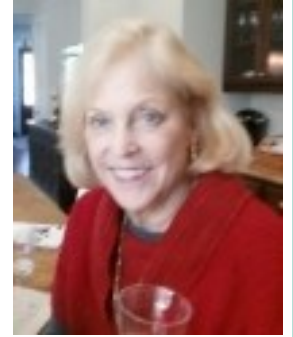




# Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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## President's Message



It cannot be November! This year has flown by since we all started sheltering in place in March. It is hard to believe how fast nine months can go by. **VOTE** Spring ended, Summer went by, the beginning of Fall was hardly noticeable, and now we have arrived at the Holiday season. **VOTE** During that time we have cleaned out our closets, done home construction projects, started cooking more, made sour dough bread, gained weight or maybe started exercising more. Most of us have learned lots about Zoom meetings. **VOTE**

Austin Newcomers Club is working to offer you activities and interactions that reflect the need for social distancing and limited gatherings. **VOTE** Our Interest Groups have worked to make their activities accessible in the current reality. We are also developing new Interest Groups. (See Marcia Clark's new Grandparent activity focus group in this month's Welcome Mat). **VOTE** We are offering Zoom training to the Interest Group chairs and members in order to facilitate the use of that platform at Austin Newcomer activities. We may even decide there are some activities that we prefer to continue on Zoom in the future. Hard to beat no travel time and no parking problems, right? **VOTE**

We hope the incidence of Covid continues to decline in Texas and we can actually resume our normal seasonal activities. But we are also coming into flu season. Please get your Flu vaccine. Influenza and Covid could be a lethal combination. **VOTE**

I hope you have a very Happy Thanksgiving and it is one that you can spend with family and friends. **VOTE** That may mean you have to be socially distant and wearing a mask, but be near those you care about if possible.

**VOTE** If you haven't already taken advantage of early voting or Vote by Mail please remember to **VOTE**. EXERCISE THAT MOST PRECIOUS RIGHT AND DUTY OF ALL AMERICANS.

Happy November,

Pamela Craig, ANC President



## New Member!



William Staley  
[williamstaleyak@gmail.com](mailto:williamstaleyak@gmail.com)

### November Board Meeting

**When:** November 4, 10:00 am

**Where:** Zoom

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## FOOD/SOCIAL

### Tired of your own company? Join a Zoom social group

#### ANC Morning Sunshine Social

**When:** November 11, 11:00 am

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** By the day of the event.

**Details:** Second Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends and stay connected with old ones! It is very relaxed and casual with great conversation. Bring your coffee and join us! To RSVP email [marcia@livingandlastinglegacy.com](mailto:marcia@livingandlastinglegacy.com). She will send you a Zoom link ahead of time. It's just that easy! If you need help with Zoom please contact her in advance. Hope to see you there!!

**Chair:** Marcia Clark (512) 619-8310  
[marcia@livingandlastinglegacy.com](mailto:marcia@livingandlastinglegacy.com)



## FOOD/SOCIAL

**ANC Afternoon Social Hour****When:** November 27, 4:00 pm**Cost:** Free**RSVP:** By the day of the event**Details:** Fourth Friday of each month at 4 p.m. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends and stay connected with old ones! It is very relaxed and casual with great conversation. Come join us!To RSVP email [marcia@livingandlastinglegacy.com](mailto:marcia@livingandlastinglegacy.com). She will send you a Zoom link ahead of time. It's just that easy! If you

need help with Zoom please contact her in advance. Hope to see you there!

**Chair:** Marcia Clark (512) 619-8310  
[marcia@livingandlastinglegacy.com](mailto:marcia@livingandlastinglegacy.com)**In Vino Veritas  
Celebrating Texas Wine Month****When:** Saturday, November 7, 5 — 6 pm**Cost:** Order tasting kit by October 8**RSVP:** November 5**Hosts:** Antra & Tim Getzoff**Details:** October is Texas wine month, and Texas Fine Wine has prepared a nice tasting kit and virtual tasting led by a sommelier and a food historian to celebrate it.

