



Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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From the President...

AUSTIN NEWCOMERS GROUP EVENTS CANCELLED THROUGH APRIL

The Executive Board for Austin Newcomers has voted to cancel all ANC sponsored activities until the end of April. Everything will be re-evaluated prior to May. Money paid for the March luncheon will be refunded. Those groups that want to continue to meet can do so, but not as an Austin Newcomers activity.

We feel this action is the responsible thing to do to protect our membership. Please take precautions and stay safe.

Dolores Carpenter, President

From the Editors...

Since all ANC events are cancelled for March and April, we have prepared this special issue of the **Welcome Mat**. Here we show all the events that *were previously scheduled* for April, but are now cancelled. This should give new members a taste of the great variety of events and activities available to members. We hope that normal scheduling will resume soon.

Please note that the roster of nominees for the Executive Board and standing committee chairs, to be voted on in May, 2020, appears on page 3. Other nominations are welcome.

Sincerely, Beth & Wes Grantham

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April Board Meeting (not cancelled)

When: April 1, 10:00 am

Where: Linda Poyser
2608 Deerfoot Trail
Austin 78704

President's Message



While Austin Newcomers hates to take the drastic measure of cancelling all activities through April, we want to keep all our treasured members as safe as possible, and hopefully this will all be over soon, and we can get back to enjoying life while making new friends through Austin Newcomers.

Spring is "finally" in the air, and the bluebonnets and wildflowers are out all around Austin and the Hill Country so maybe you can at least get a chance to drive out towards Marble Falls, Burnet, or Bastrop to see the beauty of the Hill Country.

Not sure what Easter will bring, but hope you have a Happy Easter in spite of everything. Our spring style show by Dillard's at River Place Country Club has been postponed so keep watching for the new date.

Take precautions and stay safe, you are all important to us at ANC, and remember that "somedays we just have to create our own sunshine".



ELECTION

The new board will be voted on in May. Here are the current nominees. If anyone would like to nominate other members to any position, please contact Lynne Davis, chairman of nominating committee, at elcdavis@sbcglobal.net

EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINEES

President	Dolores Carpenter
1st VP Membership	Marsha Hayden
2nd VP Programs	Pamela Craig
Luncheon Director	Linda Poyser
Secretary	Monica Boyle
Treasurer	Beth Hernandez
Welcome Mat Editors	Wes & Beth Grantham
Interest Group Coordinator	Lynne Davis
Communications	Lynne Marcus

STANDING COMMITTEE NOMINEES

Calendar	Bonnie Woodard
Member Services	Ellen Honey & Suzanne Coldwell
Historian	Belen Benavides
Publicity	Beth Oliver
Greeters	Kerri Wicklund & Betsy Pain
Name Tags	Gail Wilson & Marsha Clark
Board Transition	Emily Kochanski
Member-at-Large	Susi Spies
Weekly Bulletin Editor	Susana Surbek

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Hello Austin Hot Science — Cool Talks

When:

Host: David Schieck/ UT Ladybird Johnson Auditorium

Where: LBJ Library, 2313 Red River St., Austin 78712

Cost: Free

Details: Hot Science - Cool Talks provides a front row seat to world-class research. This event is being presented by the Environmental Science institute (ESI). The programs feature interactive activities and information related to the evening's topic. Activities will start at 5:30 pm, followed by an exciting talk and Q&A at 7 pm.

The Spring series has been announced. We have chosen the May 1st talk, "From a Dinosaur's Roar to a Bird's song, presented by Dr. Julia Clarke, Professor of UT's Jackson School of Geosciences. Many of us imagine that a dinosaur may have roared like a lion or bear. By examining birds as living descendants of dinosaurs, Dr Clarke shares how and why ancient dinosaurs may have produced sounds.

We will have a block of seats set aside for our members. We will be able to register sometime in March. Please contact David Schieck - deschieck@yahoo.com for details on registration for this event.

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

Art Trek Laguna Gloria & Elisabet Ney Museum

When:

Host: Katalin Russay

Where: 411 E 43rd St. (Large Parking Lot WEST of Quack's 43rd St. Bakery to carpool)

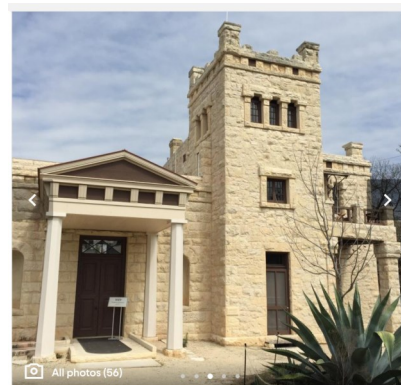
Cost: \$10 entry to Laguna Gloria (\$5 seniors). The Ney is free.

