not be able to do as much with it as we can if it is in a RAW format.

Photography — Photoshare**When:** February 25
Most people come at 10:30 am.
Meeting starts at 11:00**Where:** Precision Camera
2438 W. Anderson Lane, Austin 78757**Cost:** None**RSVP:** Not necessary**Details:** This is where we will share our work from this month. All are welcome to attend.**Chair:** George McCane
photoman401@gmail.com, 512-981-0196

HOBBIES

Knit 'n Stitch**When:** Thursday, February 6, 10 am to 12 noon**Host:** Barbara Story
1077 Grassy Field Road, Austin 78737**Cost:** None**RSVP:** Register online or email Arlene Agree,

aagreezell@gmail.com by Monday, February 3. Space is limited, so you must RSVP to attend.

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:** Arlene Agree, aagreezell@gmail.com
617-759-1464

LANGUAGES/EXPATS

Expats**When:** February 22, 6:00 pm**Hosts:** Beth and Gary Oliver
6129 Sierra Leon, Austin 78759**RSVP:** Online RSVP required**Cost:** Free**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.**Chairs:** Shashi Ambiee, shashi24.ambiee@gmail.com
512-514-1565
Jill Speasmaker, jspeasmaker@verizon.net
757-375-7528**Spanish Conversation****When:** February 17, 10:00 am**Where:** Trianon Coffee
3654 Bee Caves Rd, Suite A, Austin 78746**Cost:** No cost**RSVP:** February 15**Chair:** Susana Surbek
512-740-2349
susana.surbek@hotmail.com**French Conversation****When:** Wednesday, February 12, 12:30 pm**Host:** Elaine Crockett
1355 Lost Creek Blvd., Austin 78746
512-669-0966**Cost:** No cost**RSVP:** February 9, to Verena Wilson:
wilsontrav@aol.com**Details:** Directions to Elaine's will be e-mailed when you RSVP. Topic of discussion: Quel type de bénévolat préférez vous, et pourquoi?**Chair:** Verena Wilson, wilsontrav@aol.com
512-296-3262

February 2020

For online registration, go to austinnewcomers.com, sign in, and access the calendar.

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