



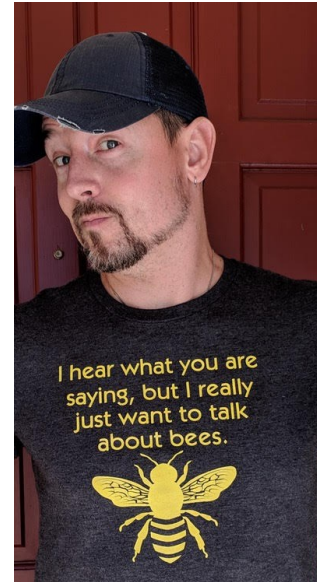
Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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John Swan, Texas Master Bee Keeper

Pollinating bees are essential to successful plant and food production throughout the world. Even if you do not have a garden, you can help pollinating bees live in a healthier environment. John Swan will speak to us in March about the importance of bees, and how we can contribute positively to the health of bees.

Mr. Swan is a certified Texas Master Beekeeper and is currently serving as the Vice President for the Texas Beekeeper's Association, and is the Past President of the Travis County Beekeeper's Association (TCBA). TCBA was founded in 2014 and exists to promote common interest and general welfare of beekeeping, to protect honey bees, to educate beekeepers, encourage good bee management practices, and to encourage good relations between beekeepers and the public. The Texas Beekeepers Association was formed in 1880. Its focus, then and now, is about the honey bee, its survival and management. Everyone who cares about the plight of the honey bee and who understands the great need to preserve this master pollinator is welcome to join their Association.



John is the owner of Wicked Bee Apiary where he manages an average 40 honeybee hives, provides training and consultations for other beekeepers, and hive management services for land owners. From the hives at the Apiary, John produces his unique line of Wicked Bee Honey products. He is also the owner of Wicked Bee Removal Service which was created to help save honeybees from unnecessary extermination by providing live removal and relocation services when bees setup a colony in an undesirable location. Each year this service saves an average of 142 feral honeybee colonies from extermination!

When he isn't playing with his bees, or rescuing other bees, John is talking about bees as the host of The Hive Jive Podcast where he helps educate people about beekeeping, honeybees, pollinators, and their importance. Join us at the ANC March luncheon and learn about bees and the role we play in their world.

March 18, 11:00 am — 1:00 pm

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

\$30/person

**Register and pay online by March 15, or
mail check and reservation form (page
2) by March 8**



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March Board Meeting

When: March 4, 10:00 am

Where: Beth Oliver
6129 Sierra Leon
Austin 78759

See page 1 for details

President's Message



Hello Spring, and hello Austin Newcomers!!

I especially want to welcome all you new members. I decided, if you are new to Texas, you need to understand some of the things you will be hearing. I told you about ya'll and you'all in a previous letter. Now here are a few more: Busy as a one armed paperhanger; It's so dry my duck doesn't know how to swim; he's all hat & no cattle; madder than a wet hen; too poor to paint & too proud to whitewash; tight as Dick's hatband; he'll eat anything that doesn't eat him first; this ain't my first rodeo; and I'll be there with bells on.

Then you can call yourself a Texan if: you listen to the weather forecast before picking out an outfit; know everything goes better with Ranch or hot sauce; you hear the term "fixin to" daily; you know the chicken ranch doesn't raise chickens; you measure distance in minutes or hours; chicken fried steak is not ordered rare or medium; the Cadillac Ranch doesn't have cattle nor is it a dude ranch; you know Bob Wills is still the King of western swing; and you switch from heat to A/C twice in the same day!

If you don't completely understand any of the above, ask me the next time you see me and I will explain! Enjoy our wonderful Austin spring with all the beautiful bluebonnets and wildflowers and be sure to come to as many ANC activities as you can in order to meet new people and make new friends.

Luncheon/Program Reservation — March — Chez Zee

Price: \$30 per person payable online (online deadline: March 15). 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 March 8.