Details: Blend the Contemporary . . . with the Classic!

In order to carpool, we will meet at 9:00 am at the parking lot on the west side of Quack's 43rd St Bakery. With the lovely spring weather April will bring us (hint, hint) we shall stroll the beautiful green walkways at the Laguna Gloria Sculpture Garden, enjoying vibrant exhibitions alongside the beautiful Lake Austin. (Our aim is to arrive early at L.G., at 9:30, before the large bus load of tourists come at 10:00. I asked!!). Then we will carpool back to the Elisabet Ney Museum to have our 11:00 docent-led tour. Elisabet's artistic success in Europe will be discussed, and then her subsequent move to Texas, where she also became an acclaimed artist. She built her studio (read "mini-castle") here in Austin where we can see many of her classic sculptures in the original setting where she made them.

At 12-12:30ish, we will proceed to the Hyde Park Bar & Grill for some lovely cocktails and fabulous food.

Chair: Katalin Russay, drzsu2006@yahoo.com



AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Hello Austin

Zach Topher Theatre Performance of Roe

When:**Host:** Pattie Webster Schieck**Where:** Topher Theatre at the Zach
202 South Lamar, Austin**Cost:** Group rates are our usual
range from \$46 to \$76 per seat, de-
pending on your seating selection

Details: At age 27, Austin attorney Sarah Weddington won the landmark 1973 case Roe v Wade that legalized abortion, making her the youngest person to ever successfully argue a case before the Supreme Court. A national debate ensued, and a divide in America endures over this controversial issue. What most people don't know is that after the case, Ms. Weddington and Norma McCorvey, "Jane Roe" the plaintiff, took divergent life paths that reflect this complicated polarization in our culture. Poignant, surprising, and with unexpected humor, Roe illuminates the dif-

ficult choices women make and the passion each side has for its cause.

Age recommendation: 13 and up for strong profanity and graphic language

Run time: Two hours and 30 minutes including one intermission.

To purchase: Group Sales is offering a generous group discount. Group rates are our usual range from \$46 to \$76 per seat, depending on your seating selection. Call Alyson Mintz, Group Sales Associate on 512-476-0594 x245 or e-mail amintz@zachtheatre.org. You can also use the promo links to purchase your tickets. RSVP Deadline: April 13th

Promo Code Links: NEWCOMERS on Sunday, April 19 at 2:30 p.m.

Promo Code Links: NEWCOMERS on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Questions: Pattie Webster Schieck,
Email: pattie@pattiewebster.com

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

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

Austin Newcomers New Member Party

When: (postponed)

Details: There are many of you that have recently joined and may possibly not know many members yet. This event is a great and informal way to meet others who may be in the same position. Additionally, you will be introduced to our Interest Group Hosts and Board Members. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the Austin Newcomers Club or upcoming events/ activities.



AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Hello Austin

Texas Hill Country Olive Oil Company Orchard Tour and Tasting

When:

Where: Texas Hill Country Olive Oil Company
2530 Fitzhugh Rd.
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Host: Karen Werner

Cost: \$10 per person at the orchard

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 genera-

tion 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 Vinaigrettes. There is a shop on premises where you can purchase your favorites.

Optional Lunch: Creek Road Cafe, 301 W 290, Dripping Springs. Creek Road Cafe is a family owned business that prides itself 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



Hello Austin

Wildflower Center Tour

When:

Host: Karen Werner/
Lady Bird Wildflower Center



Where: 4800 La Crosse Ave., Austin 78739

Cost: Members — Free; Regular — \$14; Seniors — \$12

Details: The University of Texas at Austin Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is the Botanic Garden of Texas. The Center promotes its mission to inspire the conservation of native plants through its internationally recognized sustainable gardens, education and outreach programs, research pro-

jects, and consulting work. The Center has achieved great success since its founding, evolving from a private nonprofit research organization narrowly focused on Texas wildflowers to a major botanic garden and research unit of the university known for plant conservation, landscape restoration and sustainable approaches to landscape design. Come join us on April 29th for a private tour of the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center. This docent lead tour will be an hour in duration. There is a wonderful cafe on-site for lunch if you choose to stay and join us for lunch. Please contact Karen Werner - karentwerner20@aol.com for questions and additional information.

