

Welcome Mat

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June Luncheon Features the Austin History Center



Our guest speaker at the June Member Luncheon is Jennifer Hecker, a librarian, archivist, researcher and



consultant who serves as the Reference Archivist at the Austin History Center. Jennifer has over a decade of experience processing collections of literary, personal, and organizational papers at the Harry Ransom Center including the Norman Mailer Papers, the David Mamet Papers and the Morris L. Ernst Papers, as well as the Richard W. Pound Olympic Collection at the University of Texas Libraries and the Austin City Limits archive project at KLRU-TV. She is the



owner/operator of Town Talk Library and the Austin Fanzine Project, a founding organizer of the Austin Archives Bazaar and Lone Star Zine Fest, and also currently serves as President of the Board of the Archivists of Central Texas.

The Austin History Center is the local history division of the Austin Public Library and provides the public with information about the history, current events and activities of Austin and Travis County. The Center collects and preserves information about local governments, businesses residents, institutions and neighborhoods so that generations to come will have access to local history. The Center also supports exhibits, programs and research by the public in their Reading Room. Whether you are new to Austin or have lived here for years, you'll learn something interesting from Jennifer's presentation at the monthly member luncheon on June 15.

June 15, 11:00 am — 1:00 pm

Chez Zee American Bistro

5406 Balcones Dr.

Austin 78731

\$30/person

Attendees are asked to have been vaccinated. Register and pay online by June 8, or mail check and reservation form (page 3) by June 3.

President's Message



won't be the same again.

ANC has managed to persevere despite all. We went to remote meetings whenever possible. We hired a Zoom expert to help us educate everybody on how to Zoom. We had small meetings spread out in backyards. We reached out to the most vulnerable, having driveby waves on birthdays. As soon as things improved, we all made every effort to reengage. We went in and out of threat levels and moderated our activities as we had to.

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate those who have hung in with us during all of this. You learned to Zoom, kept doing Interest Group activities whenever possible, and got creative with ways to socialize (we even tried Zoom wine tastings!). The Board of Directors agreed to continue in their roles an additional year. This gave us time to keep the club activities as active as possible and hold the group together. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU



Do you know what this is? This is the 22nd President's letter that I have penned since taking on the role of President of Austin Newcomers Club. This is also my last. I will end my role as President with the Board Transition luncheon in June. For the next year, you will be very ably led by a new Board, and Beth Hernandez will assume the role of President.

We have had quite a ride since September of 2020. We all learned that we were experiencing a worldwide pandemic that would quarantine us in our homes, separate us from our friends and families, and expose us to a highly contagious pathogen that the world had never seen before.

In the intervening two years, Medical Health care professionals, Infectious Disease scientists and the pharmaceutical industry have discovered so much about this viral disease: how it is spread, who is at the highest risk, how to combat and treat it. A vaccine was developed,

administration was begun...and continues. We all keep rapid read tests in our homes to use if we suspect exposure. There are now even rapid use oral medications to begin treatment of Covid in the earliest stages. Truly the world changed with Covid and probably



Currently we are attracting new members again. We have brought all Interest Groups back actively and in person, and have even begun some new ones! We have restarted the membership luncheons.

We are about to institute a new Board of Directors.

I hope Covid has become a disease we can live with and manage. I am confident that ANC will continue to thrive.

Thank you to all the members of Austin Newcomers Club. It has been my pleasure to be your President.

~Pamela

June Board Meeting

June 22, Transition Luncheon
(details to follow)

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Welcome New Members!

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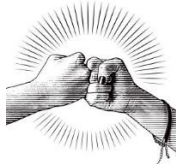
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Bylaws Annual Review

As per the Bylaws, a committee, led by Donna Withrow, Parliamentarian, has completed the annual review of the Bylaws. After ratification by the Board of Directors, the revised Bylaws are now available on the ANC website under the Members Only section, Bylaws and Rules. Should any member wish to

suggest a specific revision/update to the Bylaws, it should be submitted in writing to the Parliamentarian for consideration in next year's review.

