

Welcome Mat

Welcome Mayor Steve Adler

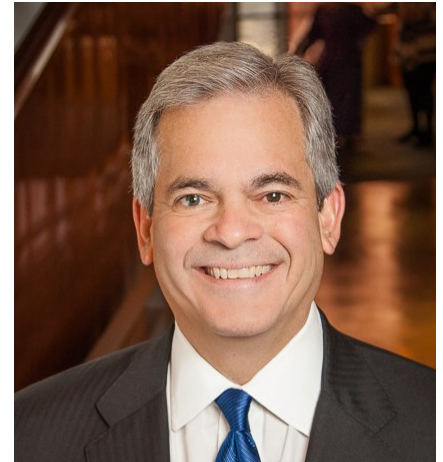
We are honored to have Mayor Steve Adler joining us for the monthly luncheon meeting on October 19. As the 52nd mayor of Austin, and the first to serve in the historic 10-1 Council system, Mayor Adler was originally elected in December 2014 and reelected in 2018. Due to term limits, his mayoral service will end on January 5, 2023.

Mayor Adler, along with his brother, were the first in their family to graduate from college. After completing his undergraduate studies at Princeton, Mayor Adler moved to Austin to work his way through law school at The University of Texas. Like many of us, he fell in love with Austin and has made it his home for nearly four decades.

Mayor Adler practiced civil rights law for many years, and later founded a successful eminent domain law practice representing landowners. He also served nearly ten years as Chief of Staff and General Counsel for Texas

State Senator Eliot Shapleigh, working primarily on school finance, equity and access issues. Mayor Adler has been deeply involved with, and has chaired, many Austin civic and non-profit institutions over the past twenty years. Together with his wife, Diane Land, Mayor Adler is the proud parent of three daughters.

Please note this event on your calendar and make your reservation early to hear Mayor Adler's unique perspective on the city of Austin.



October 19, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Chez Zee American Bistro

5406 Balcones Dr.

Austin 78731

\$35/person

Attendees are asked to have been vaccinated. Register and pay online by Oct. 13, or mail check and reservation form (page 3) by Oct. 7.



President's Message



by two brides who committed suicide in room 525. I also found out that there are at least six other sites that boast a ghost or two. If you are interested, you can go back to the October 2017 Welcome Mat in the President's letter to read about them all.



Please join us at Chee Zee this month to hear from Austin's outgoing mayor, Steve Adler, our speaker for our October 19th luncheon. This is the first opportunity many people new to the area have to find out about our club. Please practice some of that famous "southern charm" and warmly welcome someone you don't recognize. It takes a lot for people to show up somewhere where they know no one.

Looking forward to seeing you all out and about,

~Beth Hernandez

Two great things about moving to Austin are the opportunities for music and, now that summer is over, the weather. This month, the first two weekends in October 7-9 and 14-16 are Austin City Limits, held in Zilker Park. Not sure if there are



any tickets left at this point, but it sure is interesting to go and

people watch as well as listen to awesome music. People come from all over the world to attend this concert. The year we went, we saw Paul McCartney as the closing band for the night. I was amazed at the man's stamina! He was 76 at that point and put on a fabulous show.

With the weather starting to cool off there are all kinds of opportunities for being outside. It's finally cool enough to get out and hike some of the greenbelts and hiking trails. It might be a nice idea to join our Happy Trails and Hearty Hikers interest groups as they hike the Austin area. You can sign up on the calendar to join them. The Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center will be nice to walk as well. UT football games have started back. We went to one last year and had a great time. I'm sure there

will be some pumpkin patches and Halloween activities around town to try out as well. In looking at a former President's letter, I found out that the Driscoll Hotel downtown is haunted



October Board Meeting

When: October 5, 10:00 - 12:00

Where: Home of Bev & Jerry Tallinger

RSVP: Oct. 2, Online and/or email to:

Beth Hernandez beth8021@gmail.com

June Overstreet overstjt@gmail.com

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WELCOME



When: Sunday, November 13, 3:00-6:00 pm

Hosts: Pattie Webster and David Schieck

Address: 1182 Jacksdaw Drive, Austin 78737

Cost: None

RSVP: November 5

Details: Come by and meet some of the Newcomer Board of Directors and Interest Group Leaders. This will be a good chance to ask questions about the club and the interest groups. Bring your favorite dessert or appetizer to share. We look forward to seeing you there!

Directions:

S MOPAC to Hwy 45 East 2 miles, Left on Hwy 1826. Go 1.8 miles to the Reunion Ranch Community. Left on Reunion Blvd. Pass the Community Pavilion. Left on Jacksdaw Drive. Go thru the four-way stop at Jacksdaw and Reunion Blvd. Continue on Jacksdaw to 1182 on the right-hand side.