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AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Daytrippers (and "Night-trippers" too!)

When:**Hosts:** Susi Spies & Dale Truitt**Where:** Boerne and Comfort, TX**Cost:** Fees, Meals, Hotel, Miscellaneous

Details: Anybody who's ever been to the darling town of Boerne and its equally cute neighbor, Comfort, Texas, will understand why shoppers, eaters, and hikers might need a little extra time for this Daytrippers outing. So...ta dah!!! We're happy to announce that this Boerne/Comfort trip will



offer an overnight option. You can choose: 1. The usual Day-trip outing or 2. The "Nighttrip" option to spend the night and however much your carpool wants of a second day in the Boerne/Comfort area. It's entirely up to you.

We'll arrive in Boerne mid-morning, do the historic walking tour of downtown and get a first look at the "oh, so cute" Main Street. You just get a look before lunch though, because we'll need to head off for lunch at the wonderful Peggy's on the Green. After lunch, shoppers will find paradise back on Main Street, hikers will find a variety of great hiking

trails to choose from, and there's also a wonderful cave to explore for those interested in stalagmites, stalactites, and such. Mid-afternoon, anyone not spending the night will probably want to make the fifteen minute drive to Comfort to see the wonderful Elephant Story shop (a treasure!) the Treue Der Union Monument, and the town's cozy little streets and shops before heading back to Austin.

For those who want to spend the night, everyone can shop, hike or visit the caves all afternoon as they choose. Then, after we check into our hotels, we'll gather somewhere fun for cocktails and chatter, followed at 7:00 with dinner at The Creek Restaurant.

The next morning, you can choose from one of Boerne's terrific breakfast places (this is a German town, so there are pancakes and bakeries and brunch offerings galore!) After breakfast, we'll check out of our hotels and head to Comfort for a morning of sightseeing and shopping, and lunch before getting on the road to beat the traffic home.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you want to spend the night, please make your own hotel reservation through [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com) (so that you can cancel without penalty if need be). The hotels we're suggesting are the Hampton Inn, the Kendall, and The William. Make your reservation as soon as possible—Boerne is a popular place in the spring! Once you're booked, BE SURE to let Susi Spies (susi.spies@gmail.com) know which hotel you've chosen. Yes, there will be carpools—we'll announce them in early May or let Susi know the group you're putting together on your own. And yes, we'll DEFINITELY have fun—guaranteed!

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

Live Music

When:**Where:** Cosmic Coffee and Beer Cafe
121 Pickle Road, Austin 78704**Cost:** Free

Details: Warren Hood will be playing seven to nine. There are food trailers there if you want to eat.

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 Hola Argentina!

When:

Where: 908 W Elizabeth St., Austin 78704

Host: Saj and Joanie Maqsood

Cost: \$20 per person at the door

Details: One major wine country of the world that we have not explored yet is ARGENTINA. So, say Hola Argentina! (Hello, Argentina!)

Over the past decade, Argentina has evolved into the New World's fastest growing exporter of wines with multiple famous wine regions, Mendoza being the loudest name, featuring Argentina's staple grape - Malbec.

We could not have better hosts for this Argentina-inspired wine night than Saj and Joanie Maqsood. They have been to Argentina three times in the last 8 years and spent three months at a time, they dance Argentine tango, and their every trip has been a journey of discovery.

SO, in April, we will be tasting Argentine wines, chosen by our knowledgeable hosts, Saj and Joanie.

The tasting fee, \$20 per person, will be collected at the door. In addition, we expect you to bring a small plate of food to



share. Suggestions include antipasti, empanadas, beef or lamb skewers or meatballs, pizza, chorizo sausage, veggie and cheese platters, or pastries for dessert.

The max number of registrants we can accommodate is 28. For this reason, please sign up online EARLY. If you miss the opportunity, send an e-mail to antrrra@gmail.com (3 R-s) to get on the waiting list, as last minute cancellations happen.

HOLA ARGENTINA!

We look forward to another great tasting in great company.