Chair: Donna Withrow, Parliamentarian
withrow19@hotmail.com
585-506-5644

Summer Luncheons Suspended

Please note that the monthly member luncheons will not occur in July and August. The Welcome Mat newsletter and

email notices will include information about interest groups and other fun activities throughout the summer. We look forward to having you join us on September 21 when the monthly luncheons will resume.



See page 1
for details

Luncheon/Program Reservation — June 15 — Chez Zee

Attendees are asked to have been vaccinated.

Price: \$30 per person payable online (online deadline: June 8). Or, send this reservation form and a check payable to **Austin Newcomers Club**.

Mail to Linda Poyser, 2608 Deerfoot Trail, Austin, TX 78704. Mail should be posted by June 3..

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.

FOOD/SOCIAL

Lunch Bunch

When: June 3, 11:30 am
Host: Susi Spies/Plate by Dzintra
Address: 12823 Shops Pkwy (in Bee Cave), Austin 78738
Cost: Separate checks
RSVP: Tuesday, May 31

Details: When I first moved to Austin in 2014, another group I'd joined early on held a wonderful lunch at this lovely restaurant. The food was delicious, the ambience and acoustics were great; it was a 5-star establishment all around. A little later, when I started doing Lunch Bunch, I remembered the Plate by Dzintra restaurant I'd liked so much and called to see if I could bring all of you for a Lunch Bunch outing. Wouldn't you know: the restaurant was in the process of moving and was temporarily out of business. The next time I called, they had stopped serving lunch, so Austin Newcomers seemed just plain out of luck.



Both you and I have Donna Withrow's "Food Corner" write-up in the March Welcome Mat to thank for the fact that "Plate" is the Lunch Bunch restaurant of choice on June 3rd. In her article, Donna talked about the restaurant being open for both lunch and dinner. My ears pricked right up. I called, and sure enough, this absolutely wonderful restaurant is serving lunch again, and they're happy to take our hefty-sized group.



So we're on, and I hope you'll all come! The restaurant's strange name comes from the fact that Chef Dzintra Dzenis (that's a lot of Z's, right?) owns this restaurant and is its Executive Chef. She studied at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris and was a star finalist on the 6th season of the Food Network Star in 2010. I optimistically suspect that we'll eat as well next month at Lunch Bunch as I did all those years ago. C'mon along and see!

NOTE: I'll be away and won't be back to acknowledge your sign-ups until almost the end of May, but have faith, both our calendar and our calendar lady are very reliable!

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

Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate

When: June 25, 6 - 9 pm
Host: Varies each month
Address: TBD
Cost: Each guest brings a dish
RSVP: Differs each month

Details: Come to Dinner – Bring a Plate is a monthly dinner group for single ANC members who enjoy cooking and socializing. We have a lot of fun each month. A small group meets in a member's home the fourth Saturday of the month. The host selects the number of guests who can attend, the menu, and dishes to bring, and each guest signs up for a dish to prepare. In July and August, we meet in a restaurant.

Contact the chair to be placed on the list to receive the monthly invitation, which is sent out early in the month. When you RSVP that you want to attend, your name is added

to the guest list. Once the guest list is complete, the hostess sends out menu information, with or without recipes, with the address and directions.

When you join the list and come to dinners, we expect your commitment to host (or co-host if you have a small space) a dinner at least once every 12-18 months. Also, every attendee must be vaccinated.

Chair: Lynne Marcus, Lmarcus08@gmail.com



Come to Dinner gathering, April 2022

THE FOOD CORNER:**Mattie's at Green Pastures**

As a fairly new member of ANC and resident of Austin, I had heard members talk about the luncheons at Green Pastures. I had never been and didn't even know where it was. Recently my family invited me to a "girls" brunch on a Sunday morning at Mattie's. Imagine my surprise when I saw the sign Mattie's at Green Pastures! If you aren't familiar with the history, Green Pastures first opened its doors in 1946 to people of all races and religions, long before desegregation, serving Southern food and gourmet



French dishes. It was reopened in 2017 after extensive remodeling by new owners.

Since the indoors seating is limited, reservations are only taken for inside as Texas weather can change so quickly. If the weather is nice, there is seating on the porch as well as the yard. If you have to wait a few minutes for a table, you can stroll around the beautiful grounds. Since it was a beautiful spring day, we were able to be seated in the lovely oak shaded yard within 15 minutes, without reservations. The Brunch menu is varied enough to suit everyone's tastes. We enjoyed



Fried Green Tomatoes with Shrimp and Crab Salad with Remoulade Sauce, Lobster Cobb Salad and Fried Chicken Eggs Benedict.

