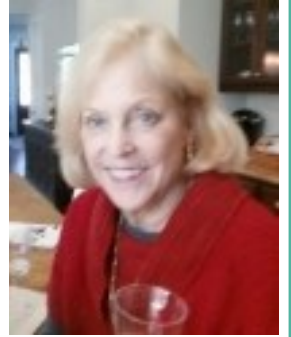




Welcome Mat

President's Message



We surely are into the dog days of summer! I hope everybody is staying mostly inside during the heat of the day and hydrating lots and lots if you do go outside. Many of our ANC members are away during the heat of August. We are certainly looking forward to ANC Interest Group activities resuming in September. I can't wait for Day Trippers, Hearty Hikers, Happy



Trails and Art Treks, among others. I know there is interest in a group attending the Austin Symphony Orchestra Concerts resuming in September. And we may have a group gathering for plays at the Austin Playhouse or The Zach. Contact Lynne Davis, Interest Group Coordinator, if you have ideas for new Interest Groups. Or if you want to revive one that is no longer active.



For those stalwart souls who choose to remain in town, some of the Interest Groups do continue to meet indoors. Kudos to those groups who have managed to stay active during the unique challenges of Covid. You'll need to see if they plan to continue to use Zoom or will gather in person. Please contact your IG chairs and let them know your personal choice as to virtual or in-person gatherings. It is certainly the option of ANC members hosting events in their homes to request that folks are vaccinated or wear a mask.



There will be some more **HOT DATES** in August as well. These 'one off' events were a big hit in July, giving folks the chance to gather in person. Look for announcements in the Weekly Bulletin as well as the Calendar and on the Website.

So, stay cool. Hydrate. Don't leave dogs or kids alone in cars. And we'll see you in September!

~Pamela

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August Board Meeting

When: August 4, 10:00 am
Where: Beth Hernandez
4810 Camacho St.
Austin 78723



LANGUAGES

French and Spanish are spoken widely throughout the world. Choose one (or both)!

French Conversation

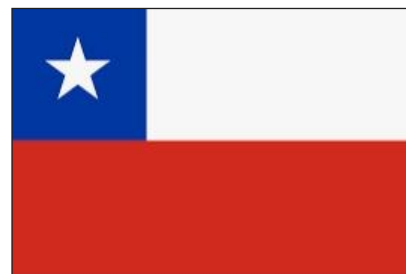
When: Wednesdays, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2:00 pm



Flag of Benin

Spanish Conversation

When: Mondays, August 2, 7, 16, 23, 30, 5:00 p.m.



Flag of Chile

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

Chair: Susana Surbek 512-740-2349
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Welcome New Members!

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FOOD/SOCIAL

THE FOOD CORNER

Do you have a hankering for a flavorful wood-grilled meal? Perhaps you feel more in the mood for tacos or Fresa's bols? Maybe you just want margaritas and nachos? Or breakfast tacos, quesadillas, or migas? You can find it all at Fresa's in a casual and friendly atmosphere.

I've been to the South First location of Fresa's several times lately as you can sit outdoors under wonderful old, shade trees. There are even misters for those hotter days. LunchBunch had a hot date and celebrated its first lunch in too many months at Fresa's a few weeks ago, and we had a great time seeing each other again.

The two locations, the other is at 9th and Lamar, are slightly different. Fresa's South First offers outside and inside dining with a full bar and a to-go window. Fresa's 9th and Lamar offers to-go only with beer and wine and has a drive-thru and a walk-up window. Both locations offer Happy Hour, Monday through Friday, from 3-6 PM, and the South First location even offers Happy Hour prices all day to guests seated at the bar. If you are too hungry to wait for lunch, breakfast is served from 8-11AM.

The main attraction, of course, is the food. Wood-grilled meals including chicken, steak, or prawns come sized for 1 or as many as 4 and include charro beans, Mexican rice, grilled onion, marinated Jalapeno, corn tortillas, and salsas. The food is truly delicious, and the wood-grilled meals are very filling. I got hungry just looking at the menu as I wrote this article.