Questions: Pattie Webster - pattie@pattiewebster.com
Phone: 512-924-9923



Welcome New Members!

Mary Shepard
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Patricia Riley
prinla@aol.com

Luncheon/Program Reservation — October 19 — Chez Zee

Attendees are asked to have been vaccinated.

Price: \$35 per person payable online (online deadline: Oct. 13). Or, send this reservation form and a check payable to **Austin Newcomers Club**. No refunds will be given after the Friday before the luncheon.

Mail to Linda Poyser, 2608 Deerfoot Trail, Austin, TX 78704. Mail should be posted by Oct. 7.

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.

See page 1
for details

INTERNATIONAL

ExPats

When: November 19 (no meeting in October)

Details: Have you ever lived overseas? Do you like to explore cultures from other parts of the world? Or do you just love to travel and see the world? If any of these descriptions fit, join us at the Ex-Pat group to gather with others who share these interests and common experience.



Ex-Pats is a diverse group of Austin Newcomers made up of people who have lived or spent a good deal of time overseas or are from other countries now living in Austin - either long-term or temporarily. Our common experience is living in or exploring countries and cultures different from our own.

Guests bring a large appetizer and an adult beverage for a mix and mingle evening. Our goal is simple - meet new people, get to know each other, socialize.

The Ex-Pat group meets on the third Saturday of every other month in members' homes. As such, we will not have a meeting in October. Our next meeting will be November 19th. So please check next month's Welcome Mat for more details.

All attendees must be fully vaccinated and boosted.

Look forward to seeing you in November!

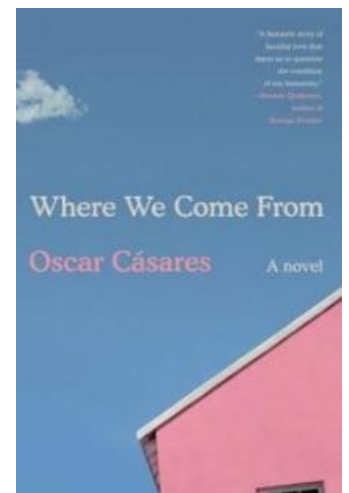
Chair: Charlotte Bentch cbentch@gmail.com
512-695-1083

BOOK GROUPS

Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

When: Thursday, October 27, 10:00 am

Book for October: *Where We Come From*: by Oscar Cásares

**Bluebonnet Details**

Where: Home of Andie Allen
5900 Westslope Dr., Austin 78731

Facilitator: Jackie Neuman

RSVP: October 25

Chairs: Alison Seaman alisonseaman@yahoo.com
Jayne Polly jayne.polly@hotmail.com

Yellow Rose Details

Where: Home of Lynne Davis

Facilitator: Kathleen Wilson

RSVP: October 26

Cost: No fee

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



BOOK GROUPS

Afternoon Mystery Book Club

When: October 12, 1 - 3 pm

Host: Diane Killough

RSVP: October 8

Cost: 0

Details: Our next Afternoon Mystery Book Club read is *A Killer in King's Cove*, by Iona Wishaw. Diane Killough will host and lead the discussion.

It is 1946, and war-weary young ex-intelligence officer Lane Winslow leaves London to look for a fresh start. She moves to King's Cove in British Columbia. The novel has the feel of a classic British village cozy mystery and has a cast of appealing characters

Members of the Afternoon Mystery Book Group love reading mysteries. Classics, thrillers, police procedurals, cozies, we read them all. We meet every second Wednesday of the month, 1 to 3 p.m., from September through May. Members serve as hosts and discussion leaders. We meet in person and follow covid protocols as necessary.

After you RSVP, you will receive the address and directions.

Chair: Lynne Marcus lmarcus1819@gmail.com



Men's Book Club

When: October 25, 2:00 pm

Host: TBA

Address: 11105 Scotland Well Drive, Austin 78750

RSVP: October 24

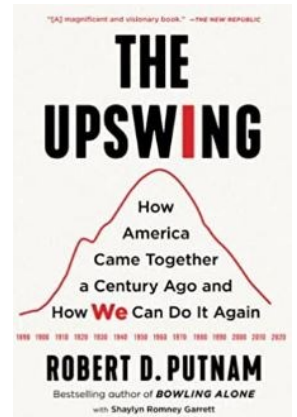
Cost: 0

Details: The book for October is *The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again*, by Robert Putnam.

The Men's Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in various members'

homes. To receive the current reading list, please join the Men's Book Club Interest Group by sending me an email.

