

Welcome Mat



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February luncheon features noted author and historian...

Jeremi Suri, our February luncheon speaker, holds the Mack Brown Distinguished Chair for Leadership in Global Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. He is a professor in the University's Department of History and the LBJ School of Public Affairs.



Professor Suri is the author and editor of eleven books on politics and foreign policy, most recently: *Civil War By Other Means: America's Long and Unfinished Fight for Democracy*. His other books include: *The Impossible Presidency: The Rise and Fall of America's Highest Office*, *Liberty's Surest Guardian: American Nation-Building from the Founders to Obama*, *Henry Kissinger and the American Century*, and *Power and Protest: Global Revolution and the Rise of Détente*.

His writings appear in the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, CNN.com, Atlantic, Newsweek, Time, Wired, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, and other media. Professor Suri is a popular public lecturer and comments frequently on radio and television news.

His writing and teaching have received numerous prizes, including the President's Associates Teaching Excellence Award from the University of Texas and the Pro Bene Meritis Award for Contributions to the Liberal Arts. Professor Suri hosts a weekly podcast, "This is Democracy."



February 15, 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 Feb. 9, or mail check and reservation form (page 2) by Feb. 3.

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President's Message

It's February in Austin Texas.

You don't know whether it will be mild with beautiful 60-degree sunny days or icy like the Valentine's Storm of February 2019. One thing I have learned getting to my ripe old age is that it's weather and it always passes.

We were recently in Los Angeles for the Rose Bowl, and we went with friends who used to live in San Francisco. The



weather that day was gloomy and misty, much like an Austin winter day or a fall day in the Midwest or on the East Coast. Our California friends kept lamenting the fact that this never happens there.

In fact, it was the first time it had rained on the Rose Bowl in 27 years. This is what I tell my husband when I am packing: you never know when you will need something that won't fit in carryon luggage!



You can be sure that Punxsutawney Phil emerged from his enclosure in Punxsutawney, PA and did or did not see his shadow. We will find out if it's an early spring or more winter for the rest of the country. Here, we are going to be looking at more and more lovely days.



We are looking forward to the talk from noted author and historian, Jeremi Suri about his latest book Civil War by Other Means; America's Long and Unfinished Fight for Democracy. Jeremi is a professor in the University's Department of History and the LBJ School of Public Affairs. I'm sure this will be a riveting discussion. I hope you all decide to join us for February's luncheon at Chez Zee.

If this isn't your cup of tea, please see all the activities that we offer and try something new. There are short trips to see places of interest in the Austin surrounding area, games, wine tasting, book clubs, and more.

I look forward to seeing you at our events or at the luncheon.

Beth

See page 1
for details

Luncheon/Program Reservation — February 15 — Chez Zee

Attendees are asked to have been vaccinated.

Price: \$35 per person payable online (online deadline: Feb. 9). 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 Feb. 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.

WELCOME

*Welcome New Members!***Stace VanderStek**

9226 Jollyville Rd 164

Austin, TX 78759

512-971-5464

stace.vanderstek@gmail.com**Jan Lawler**janlawler50@gmail.com**Susan and David Rule**

6102 Woodview Ave

Austin, TX 78757

832-212-0676

sbrule44@hotmail.com**February Board Meeting****When:** February 1, 10:00 - 12:00**Where:** Home of Pattie Webster-Schieck**RSVP:** Jan. 29, Online and email to:Beth Hernandez beth8021@gmail.comJune Overstreet overstjt@gmail.com

with agenda items and if you are attending in person or via zoom.

**Historian (and WM editors) want your photos**

Our historian, Jeanne Morrissey, needs photos of newcomers club activities. Here's her request:

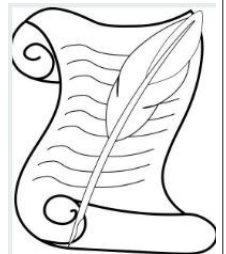
I would appreciate it if you would send me pictures of all your newcomers club activities. Please send all your pics to this email address: historiananc@gmail.com

Please put your interest group name and date of the event in the subject line. Any other information you would like to include can be in the email.

Your Welcome Mat editors would also like photos. Email us at anc.mat.bethandwes@gmail.com.

Thanks!