It is open for dinner Wednesday through Friday (5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.) and Saturday (6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.) with brunch on Saturday and Sunday (11:00 am. to 2:00 p.m.). And, yes, they still have the peacocks roaming the grounds! It looks like a great place to have a romantic dinner or girls' night out under the lights and trees! The dinner menu also looks great!

**Mattie's at Green Pastures, 811 West Live Oak Street, Austin, TX 78704
(512) 444-188**

— Submitted by June Overstreet

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

In Vino Veritas

Chair: Joel Longstreth joellongstreth1@gmail.com
513-238-8552

When: June 4, 5:00 pm

Host: TBD

Address: TBD

Cost: \$20 per person at the door

RSVP: May 26

Details: Deep dive into Carmenera, a great wine value. Tasting along with the unlikely story of near extinction.



GAMES

Mexican Train**When:** June 8, 11:00 am**Address:** Jack Allen's Kitchen 360
3600 N. Capital of Texas Hwy, Austin 78746**Cost:** \$2 for prizes plus the cost of your lunch**Registration deadline:** June 6 runpamrun@yahoo.com**Details:** Join us for a fun game and delicious lunch.**Chairs:** Priscilla Gabbi priscilla@planetgabbi.com
Pam Vonmende runpamrun@yahoo.com**Game Night****When:** June 11, 7:00 pm**Where:** Jerry & Bev Tallinger's home
3098 Reunion Blvd, Austin 78737**Cost:** \$0**RSVP/Registration:** June 10**Details:** Game Night will be an evening filled with fun and

games: cards, dice, board games, etc. None will be too complicated! Game Night will be held once a month on the second Saturday of the month at 7 pm. The Tallingers will host the first few events and we will ask for other volunteers for hosting each month. Players will be asked to bring a snack to share and their own drinks. All fully vaccinated Austin Newcomers are welcome.

Chair: Jerry Tallinger gamenight@austinnewcomers.com
408-829-0645**Monday Morning Mah Jongg****When:** June 6 and 20, 10am-1pm**Where:** Beverly Tallinger's home
3098 Reunion Blvd
Austin 78737**Cost:** \$0**RSVP/Registration:** June 4, June 18**Details:** What better way to start your week than with a game of American Mah Jongg? It's a friendly game and we welcome new players who want to learn as well as experi-

enced players. Lessons and coaching will be ongoing as needed. We will play with the current National Mah Jongg league card. (Please purchase the 2022 card from Nationalmahjonggleague.org.) No card yet? No problem. I have old cards to use for teaching purposes. Please bring change to pay the winning hands. Please bring your own drink and small snack to share. Please RSVP to btallinger@att.net 48hours prior to game. All vaccinated Austin NewComers are welcome.

Chair: Beverly Tallinger btallinger@att.net
408-836-0645**Thursday Afternoon Mah Jongg****When:** Second and fourth Thursdays
June 9, June 23, 1:00 pm**Where:** To be determined**Cost:** Minimal**RSVP/Registration:** 24 hours in advance to Lynne**Details:** If you enjoy playing Mah Jongg, we hope you will join our group. We play the American version of Mah Jongg and use the National Mah Jongg League card.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Lynne Davis.

Chair: Lynne Davis, elcdavis@sbcglobal.net**Kitchen Bridge****When:** June 22, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**Host:** Pamela Vonmende**Cost:** \$1.25**RSVP:** To Pam: runpamrun@yahoo.com after June 1**Chair:** Bidisha Roy (512) 584-4147
bidisha.mukherjee@gmail.com**3rd Thursday Bridge** - Cancelled until further notice. **Chair:** Deidre Brightman deidre1025@gmail.com

GAMES

Texas Holdem Mixed Tournament Night

When: June 18, 6:30 pm

Where: Jerry & Bev Tallinger's home
3098 Reunion Blvd, Austin 78737

Cost: \$20, pay at event

RSVP/Registration: June 17

Details: The Texas Holdem Mixed Tournament Night is open to couples and single men and women (experienced and beginners). The Tallingers will host the first few events, and we will ask for other volunteers for hosting each month. Standard tournament rules apply and complies to all TX state gaming rules. There will be an initial chip buy in of \$20 per person used as the total prize amount for the top tourna-

ment winners. Game setup and house rules will be discussed before our first tournament. Players are asked to bring a small snack to share and it's BYOB. All Austin Newcomers are welcome. You must be vaccinated to participate in this event.