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

Texas Hill Country Olive Oil Company
Orchard Tour and Tasting**When:** Tuesday, March 31, 10am**Where:** Texas Hill Country Olive Oil Company
2530 Fitzhugh Rd.
Dripping Springs, TX 78620**Host:** Karen Werner**Cost:** \$10 per person at
the orchard**RSVP:** March 27**Details:** Join us at the Texas Hill Country Olive Company. We will be touring the olive orchard and facility in Dripping Springs, Texas where they produce award winning Extra Virgin Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar.

This is a family owned business who are 3rd and 4th generation Italian immigrants. The company and tasting room takes you to a beautiful Italian Villa in Italy. They are the most awarded olive oil company in the State of Texas. We will go over the full process of making olive oil which is harvested and pressed on-site. At the tasting, we will go over what to look for in a great olive oil. They produce 8 kinds of Extra Virgin Olive Oil using different types of olives, 6 Infused Olive Oils, i.e. lemon, garlic, rosemary, and basil, and 16 Balsamic Vignettes. There is a shop on premises where you can purchase your favorites.

Option Lunch: Creek Road Cafe, 301 W 290, Dripping Springs. Creek Road Cafe is a family owned business that prides themselves on using fresh ingredients of the finest quality for their original recipes. Please let us know if you will be joining us. For questions and additional information, please contact: Karen Werner at karentwerner20@aol.com,

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

Art Trek
Tour of UT Landmarks (Public Art)**When:** March 13,
10 am (NOTE — date
change, 2nd Friday)**Where:** UT Campus,
TBA (Most likely a
parking garage
near UT)**Host:** Katalin Russay**Cost:** \$5 per person, cash, day of event**RSVP:** March 6

Details: UT Landmarks is a fascinating collection of public art on the UT campus. We will go on a docent-led walking tour lasting 1.5-2 hours. It will include hills and steps, so wear sturdy walking shoes! We will end with lunch at the Carillon. It is a scrumptious buffet (\$20) that includes coffee, tea and dessert.

I will send an email the week before detailing which parking garage we will meet at, depending on where our docent decides to start the tour.

Read about UT Landmarks at www.landmarks.utexas.edu

Chair: Katalin Russay, drzsu2006@yahoo.com

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Daytrippers

When: Tuesday, March 10 — All Day

Hosts: Susi Spies & Dale Truitt

Where: Hamilton, TX and Hico, TX

Cost: Miscellaneous admissions and lunch

RSVP: Thursday, March 5
Limited to the first 20 to sign up

Details: You have to trust us on this one! Hamilton, TX is the home of a strange little storefront museum that Dale and I heard about from a friend whose daughter works at the National Gallery in Washington D.C. It's open by appointment only and showcases a collection of Old Masters, American Masters, European painters, and Modernists that covers every inch of available wall space. Cezanne, Chagall, Matisse, Monet, Picasso, Klimt, Lichtenstein, Whistler, Dali, Miro, Warhol, Rockwell — they're all here. In addition to the paintings, there is an amazing number of drawings/studies that artists do prior to painting a major piece.

After the art extravaganza, we'll head to Hico, the next town over, for a tour of The Winestein House chocolate factory, a bit of antiquing on Pecan Street if you'd like, and a visit to the Billy the Kid Museum. Whaaaaat? Sure, everybody thinks that Billy was shot by Sheriff/Bounty Hunter Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner, New Mexico, in 1881. But there's NO BODY buried in Billy's N.M. grave. The Hico legend is that Billy didn't die in 1881 in New Mexico. Rather, he escaped to Mexico, then to Texas where he lived out his days as an honest citizen

of Hico. There's a book on the subject if you're interested: "Billy the Kid, An Autobiography" by Daniel Edwards. True or false? We'll never really know, but you might find some really interesting clues in Hico!

NOTE: Because the Hamilton Museum can only handle ten visitors at a time, we'll split the group in two (somehow!). Half the group will start at the museum and the other half will start at the chocolate factory. We'll all meet for lunch at the Koffee Kup in Hico, a true down-home treasure with the best pie in Texas. After lunch, the Chocolate/antiques/Billy the Kid morning group will go have their turn in the art museum and the morning museum group will go do chocolate, antiques, and Billy.