Jeanne Morrissey 203-506-3222



HOBBIES

Knit & Stitch**When:** February 2, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm**Where:** Home of Marsha Steinback

1200 Barton Hills Dr, Apt 204, Austin 78704

Cost: None**RSVP:** Register online, or email Barbara by Monday, January 30.**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**Photography****Photoshare****When:** February 28, 11:00 am**Host:** George McCane (via your computer, laptop, tablet, or smart device)**Cost:** None**RSVP:** February 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.

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 how to do 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 add a frame digitally to your picture. In another session, one of our members showed how to take a picture of a sky and then insert it into your picture. At the time of this writing a topic has not been selected, but if you email me at the address below, I will be happy to keep you informed of what our sessions are going to be on for 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 challenge. For the month of February is "Still Life."

February tends to be a very cold month, so the idea is to go to your local grocery store and find fruits or vegetables, check them over to see how they look to your eye and devel-

op thoughts of what they might look like as they are photographed. You are welcome to look at examples on sites like Google or your favorite search engine (Edward Weston is a great example).

Want a further challenge? Turn your pictures into black and white photographs.

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

February 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. Email your photos to me at the address below, and I will send you an email that I received your photographs for processing.

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

February 26th, deadline to request a link to our Zoom meeting. Please email me your request.

February 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 512-981-0196
photoman401@gmail.com

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Art Treks

Linda Fisher's Mosaic Studio

When: Friday, February 10, 10:30 am

Address: 74 San Saba Street, Austin 78702

Cost: Cost of optional lunch

RSVP: February 8

Details: We have an incredible opportunity to see Linda Fisher's Studio. Linda is a new member to our group!

Her earlier work in fibers has been shown at the 13th Winter Olympics, The International Museum of the Horse and the Billy Graham Museum just to name a few. She has taught art for over 27 years. Linda's ability to create color and form is truly inspirational. We will also have a short discussion of planning and ideas for future Art Treks. In addition, we have an extra special lunch afterwards 12:00 at Launderette, a James Beard nominated restaurant, 2115 Holly Street.

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



Linda Fisher Mosaic Art



NEW THIS MONTH

Memoirs

When: Wednesday, February 22, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Where: Home of Bronwyn Bowen
 8019 Raintree Place, Austin 78759
Cost: No cost
RSVP: Monday, Feb. 20
Details: Every life has moments worth retelling. In this memoirs-writing group, members will share short memoirs



about their lives on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Beginning and experienced writers who are fully vaccinated are welcome. Writing tips handouts will be available upon request and at the first meeting. There will be no assigned topics.

Since all members will read their pieces aloud, memoirs should be roughly 1200 words in length (or shorter). Attendance will be limited to the first ten registrants so that everyone will be able to read and discuss their pieces. Since this isn't a drop-in group, registration will open again in June 2023.

Please register through the Newcomer website. If you email Bronwyn, please put "NC Memoirs" in the subject line. Group guidelines and suggestions for parking will be sent on registration.

Chair: Bronwyn Bowen bbowen60@gmail.com
 325-370-5220

Poetry Appreciation

When: Monday, February 27, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Where: Home of Bronwyn Bowen
 8019 Raintree Place, Austin 78759
Cost: No cost
RSVP: Friday, Feb. 24
Details: Members will share and discuss two or three of their favorite poems in an informal, non-academic way. This is not a poetry-writing group. Since all members will have the opportunity to read their selections aloud at each meeting, there will be a maximum of ten members, first-come-first-served, with a waiting list. Fully vaccinated newcomers are

welcome. Please register through the website. Parking suggestions will be sent on registration. If you email Bronwyn for further information, please put "NC Poetry" in the subject line.

Chair: Bronwyn Bowen bbowen60@gmail.com
 325-370-5220



GAMES

Mexican Train Dominoes

When: Wed., Feb. 11, 11:00am
Address: Jack Allen's Kitchen 360
 3600 N. Capital of Texas Hwy, Austin 78746
Cost: None



Registration: Online or email to Priscilla by Feb. 6

Details: Join us for a fun game and delicious lunch! Bring \$2 to play; each person pays for own lunch.

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

GAMES

Monday Morning Mah Jongg

When: Feb. 6 & Feb. 20, 10am-1pm

Where: Waterloo Ice House
9600 Escarpment Blvd
Austin 78737



Cost: 0

RSVP: Feb. 5 & Feb. 19

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 are learning to play as well as experienced players. Lessons and coaching will be ongoing as needed. We will play with the current 2022 National Mah-Jongg league card. We will be changing to the 2023 card

when it becomes available. (Please purchase the 2023 card from Nationalmahjonggleague.org). Please bring change to pay the winning hands. Separate checks will be provided for your breakfast or lunch. Please RSVP on line 24 hours prior to game. We meet on the First and Third Mondays at Waterloo Ice House in Circle C. All vaccinated Austin NewComers are welcome.