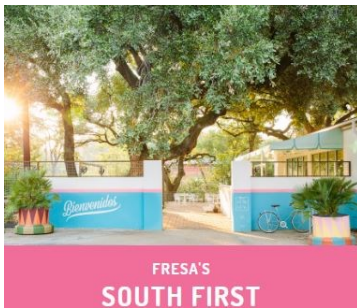
For a lighter choice, tacos and bols come in a variety of combinations along with salads, quesos, salsas, and a kid's menus for the grandchildren. Sides include grilled sweet potatoes, Mexican sweet corn, crispy brussels sprouts, grilled beets, and grilled cauliflower.

Top it off with ice cream for dessert if you have any room left.

Although the space is large, the parking lot is not, so plan accordingly.

— submitted by Lynne Marcus

Austin Newcomers hopes you are enjoying the monthly "Food Corner" feature. We encourage and welcome our members to share their experiences with restaurants they have enjoyed during the pandemic. Just send your article to Beth Oliver at beth@betholiver.com



AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Art Treks

Art Treks is returning in September! This was such an entertaining activity before; I know we've all missed it. I have some exciting and creative ideas, but am looking for more. If you have suggestions for artsy, fun, or inspirational group outings, please let me know. Maybe there's something you have wanted to try or wish to do again. (The activity year is September thru May)

Please send me your ideas at the address below, or contact me by phone. I so look forward to your ideas!

Chair: Karen Werner, karentwerner20@aol.com
817-896-4905



Blanton Museum of Art

GAMES

Mah Jongg**When:** Thursday, August 12 and 26, 1:00 pm**Host:** Lynne Davis**Address:** To be determined.**RSVP/Registration:** 24 hours in advance

Details: Mah Jongg players, we are meeting in person again! Whether you are an experienced player or new to the game, we hope you will become a part of our group. We will be playing on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Please join us this month on August 12th and August 26th for some exciting games of Mah Jongg.

For more information contact Lynne Davis.

Chair: Lynne Davis, elcdavis@sbcglobal.net**Kitchen Bridge****When:** August 25, 10:00 am**Host:** Bidisha Mukherjee**Cost:** \$1.25**RSVP:** On or after August 1st**Address:** 7509 Lenape Trail, Austin 78736

Details: Kitchen Bridge meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month and will be meeting in person again beginning on August 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Fully Vaccinated players, please RSVP with the hostess, Bidisha Mukherjee, on or after August 1st.

Please bring your lunch. The hostess will be serving coffee, soft drinks and dessert.

Chair: Bidisha Mukherjee (512) 584-4147
bidisha.mukherjee@gmail.com

HEALTH & FITNESS

Happy Trails: Saturday Walks in Austin**When:** Dates coming soon.**RSVP:** ASAP**Cost:** Free

Details: I am so excited for September! Happy Trails will be reprising its one-Saturday-a-month walks in Austin. The Saturdays will vary because of my travel plans, so please read

the Welcome Mat for details about upcoming dates and destinations. This group stays close to home, exploring little "hiking gems" amidst the proximity of the Edwards Plateau and Hill Country. We will walk at 9:00 a.m. for one hour (2-3 miles or less). The walks are easy-to-moderate. Dogs are welcome, where permitted. Please join me as we experience a broad spectrum of trails, right in our city.