These are the bottles included in the kit:

- (1 bottle) Brennan Vineyards 2019 Viognier
- (1 bottle) Duchman Family Winery 2018 Rose of Aglianico
- (1 bottle) Spicewood Vineyards 2017 Tandem
- (1 bottle) Pedernales Cellars 2018 Texas Tempranillo
- (1 bottle) Bending Branch Winery 2017 Tempranillo, Newsom Vineyards
- + (1lb bag) Texas Pecan Board, Millican Pecan Co.

Link for ordering:

<https://www.pedernalescellars.com/product/Pecan---Texas-Fine-Wine-Pairing-Bundle>

The public tasting will be held on Wednesday, October 21. You will have access to it with the kit purchase, but we will

also hold our private group tasting of the same on November 7. The content will be similar but not the same, and experiences will be different.

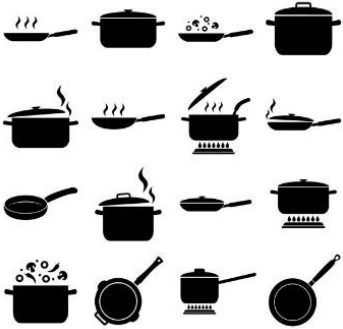
You can pick just one of the wines to open for the tasting and keep the rest for the holidays, thus making maximum value out of it.

We are looking forward to sharing some wines with you again.

**Chairs:** Antra & Tim Getzoff  
[antrrra@gmail.com](mailto:antrrra@gmail.com) (214) 235-8014



## The Cook's Corner



# Good food, outdoor seating at Josephine House

Josephine House is a small restaurant at the corner of West Lynn St. and Waterston Ave. (not far from downtown). The food and service were great even during our present Covid time. I had dinner outside in their small garden. I have no information as to whether or not they have inside service. The servers wore masks all of the time, and patrons wore masks when being directed to their tables. No masks seemed to be worn at tables once the patrons were seated; however, the tables seemed to be far enough apart so that wouldn't be a problem.



I would recommend Josephine house. My dinner was delicious; I had Shrimp and Grits which is one of my favorites. I would say that their prices are in the medium price range (\$\$); although they definitely aren't inexpensive. My dinner was around \$20, but most entrees were \$28 with a few higher priced.

This was my first time to go to dinner at a restaurant

since March. The weather was perfect and it was wonderful to be among people again.

— submitted by Lynne Davis



## Grandparents' Connection

**When:** November 10, 10:00 — 11:30 am

**RSVP:** No deadline

**Host:** Marcia Clark on Zoom

**Details:** "Grandparents' Connection"

\*Are you looking for ways to stay connected with your grandkids?

\*Would you like new ideas and fun activities?

\*Do you have ideas, projects, etc. that you would like to share with other grandparents?

\*Are you looking for support as we navigate grandparenting in 2020 and beyond?

\*Not a "grandparent," but an Aunt, Uncle, significant adult who loves kids? **Join us!**



**Join us for the Grandparents' Connection – a casual and interactive small group! We would love to have you!**

**What to expect:**

- Host will share a "Tip of the Month"
- Interactive group to share ideas, projects, activities, and challenges we are facing
- Focus will be on connecting from a distance via technology and in person
- Will provide support for each other
- Gain new grandparent friends
- Great conversation and fun!



Attendees: ANC Grandparents...or Aunts, Uncles, significant adult who loves kids



**Sign Up:** If you would like to join our group, email Marcia Clark, and she will send you a Zoom link to join. If you need help with Zoom, just email or give her a call.