Hope you'll join us for another outing to another fascinating "who knew" spot in Texas!

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



Live Music

Irish Daithi Arwine and The Chancers

When: March 6, 6:00 pm

Where: B.D. Riley's Irish Pub Downtown
204 E 6th St., Austin 78701

Cost: No cover; please generously tip the band!

RSVP: Not necessary

Details: Get St. Patrick's Month started with Daithi "Davey" Arwine, best known as leader of the traditional Celtic band "Donnybrook". Davey is an award-winning mandolin and Irish tenor banjo player. Tap your toes, sing Irish tunes and make bawdy toasts from 6-7pm! More Irish "craic" when the Chancers join him at 7pm. No cover.

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

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 The Best of Texas

When: Saturday, March 7, 5 pm

Where: 9304 Stallion Drive, Austin 78733

Host: Milli Stecker and Phillip Craft

RSVP: March 2

Cost: \$25 per person at the door

Details: We have prepared a treat for you this time!

Our group has been tasting wines from all over the world, it's time to look at what the home state has to offer, and there is a lot.

Texas is winning awards at some of the most prestigious wine competitions for a good reason! Wine makers have found its stride, growing grapes well suited for the Texas climate. Mediterranean varieties love the Texas heat; so, look for Viognier, Roussanne, Marsanne, Vermentino and Trebbiano for white wines, and Tempranillo, Tannat, Mourvèdre, Grenache, Sangiovese, among others, for reds.

They may not be as familiar as the big varietals, but these grapes are making beautiful wines. Some of them we will taste on March 7.

To hear more about the Texas wine making history and to learn about the best this state has to offer, we have invited

an expert. The wines will be picked and presented by Denise Clarke, a Certified Wine Educator and Certified Sommelier who has worked in the Texas wine industry for more than a decade.

The tasting will take place at the home of Milli Stecker and Phillip Craft, 9304 Stallion Drive, Austin 78733, on Saturday, March 7, at 5 pm. Register early, as the number of spots is limited, and we may sell out again.

A tasting fee of \$25/person will be collected at the door.

Looking forward to seeing you on March 7.

Warmly,

Antra & Tim Getzoff

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



FOOD/SOCIAL



Happy Hour



When: Tuesday, March 10, 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Where: Sway Thai Restaurant
3437 Bee Caves Road, West Lake Hills 78746

Cost: Separate checks for food and beverage

RSVP: March 8

Details: Spice up your March happy hour at Sway, the "2019 best Thai food restaurant" in Austin as rated by the American Statesman. Sway is an award winning modern Thai restaurant and was named as one of the "50 best new restaurants in

America" by Bon Appetit in 2013. Sway was also recently voted as the "2019 best happy hour in Austin" by readers of Austin Monthly. Come join your old friends or meet new ones to spice up your life at one of our favorite places in town.

Please note that March's happy hour has been moved to the second Tuesday of the month due to spring break. We will return to the regular 3rd Tuesday schedule in April. Valet parking and free self parking are both available at the restaurant.

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

Out-to-Lunch Bunch



When: Friday, March 27, 11:30 am

Host: Susi Spies

Where: Honest Mary's
4800 Burnet Rd., Austin 78756

Cost: Pay at counter when ordering

RSVP: Tuesday, March 24

Details: This is Honest Mary's brand new location on Burnet off 45th street in Central Austin. I'm not sure how many of you discovered the original Honest Mary's up in the Arboretum area, but whether at that location or here in their sunny new Burnet Road restaurant, this is a great new chain to know about. Honestly! Honest Mary's offers antibiotic and hormone free meat, hand-caught wild ahi tuna, no refined sugars, no artificial ingredients, and non-GMO oils in absolutely fabulous grain bowls made with your choice of fresh, locally sourced ingredients assembled exactly as you order. Come see what you think. I promise both your taste buds and your waistline will thank you!