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



FOOD/SOCIAL

Happy Hour

When:

Where: Jack Allen's Kitchen 360
3600 North Capital of Texas Highway, Austin 78746

Cost: Separate checks for food and beverages

Details: Local in source, Texan in spirit is what Jack Allen's

Kitchen is all about. This restaurant has been bringing Southern-inspired flavors infused with the spice of Southwestern cuisine to all its locations in the Austin area. Chef and owner Jack Allen Gilmore's dedication to local farmers and purveyors along with Texas' rich history and abundant local bounty serves as the daily inspiration.

Come meet your friends or make new ones as we return to this restaurant after two years. Free parking is available at the site

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

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

When:

Host: Susi Spies

Where: Shady Grove
1624 Barton
Springs Road

Cost: Separate
checks



Details: Let's do classic old Austin this month and go to the beloved Shady Grove. Nestled under the shade of a tall pecan grove, Shady Grove has been serving up Austin-inspired home-cooking, music (at night), sunshine, and smiles

since 1992. 'Tain't fancy, but it's good! Corn fritters, legendary burgers (classic, bacon, green chile, chili, and garden), chicken wings, and lots more. Unless the weather says no, we'll eat on the patio under the deep shade of that lovely pecan grove. Come join us for lunch and a good time at a legendary Austin gathering place!

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



TGI Social! (Thank Goodness It's Social)

When:

Hosts: JoAnn and Bob Schultz
162 Bright Sky Drive, Hays County

Cost: \$1.00 per person for paper good

Details: Happy Spring everyone! JoAnn and Bob have opened their new home to us. Come for a casual and relaxing evening where we will reconnect with old friends and make new friends. Couples bring a hearty appetizer and a drink to share (wine, beer, ice tea, lemonade, etc.). Singles bring a hearty appetizer or a drink to share (wine, beer, ice tea,

lemonade, etc.).

Directions: Drive west on HWY 290 towards Dripping Springs. Turn left on Sawyer Ranch Road. Turn left into HighPointe on Cool Springs Way, bear right (South) on CoolSprings Way until you get to Bright Sky. This is a new area. Turn left onto Bright Sky. Their house is the first one on the right, next to the mailboxes and across from Highland and Perry model homes.

PS there is a Bright Sky Street in Steiner Ranch, don't go there. This street may not be in your GPS.

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

HEALTH & FITNESS

Golfing Around Austin

When:
Where: Course to be determined

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

Details: Our golfing season may be winding down with only the April and May tournaments remaining before we take our summer break, but it's still not too late to get in some golf before the weather begins to get hot. We try to play a different Austin area course each month, and our select best ball scramble tournaments are open to men and women golfers of all skill levels. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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

Hearty Hikers

When:
Where: 5400 Travis Green Lane in Travis County

Hosts: Laurie Zahn/Dana Thor

Cost: No fee

RSVP:

Details: This is a moderately difficult hike on dirt/rock trails. As always, sturdy shoes, water and a walking stick are recommended. Sunscreen, bug spray and a hat are also

advised. No dogs, please. After the hike we will have lunch at Cypress Grill, a casual Austin restaurant on William Cannon Road.



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

Happy Trails

We will visit Mayfield Park and Nature Preserve for our next walk. Chair: Donna Dauenhauer, donnadau@hotmail.com, (512) 584-5834

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members!

Bernadette A Wendel

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949-395-1311
siouxzee@live.com

Mary Lou Modde
2617 Birchleaf Trail
Austin, TX 78748
314-749-9922
moddeblues@aol.com

MOVIES

Cinema South

When:

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:

Cost: \$1/person at the door.

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:

Where: Brian Moore's home
3400 Scenic Overlook Trail, Austin 78734

Cost: Free

Details: Book to be discussed: *Can American capitalism survive?* by Steven Perlstein.

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



BOOK GROUPS

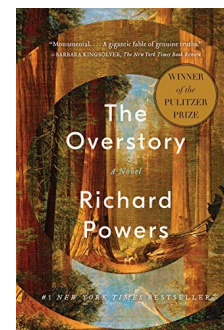
Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

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, 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.