Chair: Harry Polly, hpolly2323@gmail.com
214-598-5071



Save the Date!

Join us on Thursday, December 1 at the annual author-lunch sponsored by Yellow Rose and Bluebonnet Book Groups.

All ANC book groups welcome

We'll meet at the First Unitarian Universalist Church and hear an Austin author and enjoy sandwiches from Jason's Deli

Look for more information soon!

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Daytrippers

Antiquing at the Fall Antique Show in Round Top

When: Tuesday, October 25, 8am departure for 9:30 meetup at Round Top

Where: Marburger Farms

Address: 2248 Texas 237, Round Top, TX 78954

Cost: \$25 early admission charge, payable when you enter the Marlburger Farms parking lot (parking is free!)

RSVP: Wednesday, October 19, by noon

Details: Lots of us have discussed the joys of Texas antiques, so Dale and I thought we'd introduce "newcomers" to Texas to the best and most varied antiquing venue almost anywhere: The twice a year Round Top Antique Show. This is global antique shopping on a Texas pasture and is as close to



Round Top's Fall show officially opens on the 24th, but the most fun day of the show, most people think, is the 25th, which is the opening day of the Marburger Farms show where you'll see Joanna Gaines types and other big time-designers, celebrities, and the super chic.



a European antiques market as you can get in the U.S. There are acres and acres and acres of vendors set up in a variety of shows and venues. Marburger Farms is hands down the best, followed by The Arbors show, The Compound show, The Red Barn, Blue Hills and more, more, more. There are 350 vendors at Marburger alone, so I promise that whether you want: brown antiques; mid century modern; old Chevy trucks converted to wonderful stand alone bars; wicker; architectural salvage; fabrics; belt buckles; cowboy; WHATEVER, you'll find it on October 25th at Round Top. Also, when our grandmothers' furniture temporarily lost its appeal a few years ago, lots of the shows added great jewelry and clothing and accessories to their mix, so now there really is something for everyone.



Because coordinating (herding) a big bunch of us will require a bit of luck and planning, we think we'll start at Marburger half an hour or so after it officially opens. The vendors are all in about 6 huge barns on the Marburger pasture, so

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Daytrippers

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everybody can go off on their own, or we can somewhat stick together, till lunchtime. I promise you'll want every minute of our day to shop, so to save time, we'll bring our lunches, buy delicious lemonade, sit in the designated eating area, and avoid the long, slow, lunch lines.

After lunch, I'll give you descriptions of other venues and each carpool can go off on their own. If we're organized, we can do Marlburger plus 3 other venues well and maybe 2 more less thoroughly in our time in Round Top. Everyone will be free to go and do what they want and to leave whenever they're tired or need to leave to get home. It will be important to make sure that everyone in your carpool shares a common vision for their day. If you've been to Round Top before, you know what you're interested in and can set your own pace; if this will be your first outing, you'll have plenty of time to shop and to learn both how to shop the show and maybe what to see when you come again.

It'll be a big, busy, tucker-you-out day filled with beautiful things and, maybe, things you may go home dreaming about. There are shipping companies on site and you'll all hopefully come with the trunks of your car empty, so you should be able to get the things that put stars in your eyes home safe and sound. Hope to see you all in the pasture!

Chairs: Susi Spies susi.spies@gmail.com
310-291-4150
Dale Truitt



AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Art Treks

Blanton Museum of Art

When: November 4, 1:30 pm

Address: 200 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Cost: Adults \$12, Seniors \$10

RSVP: November 1

Details: An Art Treks event is coming soon! Add it to your calendar now. On Friday, November 4th, at 1:30 pm, our Art



Treks group will be going to the Blanton Museum. We will view the fabulous exhibit, "Painted Cloth: Fashion and Ritual in Colonial Latin America." (See a preview of the exhibit on the Blanton website.) One of our Newcomers members, La-

raïne Lasdon, is a docent at the Blanton and will lead our tour.

We will also "do lunch" together prior to the tour. The plan is to meet at Hopfields restaurant (3110 Guadalupe) for lunch at



11:30 am. Be sure to look for more details in the November Welcome Mat. Please RSVP by November 1st.

If you have an interesting idea for an Art Trek event that you would be willing to help organize, please contact the former Interest Chair, Karen Werner (karentwerner20@aol.com). Karen will offer her assistance in setting up an event.