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

TGI Social! (Thank Goodness It's Social)

When: Sunday, March 8, 5-7 pm

Hosts: Beth & Gary Oliver
6129 Sierra Leon, Austin 78759

Cost: \$1.00 per person for paper goods

RSVP: March 7

Details: March Madness and Daylight Savings Time! It's time for a Social! Come and enjoy making new friends and reconnecting with old friends. Couples and Singles are welcome. Couples bring a hearty appetizer and a drink (wine, beer, tea, lemonade, etc.) to share. Singles bring a hearty appetizer or a drink (wine, beer, tea, lemonade, etc.) to share. Looking forward to our get-together.

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

FOOD/SOCIAL

Friends Connection



el naranjo
traditional mexican cuisine

When: March 8, 1:00 pm

Where: El Naranjo
2717 S Lamar Blvd., Ste 1085, Austin 78704

Cost: Separate checks, Medium Priced

RSVP: March 5

Details: At El Naranjo Restaurant & Bar we are dedicated

to serving delicious traditional Mexican food. We create savory salsas and moles, well-seasoned food with great concern for finding a pleasing balance of flavors.

We make our own tortillas with Heirloom Corn imported from different regions of Mexico nixtamalized and stone grounded everyday at the restaurant, bake our own bread, and use fresh vegetables and herbs. While the food has a strong culinary resemblance to our former internationally acclaimed restaurant in Oaxaca, we draw from the many rich traditions of Mexican cooking.

Free Parking is located on the 1st level of the Bell Apartment parking garage, there are 2 entrances, one off Manchaca Rd and one off South Lamar Blvd. There is also parking on the north side of the Bell building, directly next to El Naranjo.

Chairs: Sandy Lake & Ann Fenerty
wine55travel@yahoo.com, 510-410-5889
annfenerty@gmail.com, 203-913-9534

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members!

Lynn Bodenhamer

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Richard Brown

Kristine Moore

Harriet DeHart

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Terry Monk

Lauren Volpendesta

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Jaleh Welby
301 West Ave #4202
Austin, TX 78701
408-221-6123
jalehhwelby@gmail.com

HEALTH & FITNESS

Golfing Around Austin

When: Monday, March 16

Where: Course to be determined

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

RSVP: Sunday, March 8

Details: The next monthly ANC golf tournament will be

on Monday, March 16, 2020 with the RSVP deadline for on-line registration on Sunday, March 8, 2020. Please note that this is a week later than previously scheduled on the ANC calendar due to a personal conflict. Each month during our golf season, September - May, we play at a different Austin area golf course. Golfers of all skill levels are welcome to play with us at our monthly select best ball scrambles. If you have any questions about the ANC golf group or golf in Austin in general, please contact me.

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

Hearty Hikers Commons Ford Ranch Metropolitan Park

When: March 25, 9:30 am

Where: 614 N. Commons Ford Road, Austin 78733

Hosts: Laurie Zahn/Dana Thor

Cost: No fee

RSVP: March 23

Details: This is a beautiful park in the spring...with meadows of colorful wildflowers and views of Lake Austin. There are groves of pecan trees, some historic structures

and lots of foliage. As always, sturdy shoes, water and a walking stick are recommended. Sunscreen, a hat and some bug spray are also advised. No dogs, please. After hiking we will have lunch at County Line at 6500 Bee Caves Road.

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



Happy Trails Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center

When: Saturday, March 21, 9:00 am

Where: 4801 La Crosse Avenue, Austin 78739

Cost: Regular admission \$12, Seniors \$10
Members free

RSVP: March 19

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. 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 café and a gift shop for your enjoyment too. Come and experience nature in full pageantry!

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

MOVIES

Cinema South

When: Friday, March 13 & 27, 7 pm

Hosts: March 13 — Mary Elzy
maelzy@austin.rr.com

March 27 — Nancy & David Guillet
dwguillet@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, March 13, 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: March 24, 2:00 pm

Where: Arlo Schurle's home
6022 Tasajillo Trail, Austin 78739

Cost: Free

RSVP: Not required

Details: Directions to Arlos's home: Take Mopac South, turn right on W. Slaughter Ln, turn left on Escarpment Blvd.,

turn right on LaCrosse Ave., turn right on Park West Pass, turn right on Tasajillo Trail.