April selection:



Bluebonnet

Host: Mary McAllister
3322 Far View Drive, Austin 78730

Facilitator: Linda Raymond

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

Yellow Rose

Host: Andie Allen
5900 Westslope Drive
Austin 78731

Facilitator: Susan Stein

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

Afternoon Mystery Book Group

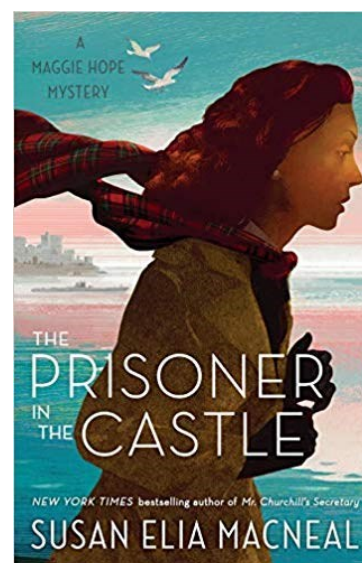
When:

Where: Home of Connie Gardner
11817 Cherise, Austin 78735

Cost: Free

Details: Joanie Maqsood will lead us in a discussion of *The Prisoner in the Castle*, by Susan Elia MacNeal. Response to your RSVP will be directions to 11817 Cherise.

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



LANGUAGES/EXPATS

French Conversation

When:

Host: Madeleine Lachman
2904 Barton Skyway, Bldg. 18, Apt. 325
Austin 78746

Cost: No cost

Details: Please click on link for a map and directions to Madeleine's place:

<https://goo.gl/maps/e45FUawTQzpgM9Q39>
Madeleine's phone number: 512-767-3821

Topic of conversation: TBA

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

Spanish Conversation

When:

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

Cost: No cost

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

Expats

The Expats meeting, previously scheduled for April 18, has been cancelled. Look in the next Welcome Mat (and the on-line calendar) for information about the May meeting.

Chairs: Shashi Ambiee, shashi24.ambiee@gmail.com
512-514-1565
Jill Speasmaker, jspeasmaker@verizon.net
757-375-7528

FUN AND GAMES

Bunco

When:

Host: Sandy Longstreth
sandytzone@juno.com
Directions will be given when you respond.

Cost: \$5

Details: Please contact Connie Gardner if you wish to become a substitute.

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

Kitchen Bridge

When:

Host: Mary McAllister

Cost: \$1.25

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

FUN AND GAMES

Daytime Buddy Bridge**When:****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:**

Where: IHOP
1101 South Mopac

Host: Nancy Cosby**Cost:** \$3.00/person at the door

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:**

Where: Café Blue
12800 Hill Country Blvd., G-115
Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave, TX 78738

Cost: \$15/ one-time fee

Details: If you are a first time player please register at the calendar by clicking on Canasta or call me at 614-440-8021. We are open to all players and levels of ability.

Chair: Beth Hernandez, beth8021@gmail.com
614-440-8021

Mexican Train**When:**

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:****Where:** Central Market, 4001 N Lamar (upstairs)**Cost:** Free

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

HOBBIES

Photography — Photoshare

When:

Where: Precision Camera
2438 W. Anderson Lane, Austin 78757

Cost: None

Details: It is said these days, "Everyone has a camera." Why not share some of your photos with a group of friendly people? Our members use all sorts of cameras from the one on our cell phone to DSLR cameras. After we review pictures, we often go to lunch. Lunch is optional, but if you don't go, you will miss out on some great conversations.

Our group is heading toward a little different direction for the moment anyway. We started a little project recently: "Process My Photo." It turned out to be very successful, so we decided to tweak it a little.

Our theme this month is "Shoot What You Want"; the twist is that everyone who is going to participate will send one picture to photoman401@gmail.com. Label it as "A Submission To Be Processed" no later than April 18th at 5:00 P.M. (this

will allow me to get any submissions to people in our group that are interested in processing photos). If you want to process photos and I don't have you on our list, you are welcome to send me a request to be put on the list to process photos. I will send out the photos to those people who want to process photos as I get them.

Also, you are welcome to submit up to two photos (six if you are not processing photos) of your pictures that you have taken whether you processed them or not (for instance that you shoot in JPEG format), to show us during our meeting. On the fourth Tuesday of the month, we get together and share our pictures. We are in the classroom toward the back of the store near where you drop your pictures off or pick them.

All photos that are going to be submitted need to be sent to photoman401@gmail.com no later than Sunday, April 26th so that they can be put into the show for showing on April 28th at Precision Camera, 2438 Anderson Lane, Austin. People start arriving at 10:30 and the meeting begins at 11:00.

Chair: George McCane
photoman401@gmail.com, 512-981-0196



Knit 'n Stitch

When:

Host: Elizabeth Meek
5772 Gotham Glen Lane, Austin 78739

Cost: None

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