If you have never played before, please contact Bev (btallinger@att.net) for a private lesson to get you started on your Mah Jongg journey.

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

Thursday Afternoon Mah Jongg

When: Thursday, Feb. 9 & Feb. 23, 1:00 pm

Where: TBD

Cost: Minimal

RSVP/Registration: 24 hours in advance

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 hand. RSVP online 24 hours prior to the game, or for more information, please contact Lynne Davis. All fully vaccinated Austin Newcomers are welcome.

Chair: Lynne Davis elcdavis@sbcglobal.net

Marathon Bridge

When: TBD by individual teams

Where: To be determined

Host: Gloria McGiveran

Cost: \$11.00 at time of play

RSVP/Registration: No deadline

Details: Grab your spouse or favorite bridge partner and sign up! If you need a partner, please contact me as there will probably be others looking for partners. All players must be members of Austin Newcomers -- all levels of experience welcome. Email to Gloria (gmcgiveran@gmail.com) your name and your partner's name as well as both of your addresses, phone numbers and emails. I will then send you a copy of the Roster, Chicago scoring details and Etiquette. Play will be 5 rounds of (20 hands). Cost is \$11 (\$10 prize money + \$1 paper supplies). You can pay me at the time we play. Email your scores to me regularly, keeping a copy for

yourself. Each team signs score sheet for verification. You must play all teams on Roster to be eligible for prize money. Sign up will continue through the entire year; all scores to be submitted by September 30, 2023. We will have a little celebration in the Fall (date and time to be determined) to award prize money and celebrate..

Chair: Gloria McGoveran gmcgiveran@gmail.com
203-253-9877



GAMES

Euchre

When: February 3, 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Host: Mary Shepard at ArborView

Address: 12100 Archeleta Blvd., Austin 78739

RSVP: To Mary, by text or phone, by February 1
540-255-4187

Cost: None

Details: Euchre is a fast and fun card game usually played with 4 players per table. This very popular Mid-Western game has its origins in England and France. Winter time is the best time to learn and play this game.

We will meet in the lobby of ArborView Apts. on Archeleta. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP directly to Mary by Feb. 1 by text or phone call. 540-255-4187

Chair: Mary Shepard Euchre@austinnewcomers.com



Canasta - Hand and Foot

When: Feb. 13, Feb. 27, 10am - 1pm

Where: Waterloo Ice House
9600 Escarpment Blvd., Austin 78749

Cost: Minimal

RSVP/Registration: Feb. 12, Feb. 26, 10:00 am



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! Separate checks will be provided for your breakfast or lunch. Space is limited to 12 players. We meet on the Second and Fourth Mondays at Waterloo Ice House in Circle C. Please RSVP online at least 24 hours prior to game.

Vaccinated Austin NewComer members only.

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

Game Night

When: February 11, 7:00 pm

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

RSVP: February 10, midnight

Cost: \$1 per person at the door

Details: Get out of the house this winter for some fun with ANC friends!

Game Night will be an evening filled with fun and games: cards, dice, board games, etc. None will be too complicated! Please bring a snack to share, and bring your own favorite drinks. Water and other non-alcoholic drinks may be availa-

ble. All fully vaccinated Austin Newcomers are welcome. Please pay \$1 per person at the door to pay for paper goods purchased by the host. Sign up on the ANC Calendar by Feb. 10th. Limited to the first 20 players. For more information email gamenight@austinnewcomers.com.

Chair: Jerry Tallinger 408-829-0645



BOOK GROUPS

Afternoon Mystery Book Club

When: February 8, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

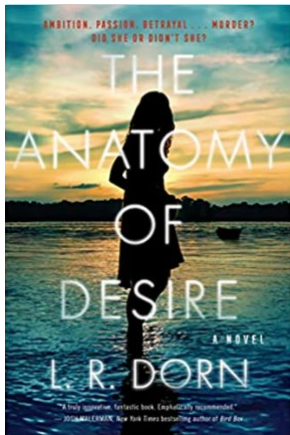
Host: Connie Gardner

Facilitator: Elisabeth Soteroff

Address: To be sent to attendees

RSVP: February 5

Cost: 0



Details: The next Afternoon Mystery Book Club will meet on February 8 to discuss *The Anatomy of Desire*, by L. R. Dorn. Told in the form of an immersive investigative docu-series, L. R. Dorn's brilliant reimagining of Theodore Dreiser's classic crime drama, *An American Tragedy*, captures the urgency and poignance of the original and rekindles it as a very contemporary and

utterly mesmerizing page-turner that will keep you guessing. Did she or didn't she?