Book to be discussed: *Doing Justice: A prosecutor's thoughts on crime, punishment, and the rule of law*, By Preet Bharara. By the one-time federal prosecutor for the Southern District of New York, an important overview of the way the rule of law is essential to our survival as a society.

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

BOOK GROUPS

Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

March 26

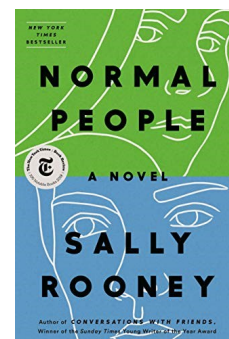
10:00 a.m. (coffee/social time), 10:30 – 12:00 noon (book discussion)

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, have 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.

March selection:



Bluebonnet

Host: Judy Gunnels
9408 Topridge Dr., Austin 78750
Facilitator: Volunteer needed. If interested, please contact Nikki (see below)

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

Chairs: Jeanette Swenson 512-627-1295
jeanetteswenson64@gmail.com
Nikki Faulkner 512-994-5677
faulkhomes2@aol.com

Yellow Rose

Host: Lynne Davis
3702 Terrina St. #14, Austin 78759

Facilitator: Lynne Davis

RSVP: To Lynne at elcdavis@global.net or 281-413-1889

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

Afternoon Mystery Book Group

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

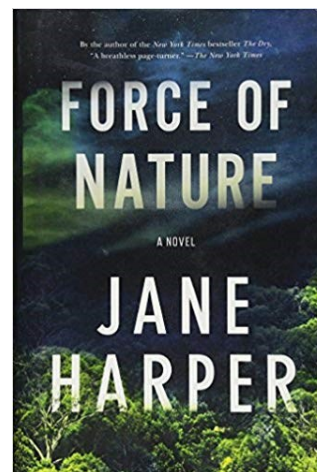
When: March 11, 1:00 pm

Where: Home of Debbie Highbarger
8616 Calera Drive, Austin 78735

Cost: Free

RSVP: Online, by March 9, or to
kkirmis@gmail.com & mombcool@aol.com

Details: Robyn Meier will lead us in a discussion of *Force of Nature*, by Jane Harper. Response to your RSVP will be directions to 8616 Calera Drive.



FUN AND GAMES

Bunco**When:** March 17, 10:30 — 1:00 pm**Host:** Pat Guarino
2cruisin@sbcglobal.net
Directions will be given when you respond.**Cost:** \$5**RSVP:** March 13**Details:** Please contact Connie Gardner if you wish to become a substitute.**Chair:** Connie Gardner, peplett@aol.com
915-203-4522**Canasta****When:** Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
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. New players are welcome.**Chair:** Beth Hernandez, beth8021@gmail.com
614-440-8021**Mexican Train****When:** Wednesday, March 11, 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**Mah Jongg****When:** Thursdays, March 12 & 26, 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

Daytime Buddy Bridge

When: Various

Cost: \$15 per player per year

RSVP/Registration Deadline: June 30, 2020

Details: NEW CHAIR(S) NEEDED for DAYTIME BUDDY BRIDGE!! Bridge Partners play each other once a month September-May (except December). Great Bridge; Great Group; Great Fun; and prizes at end of year! Duties of Chair(s) not difficult or particularly time consuming, especially if shared. So, STEP RIGHT UP--call Marilyn Calhoun at 512-331-8385 or Cathy Cotter at 512-465-9472 to volunteer

Chairs: Marilyn Calhoun, calron1@att.net, 512-331-8385; Cathy Cotter, catcot72@gmail.com, 512-465-9472

3rd Thursday Bridge

When: Thursday, March 19, 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



Kitchen Bridge

When: Wednesday, March 25, 10:00 am

Host: Bidisha Mukherjee

Cost: \$1.25

RSVP: Please RSVP with Bidisha Mukherjee on or after March 1. 512-584-4147, bidisha.mukherjee@gmail.com