Chair: Donna Dauenhauer donnadau@hotmail.com
(512) 584-5834**Hearty Hikers****When:** See you in September! Dates coming soon.,**Cost:** Varies with hiking destinations

Details: Like Rip Van Winkle awakening from a long slumber, Austin Newcomers Club finally awakens in September. And "Hearty Hikers" is ready to offer some great hiking opportunities beginning next month. Donna Dauenhauer and Laurie Zahn

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HEALTH & FITNESS

(**Hearty Hikers**, *continued from page 4*)

have teamed up again to lead you to some beautiful places, near and far. "Hearty Hikers" interest group encourages healthy communing with nature as well as communing and conversing with each other while on the trails. Come join us! Browse the Welcome Mat for detailed descriptions of upcoming hiking opportunities. Tentative hiking destinations are: Hamilton Greenbelt, Lakeway; Bright Leaf Nature Preserve, Austin; Pedernales Falls State Park, Johnson City.

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HOBBIES

Photography: Photoshare

When: August 24, 11:00 am

Where: Your computer, Smart Phone, or Tablet

Host: George McCane via Zoom

Cost: None (Zoom meeting)

RSVP: August 22

Details: The photography group is still going strong and is holding their Photoshare Meetings via Zoom. For the month of August, our challenge is "Golden Hour Photography".

The Golden hour happens during the periods of sunrise and sunset. Be careful not to point your camera directly into the sun as this can really "fry" your sensor quickly. On the other hand, you do get amazing colors taking pictures during this time.

During the month of August, the times for sunrise are between 6:49 A.M. (for August 1st), until 7:07 A.M.(for August 31st) and sunset is 8:24 P.M. (for August 1st) until 7:54 P.M. (for August 31st).

Here are the important dates for our group for August.

August 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. Submit your photos to me (see below), and I will send you an email that I received your photographs for processing.

August 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 me (see below), and I will confirm the number of photographs that I received from you.

August 22nd, deadline to request a link to our zoom meeting. Please send your request to me (see below).

August 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. We typically start letting people in five minutes early to the Photoshare.

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

Knit 'n Stitch

When: Thursday, August 5, 10:30 am — 12:30 pm.

Where: Home of Arlene Agree
919 Drifting Wind Run, Dripping Springs 78620

Cost: None

RSVP: Register online or email Arlene by Monday,

August 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. You must have had both your vaccines to attend.

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

MOVIES

Art House Cinema North**When:** Friday, August 13, 7:00 pm**Host:** Zoom Meeting**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, 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. Contact us for more information.

Chairs: Bill Edwards wmedwards191@gmail.com
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Ann Edwards annann@austin.rr.com
512-799-1148

Cinema South**When:** Friday, August 20, 7:30 pm**Host:** Zoom Meeting.**RSVP:** ASAP**Cost:** None**Details:** The movies this month will be chosen at the July 16 meeting. Netflix is our source for movie selections. All mem-

bers currently on the Cinema South email list will receive an email with details about the August event. Please let us know (see below) if you would like to be placed on our member list.

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

BOOK GROUPS

Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs**When:** Thursday, August 26, 10:00 am**Where:** 8230 Spicewood Springs Rd, Apt 3, Austin
78759 (Yellow Rose)
Zoom (Bluebonnet)**Facilitator:** Linda Raymond (Bluebonnet)
Gayle Cannon (Yellow Rose)**RSVP:** By August 21 to Linda Raymond (Bluebonnet)
No deadline (Yellow Rose)**Details:** We will discuss *Becoming Duchess Goldblatt*, by Anonymous. Note that Yellow Rose will be meeting in person this month. Bluebonnet will meet via Zoom.

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Men's Book Club**When:** Tuesday, August 30, 2:00 — 3:00 pm**Host:** Zoom Meeting.**Details:** We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month. August

will be our last Zoom meeting; we will go back to in-person meetings in September. Contact me to join our mailing list and get the 2021 reading list.

Chair: Harry Polly
hpolly2323@gmail.com

August 2021

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

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HOT DATES

Beyond Van Gogh: An Immersive Experience: Several Austin Newcomers signed up for this event held at Circuit of the Americas (COTA) on July 6. This event was part of the **HOT DATES** program planned for this summer. Watch for more **HOT DATES** events, coming soon!





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Welcome Mat

Email vpmembership@austinnewcomers.com for address corrections or changes.

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