Max 20 players.

Chair: Jerry Tallinger 408-829-0645
texasholdem@austinnewcomers.com



Canasta - Hand and Foot

When: June 13, June 27, 10am - 1pm

Where: Beverly Tallinger's home
3098 Reunion Blvd, Austin 78737

Cost: \$0

RSVP/Registration: June 11, June 25

Details: Let's play Hand and Foot Canasta! It's a fun, easy card game that you play with teams. All level of players are



welcome. Instructions/cheat sheet will be sent when you register. Each player will be charged \$10 (cash only) at their initial game to cover the cost of the cards. Please Do Not pay online! Please bring your own drink and small snack to share. Space is limited to 10 players. Please RSVP 48 hours prior to game.

Vaccinated Austin Newcomer members only.

Chair: Beverly Tallinger canasta@austinnewcomers.com
408-836-0645

HEALTH & FITNESS

Happy Trails

It was such a pleasure to enjoy our monthly Saturday Walks in Austin together. I am excited to explore some new trails to offer next season, beginning in September. Please watch the

Welcome Mat for more details. Until then, please enjoy the trails we discovered this term. Have a wonderful Summer and enjoy this lovely city and its natural surroundings.

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

Hearty Hikers

Laurie and I appreciated the excellent turn-out we had for all our hiking activities this year. Thank you to all who supported this group as we explored and bathed in the beauty of Texas Hill Country. We look forward to seeing many more of you when we resume in September. We will explore different

places next season. Have a wonderful summer and keep moving!

Chairs: Donna Dauenhauer donnadau@hotmail.com
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(214) 769-2388

MOVIES

Art House Cinema North

When: June 11, 4:30 pm.

Where: Cherry Springs Ranch

Host: Ann & Bill Edwards

Film: A Clint Eastwood western

RSVP: RSVP to Ann or Bill by email so we know how much BBQ to order.

Cost: \$1/person at the door.

Details: Our pattern in June is to meet on the second Saturday — not Friday — for the End-of-Year celebration at Cherry Springs Ranch in Spicewood. We meet early to allow time to allow exploring the ranch and to allow guests to drive into Austin before sundown.

We will send directions to the ranch to those who RSVP.

Nobody has ever had a bad time on Cherry Springs Ranch, except that girl who fell off a horse and broke her arm. But she would have had a bad time anywhere.

Chairs: Bill Edwards wmedwards191@gmail.com
210-274-4496
Ann Edwards annann1148@gmail.com
512-799-1148



Cinema South

When: Friday, June 10, 24, 7:00 pm

Host: Maye Pat Bolton and Lorraine Brolri

Address: TBD

Cost: \$1 per person

Details: Vaccination and Booster Required. Two live meetings for June. To join our list, email us at the address below.

Chairs: Paul Miller
Pattie & David Schieck
CinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com

LANGUAGES

French Conversation

When: June 1 and June 15, 2:00 pm

Where: TBA

Cost: None

RSVP: Email Elaine 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Details: Join us for interesting conversation on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. All conversation is in French, but you are welcome to join us no matter what your level is. RSVP for meeting details (location, etc.).

Chairs: Elaine Crockett helainecrockett@me.com
Verena Wilson wilsontrav@aol.com

HOBBIES

Photography: Photoshare

When: June 28, 11:00 am
Where: Your desktop, laptop, or smart device
Host: George McCane (via Zoom)
Cost: None
RSVP: June 26

Details: While the pandemic may be slowing down some and many clubs are starting to meet in a common location so they can intermingle with people, the photography group has chosen to meet via zoom. Zoom is working well for us and with the ups and downs of different variants of Covid, has been very convenient for us.