Temporary Chair: Lynne Davis eldavis@sbcglobal.net



FOOD/SOCIAL

TGI Social

When: October 23, 5-7 pm

Host: Evelyn McMillen

Address: 7708 Huddleston Lane, Austin 78745

Cost: None

RSVP: October 20, to emcmillen16@gmail.com

Details: It's about time for a TGISocial get together. We can kick back, relax, and enjoy our old friends and make new

friends. Couples bring a hearty appetizer and your favorite drink to share. Singles bring an appetizer or drink. Cost is a \$1.00 contribution per person to pay the hosts for the paper goods they are providing.

All fully vaccinated newcomers are Welcome.

Chairs: Nancy Ferrin nferrin5169@gmail.com
818-681-3284

Evelyn McMillen emcmillen16@gmail.com

In Vino Veritas

When: October 9, 5:00 pm

Host: Home of Tom Taylor

Address: 9518 Bully Hill Cove, Austin 78759

Cost: \$24 to Venmo @joel-longstreth-1 by Oct. 6.

RSVP: October 6, noon

Details: You can't miss with Carménère red wine. It is ready to drink (not tannic) with great value (most are under \$20). We will sample a variety of price points.

Carmenere is indigenous to Bordeaux and was originally used for blending like Merlot. Once thought to be practically extinct, it has been revived in South America.

It pairs nicely with meats, so please bring meaty snacks or bold cheeses.

Tom only has 4 parking spaces; parking is nearby on Yaupon street.

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



Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate

When: October 22, 6:00 pm

Cost: Attendees bring a dish

RSVP: See the monthly email sent to people on the list

Details: Come to Dinner – Bring a Plate is a monthly dinner group for single ANC members who enjoy cooking and socializing. A member hosts a dinner for group members the fourth Saturday of the month. The host selects the number of guests who can attend, the menu, and dishes to bring. Each guest signs up for a dish to prepare.

Contact Lynne Marcus to be placed on the list to receive the monthly invitation, which is sent out early in the month. When you RSVP, your name is added to the guest list for that month. Once the guest list is complete, the hostess sends out menu information, with or without recipes, and 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

HEALTH & FITNESS

Hearty Hikers

Milton Reimer's Ranch Park

When: Tuesday, October 25, 9:30 am

Where: 23610 Hamilton Pool Road
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Cost: \$3 per person for Seniors over age 62
\$5 per person otherwise **(Cash Only)**

RSVP: No deadline

Details: We are going to explore the more demanding trails at Milton Reimer's Ranch. This park boasts of 2,400 acres of ranch land on the east side of the Pedernales River. It is rugged and rocky, with dramatic views, scenic bluffs above the sparkling river, deep gorges, springs and a semi-sandy

beach. It is a haven for rock climbers, and we may be lucky to see some along the trail. The many elevation changes make this a perfect adventure for our hearty hiking group. At one point this trail has a rigorous climb of about 50 feet of "rock" steps. Please wear sturdy shoes, bring hiking sticks and plenty of water. Please dress for the weather. After our hike, we will have lunch at Verde's Mexican Parrillo, 16018 Hamilton Pool Rd, Austin 78738. Please register online. If there is interest, we will carpool from HEB parking lot on Hwy. 71. Will send directions/more details upon receiving your RSVP.

Chairs: Donna Dauenhauer donnadau@hotmail.com
(512) 584-5834
Laurie Zahn laurdon@flash.net
(214) 769-2388



Happy Trails

Brushy Creek Regional Trail

When: Saturday, October 29, 9:00 am

Where: 3300 Brushy Creek Rd, Cedar Park 78613

Cost: Free

RSVP: No deadline

Details: Brushy Creek Lake Park, just north of Austin, is a 90-acre park that includes a 38-acre lake that was constructed in 1965. This park is not only a fine place for walking, running, and biking, but also a collection of parks with several offerings: playgrounds, water play-scape, nature trail, exercise station, three pavilions, picnic tables and BBQ grills, sand volleyball court, canoe/kayak launch, fishing pier, wildlife obser-

vation area, labyrinth, restrooms and parking areas. A great place to bring the grandkids!

We will begin our walk at Brushy Creek Lake Park and head east, cross the dam, and walk to Champion Park. At several spots along the trail, interpretative markers relay stories of early settlers and prominent families, providing some insight into what the area was like before it became suburbia. The trail even passes by a small cemetery where the Champion Family laid their dead to rest between 1862 and 1909. We will backtrack to our starting point, and head west to check out a portion of Phase III of this regional trail, for a total walk of approximately 3 miles. Please register online. Directions and more details will be provided upon receiving your RSVP.