**Chair:** Marcia Clark (512) 619-8310  
marcia@livingandlastinglegacy.com



## BOOK GROUPS

### Mystery Book Group

**When:** November 11, 1 — 3 pm

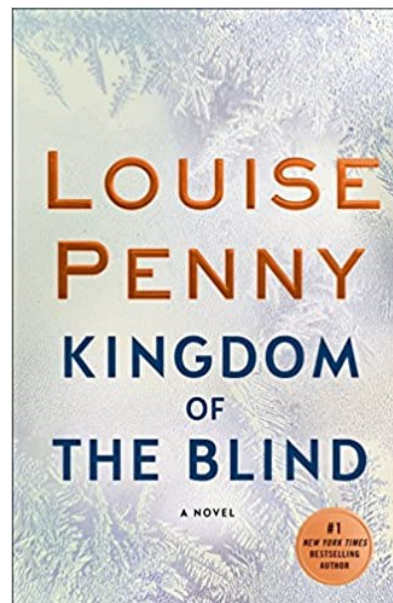
**Discussion Leader:** Karen Kirmis

**Cost:** Free, with ANC Membership

**RSVP:** No deadline

**Details:** The November 2020 book we are discussing is *Kingdom of the Blind*, by Louise Penny. For Zoom access information, contact Melody Chatelle, coordinator.

**Chair:** Melody Chatelle (512) 922-4622  
melody@chatelleandassociates.com



### Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

**When:** NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER

**Details:** Due to Thanksgiving, Bluebonnets and Yellow Roses will not meet in November.

Yellow Rose and Bluebonnet Book Groups are looking forward to their joint December Zoom meeting on December 10. Elizabeth Wetmore, an author with Texas connections, will speak and take questions about her book, *VALENTINE*. If you are not in a book group and want to receive a Zoom Evite, please email [gaylecannon70@gmail.com](mailto:gaylecannon70@gmail.com).

**Chairs:** Bluebonnet

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**Meeting of the Bluebonnets  
in September**





## MUSIC

## Armadillo Music Group

**When:** Wednesday, November 18, 5 — 6:pm

**Cost:** None

**RSVP:** Friday, November 13

**Zoom Host/DJ:** Jim Kochanski

**Details:** NEW: 11/18/2020 Interested in the Austin music scene? ANC's "Armadillo Music Group" on Zoom highlights new, original Austin rock music and bands, the same artists that play in Austin clubs like The Saxon, Continental Club, and others. The group, held every 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 5-6pm, will be watching and listening to two different artists/bands each month, with time for discussion between music selections. The focus is on the fun of a common and unique music experience. To RVSP, email Jim Kochanski by Nov. 13.

**Chair:** Jim Kochanski, jameskochanski@gmail.com  
512-599-7735



## MOVIES

## Cinema South

**When:** Friday, November 20, 7:30 pm

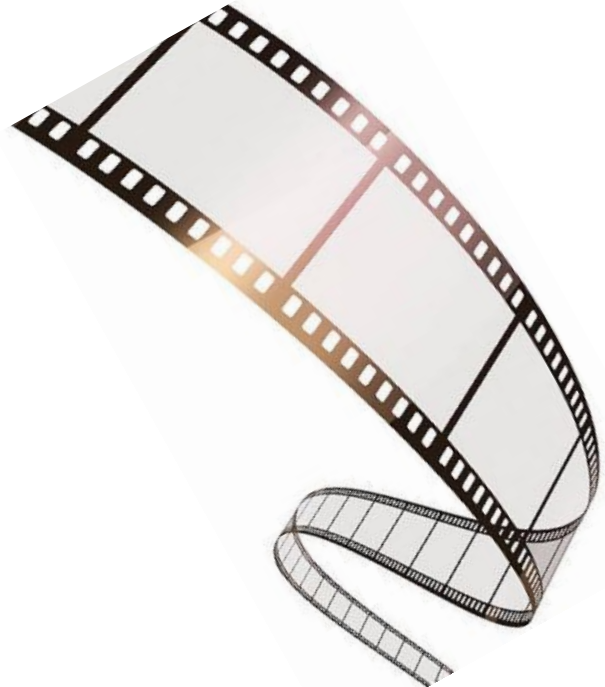
**Host:** Zoom Meeting.

**RSVP:** ASAP

**Cost:** None

**Details:** The movies this month will be decided at our October 16, meeting. All members currently on the Cinema South email list will receive an email with details about the November event. If you are new, email us (see below) to be placed on our member list.