Chair: Hansa Nasta, hnasta@yahoo.com
512-328-1886

HOBBIES

Photography — Photoshoot**When:** March 17, 10:00 am**Where:** Northeast Corner of 6th and Congress, across from Starbucks**Cost:** No Cost**RSVP:** Just Come, We Would Love To Have You**Details:** Ayyeeee Mates, for the month of March, we are hitting a two for one opportunity. We moved our Photoshoot to March 17th to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. However, South by Southwest will be in town as well, so we will be able to experience musicians and visitors from around the world.

We will meet on the Northeast Corner of 6th Street and Congress (the one right across the street from Starbucks) in front of the Littlefield Building at 10:00 A.M. and walk East toward I-35 and then back again.

Pack light, bring your walking shoes, bring along a bottle of water and enjoy the morning with us, you just might have a good time.

Two suggestions for parking are either at the Omni Hotel and walk to our location, or the garage at City Hall and walk up to our location. Where we have lunch will be decided when we gather together at 10:00.

For our Photoshare, please submit your pictures no later than Sunday March 22nd to photoman401@gmail.com. This way we can make you part of our slide show. Our Photoshare will be Tuesday, March 24th at Precision Camera on Anderson Lane. People start arriving at 10:30 and the meeting begins at

11:00. Some of our members may make suggestions of how you might improve your picture. Don't be offended, it is our way to help you take your pictures from "that's nice" to "WOW" and leave your viewers with an emotional response.

**Photography — Photoshare****When:** March 24, 10:30 am arrival, 11:00 meeting starts**Where:** Precision Camera
2438 W. Anderson Lane, Austin 78757**Cost:** None**RSVP:** Just Come**Details:** Come and see the pictures taken at Photoshoot.**Chair:** George McCane
photoman401@gmail.com, 512-981-0196**Knit 'n Stitch****When:** Thursday, March 5, 10 am to 12 noon**Host:** Elaine Doege
2900 Mossback Lane, Austin 78739**Cost:** None**RSVP:** Register online or email Arlene Agree,

aagreezell@gmail.com by Monday, March 2. 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

French Conversation

When: Wednesday, March 11, 12:30 pm

Host: Verena Wilson
7901 Southwest Parkway., Austin 78735

Cost: No cost

RSVP: March 8

Details: Directions: From Mopac go west on Southwest Parkway. 7901 is on the left side between Terra Vista Dr and Belgrade Dr , so you will have to make a U-turn at the entrance of Travis County West (Belgrade Dr.). Gate code is □1097. Take a left after entering the gate, we are the first house on the right. Visitor parking is outside the gate or at

the bottom of the street.

Chair: Verena Wilson, wilsontrav@aol.com
512-296-3262



Spanish Conversation

When: March 16, 10:00 am

Where: Trianon Coffee
3654 Bee Caves Rd, Suite A, Austin 78746

Cost: No cost

RSVP: March 15

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



Expats

When: March 21, 6:00 pm

Hosts: Annie Prasad & Anand Kruttiventi
4621 Twin Valley Drive, Austin 78731

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
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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8 Friends Connection TGI Social!	9 Canasta	10 Happy Hour Daytrippers	11 Mex. Train French Conv. Afternoon Mystery Book Group	12 Mah Jongg	13 Cinema South Art House Cinema North Art Trek: UT Landmarks	14
15	16 Canasta Golfing around Austin Spanish Conversation	17 Photography: Photoshoot Bunco	18 ANC Monthly Meeting: Master Bee-keeper	19 Third Thursday Bridge	20	21 Happy Trails ExPats
22	23 Canasta	24 Photography: Photoshare Men's Book Club	25 Kitchen Bridge Hearty Hikers	26 Mah Jongg Bluebonnet Book Club Yellow Rose Book Club	27 Out to Lunch Bunch Cinema South	28 Come to Dinner Bring a Plate
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