Because so many members of our group enjoy shooting different things, we shoot what we want. Some of our members enjoy having a challenge. The challenge for the month of June is "Wheels".

Typically in June the temperatures begin to rise so it is smart while we are out to be able to take breaks from time to time. So wheels are a perfect opportunity to either walk somewhere, sit on a park bench near a parking lot or a bench at a bus stop and take pictures of wheels as they go by. There are several great exercises to do for this so lots of practice for your techniques. It is too easy to take a picture of a bicycle rack to get a picture of a bicycle. Try shooting a bicycle standing against a building, try photographing a wheel on a car as it passes by. Try freezing the wheel with a fast shutter speed, or even try panning to make



the background blurry but the car in focus. Yes, it will take quite a few attempts to make it happen, but you will certainly learn about your camera.



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

June 18th, 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 me via email, and I will send you an email that I received your photographs for processing.

June 26th, 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 via email, and I will confirm the number of photographs that I received from you.

June 26th, deadline to request a link to our zoom meeting. Please send your request to me via email.

June 28th, 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. Because of the restrictions of Zoom Meetings, we must start at 11:00 so please be prompt.

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

Knit 'n Stitch

When: Thursday, June 2, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.
Host: Arlene Agree
Address: 54 Rainey St., Apt. 702, Austin 78701
Cost: None

RSVP: Register online or email Arlene by Monday, May 30. 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.

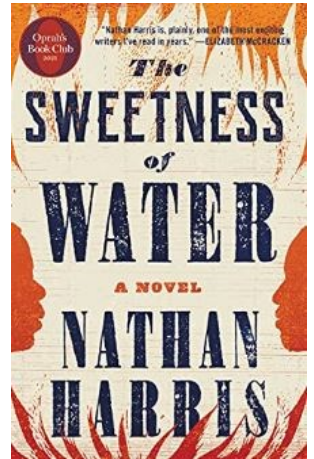
Chair: Arlene Agree, aagreezell@gmail.com
 617-759-1464

BOOK GROUPS

Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

When: Thursday, June 23, 10:00 am

Book for June: *The Sweetness of Water*, by Nathan Harris



Bluebonnet Details

Where: TBD

Chairs: Linda Raymond 425-761-6616
lindaraymond@gmail.com
 Mary McAllister 737-802-6058
mary_mcallister@hotmail.com

Yellow Rose Details

Where: Home of Susan Stein

Facilitator: Karen Rankin

RSVP: By June 21

Details: Contact Susan at email below

Chairs: Karen Rankin
karenrankin@austin.rr.com
 Susan Stein 512-636-0684
steinsusan365@gmail.com

Men's Book Club

When: Tuesday, June 28, 2:00 — 3:00 pm

Where: TBA

Details: We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month. A final

decision will be made at the May 24 meeting about whether we'll meet via Zoom or in person in June. Contact me to join our mailing list and get the 2022 reading list and meeting details..

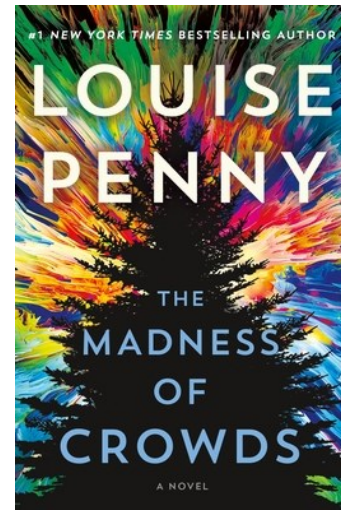
Chair: Harry Polly harry.polly@hotmail.com
 (214) 598-5071



Afternoon Mystery Book Group

Our Mystery Book Group takes a summer break, so our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 14, 2022. We will read "The Madness of Crowds" by Louise Penny. If you are interested in joining our group, or receiving our 2022-2023 reading list, please reach out to Jill Haimes or Lynne Marcus.

Chair: Jill Haimes 717-471-3011
DJillH@comcast.net



June 2022

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

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

Please submit your *Welcome Mat* articles or information about your interest group online by the first of the month preceding the publishing month (ex. January 1 is the deadline for the February *Welcome Mat*).

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and how to become a member.

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