**Chairs:** Susan Holland & Robert Nutt  
Pattie & David Schieck  
CinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com



## GAMES

## Mah Jongg

**When:** Thursdays, November 12 & 26, 1:00 pm

**Host:** Lynne Davis

**RSVP:** No deadline

**Cost:** Minimal

**Details:** Are you ready for Mah Jongg to get started again? If so, whether you are an experienced player or have only been playing for a short time, we would like you to be part of our group. We will be playing online using "[realmahjongg.com](http://realmahjongg.com)." Join us to have fun, to stimulate your mind, and to enjoy socializing again with other ANC members. For more information on how to join the ANC Online Mah Jongg Group, contact: Lynne Davis.

**Chair:** Lynne Davis, [elcdavis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elcdavis@sbcglobal.net)



## LANGUAGES

## French Conversation

**RSVP:** By 48 hours before the meeting, to Susana

**When:** Wednesdays, November 4, 11, 18, 25, 2:00 p.m.

**Chair:** Susana Surbek, [susana.surbek@hotmail.com](mailto:susana.surbek@hotmail.com)  
512-740-2349



## Spanish Conversation

**RSVP:** By 48 hours before the meeting, to Susana

**When:** Mondays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 5:00 p.m.

**Chair:** Susana Surbek 512-740-2349  
[susana.surbek@hotmail.com](mailto:susana.surbek@hotmail.com)



## HOBBIES

## Photography Photoshare

**When:** November 24, 11:00 am

**Host:** George McCane via Zoom

**Cost:** No Cost

**RSVP:** November 22

**Details:** The photography group is still going strong and is holding their Photoshare via Zoom. Because so many members of our group enjoy shooting different things, we shoot what we want. Some of our members enjoy having a challenge. For the month of November, our challenge is "The Colors of Fall or Autumn".



Here are the important dates for our group for the month of November:

**November 14th:** deadline to submit your photographs to be processed. You are welcome to submit two photographs for other members of the group to process and show you the interpretation they had of your photograph. Every photograph tells a story. How the interpreter tells the story in their mind can be interesting. Submit your photos to George McCane at [photoman401@gmail.com](mailto:photoman401@gmail.com). I will send you an email that I received your photographs for processing.

**November 22nd:** deadline to submit all photographs for our photoshare. Each person is welcome to submit a total of six photographs. If you submitted photos to be processed, then you are welcome to submit four more pictures. Submit your photographs to George McCane at [photoman401@gmail.com](mailto:photoman401@gmail.com). I will confirm the number of photographs that I received from you.

**November 22nd:** deadline to request a link to our zoom meeting. Please send your request to George McCane at [photoman401@gmail.com](mailto:photoman401@gmail.com).

**November 24th:** our Photoshare happens at 11:00 A.M. Our meetings last for approximately one hour, but can go longer depending on how many photographs are submitted.

**Chair:** George McCane  
[photoman401@gmail.com](mailto:photoman401@gmail.com), 512-981-0196

## Knit 'n Stitch

**When:** Thursday, November 5, 10:30 am

**Cost:** None

**RSVP:** Register online or email Arlene Agree, [aagreezell@gmail.com](mailto:aagreezell@gmail.com) by Monday, August 31.

**Details:** We meet on the first Thursday of each month to knit, crochet, or do laptop needlework projects. Join us (via Zoom) for crafting and conversation.

**Chair:** Arlene Agree, [aagreezell@gmail.com](mailto:aagreezell@gmail.com)  
617-759-1464



## PHOTO GALLERY

## Remember...



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gatherings



outing



games (in person)



# November 2020

All meetings listed on the calendar are Zoom meetings

For online registration, go to [austinnewcomers.com](http://austinnewcomers.com), sign in, and access the calendar.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Spanish Conversation	3	4 ANC Board Meeting  French Conversation	5 Knit 'n Stitch	6	7 In Vino Veritas
8	9 Spanish Conversation	10 Grandparents' Connection	11 French Conversation  Mystery Book Club  Morning Sun- shine Social	12 Mah Jongg	13	14
15	16 Spanish Conversation	17	18 French Conversation  Armadillo Music Group	19	20 Cinema South	21
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29	30 Spanish Conversation					



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## Welcome Mat

Email [vpmembership@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:vpmembership@austinnewcomers.com) for address corrections or changes.

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