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

GAMES

Monday Morning Mah Jongg

When: Oct. 3, Oct. 17, 10 am - 1 pm

Where: Waterloo Ice House
9600 Escarpment Blvd
Austin 78737

Cost: Minimal

RSVP: Oct. 2, Oct. 16

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 experienced 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). Please bring change to pay the winning hands. Separate checks will be provided for your breakfast or lunch. Please RSVP online 24 hours prior to the game. All vaccinated Austin Newcomers are welcome.

Chair: Beverly Tallinger btallinger@att.net
408-836-0645



Thursday Afternoon Mah Jongg

When: October 13, October 27, 1:00 pm

Where: To be determined

Cost: Minimal

RSVP/Registration: 24 hours in advance to Phyllis

Details: If you enjoy playing Mah Jongg, we hope you will

join our friendly group. We play the American version of Mah Jongg and use the National Mah Jongg League card. Please bring change to pay the winning hands. All fully vaccinated members are welcome!

Please RSVP online 24 hours prior to the game, or for further information email Phyllis Edgerly.

Chair: Phyllis Edgerly pjedgerly@gmail.com

GAMES

Game Night



When: October 8, 7:00 pm

Where: Home of Bev and Jerry Tallinger
3098 Reunion Blvd, Austin 78737

RSVP: October 7

Cost: None

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. We are encouraging other volunteers to be a host for a month. Please bring a snack to share and your own favorite drinks. Water and other non-alcoholic drinks may be available. All fully vaccinated Austin Newcomers are welcome.

Chair: Jerry Tallinger jtallinger@att.net
408-829-0645



Canasta - Hand and Foot

When: Oct. 10, Oct. 24, 10am - 1pm

Where: Waterloo Ice House
9600 Escarpment Blvd
Austin 78749

Cost: \$0

RSVP/Registration: Oct. 9, Oct. 23

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 to new players 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! Separate checks are available for your breakfast or lunch. Space is limited to 10 players. Please RSVP 24 hours prior to game.

Vaccinated Austin Newcomer members only.

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



GAMES

Mexican Train Dominoes

When: October 12, 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: Online or email to Priscilla by Oct. 10.

Details: Join us for a fun game and delicious lunch.

Chairs: Priscilla Gabbi priscilla@planetgabbi.com
June Overstreet overstjt@gmail.com

MOVIES

Cinema South

When: Friday, Oct. 14 and Oct. 28, 7:00 pm

Host: TBD



RSVP: NA

Cost: \$1 per person

Details: Vaccination and boosters required. Two live meetings in October. Additional information will be emailed. To join our list, email us at the address below.

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



HOBBIES

Knit & Stitch

When: Thursday, October 6, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm,

Where: Home of Deborah Marks
4526 Avenue G, Austin 78751

Cost: None

RSVP: Register online, or email Barbara by Monday, October 3.

Details: We meet the first Thursday of the month to knit,

crochet or do laptop needlework. Join us for coffee, crafting and conversation.

Chair: Barbara Story barbstory@hotmail.com



HOBBIES

Photography: Photoshare**When:** October 25, 11:00 am**Where:** Wherever you feel comfortable being
Your computer, tablet, or phone**Host:** George McCane (via Zoom)**Cost:** None**RSVP:** October 23

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.

We have recently taken a new twist to our format in that we are now having part of our session be a learning session on various aspects of photography. Each session, a member of our group will demonstrate how to do something related to



photography, whether it be shooting or processing. One session was how to shoot a sky and then to import your sky into Photoshop and then make the sky fit your picture. At the time of this writing a topic has not been selected, but if you write to me at the address below, I will be happy to keep you informed of what our sessions are going to be on each month.

Because so many members of our group enjoy shooting different things, we shoot what we want. Some of our members enjoy having a chal-



lenge. For the month of October it is "Let's replace the sky in our photographs."

Typically October is the second rainiest month in our year. Many will remember that there seems to



frequently be flooding on Halloween in Austin. Thus, one reason to look up to the sky and see if there are any interesting formations to the clouds and then incorporate them into our pictures. Many of the skies are better just before or just after the storm happens. I know that this may not be suitable for everyone especially those who shoot with their phone or iPad, but it helps reinforce what we learned in August about doing sky replacements.

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

October 15th, 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 at the address below, and I will send you an email that I received your photographs for processing.

October 23rd, 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. Email your photographs to me, and I will confirm the number of photographs that I received from you.

October 23rd, deadline to request a link to our Zoom meeting. Please email me your request.

October 25th, 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

October 2022

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

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Austin TX 78765-0841

Welcome Mat

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*).

Members may not make commercial solicitations at any meeting or activity, nor use our directory for any commercial solicitations.

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Visit our website,

austinnewcomers.com

for information about our activities
and how to become a member.

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