A Publishers Weekly Best Mystery/Thriller of 2021 and Audie Award finalist for Multi-Voice Performance, *The Anatomy of Desire* is a modern tale of crime and punishment exploring unbridled ambition, blinding passion, and the dark side of desire.

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. Please be vaccinated.

After you RSVP on the calendar or to lmarcus1819@gmail.com, you will receive the address and directions

Chair: Lynne Marcus lmarcus1819@gmail.com

Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

When: Thursday, February 23, 10:00 am

Book for February: *Libertie: A Love*, by Kaitlyn Greenidge

Bluebonnet Details

Where: Home of Naomi Richie
7404 Teak Cove, Austin 78750

Facilitator: Emily Kochanski

RSVP: February 20. Please email Naomi
jarnfrdar@yahoo.com

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

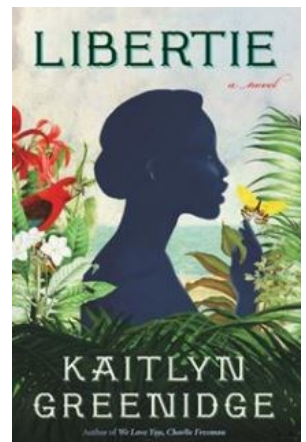
Yellow Rose Details

Where: Home of Susan Stein

RSVP: February 21, to steinsusan365@gmail.com

Cost: No fee

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



FOOD/SOCIAL

Lunch Bunch

5280 Burger Bar

When: Friday, February 24, 11:30 am

Address: 7032 Wood Hollow Dr., off Far West Blvd.

Cost: Separate checks

RSVP: Wednesday, Feb. 22 by noon

Details: I'd always heard there were some good restaurants up in the Far West area just off Mopac, but it took a big write/rave up in my "Next Door" to actually find one. Several of us gave it a trial run today, and it passed with flying colors. This is a nice, big neighborhood place doing creative things with down-home basics. They must have fifteen+ kinds of creative, delicious hamburgers (including a Caesar burger all wrapped up in a crispy egg roll wrapper). They've also got a nice choice of entree salads, Frito pie (an Austin speciality for

all you new, out of towners), great fries and onion rings, chili, smoked brisket tacos, and even lobster rolls. Obviously you'll be coming back with your grandkids, but first come join us in February for a fun introduction to a really nice restaurant to know about. We'll eat outside if the weather is nice; inside if it's lousy. See you on the 24th!

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



Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate

When: February 25, 6 - 9:30 pm

Cost: Attendees bring a dish, depending on the monthly menu

RSVP: See email sent early in the month

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 except November and December, which are combined. 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. There may be a waiting list. 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.

Email Lmarcus23BAP@gmail.com to be placed on the list to get the invitation details.

Chair: Lynne Marcus, Lmarcus23BAP@gmail.com



FOOD/SOCIAL

THE FOOD CORNER

El Naranjo

There's no place like El Naranjo for Austin Foodies...

Austin Foodies wait in excited anticipation for El Naranjo's doors to open on a Saturday night. You can't miss the metaphor of the digital painting of Dorothy carrying Toto and a Lady of Guadalupe handbag once you step inside El Naranjo, the traditional Mexican/Latin American restaurant located on South Lamar Boulevard. *There's no place like home...*

Here foodies come to taste the inventive Oaxacan cuisine of the **2022 James Beard Award Winner for Texas Top Chef, Iliana de la Vega**, which honors Mexican heirloom agriculture and makes you feel like she's cooking for you at home.



When we were shown to our seats, it was pleasant for my family to hear the buzz of quiet conversations — *sans background music*, and note the interesting lines of the contemporary decor.

To start, we shared an **El Naranjo Mexican Martini**. Strong at first, but good to the last drop! The waitstaff explained the preparation of the dishes in detail, which were made with only the freshest hand-selected ingredients. We savored an appetizer plate of **Gorditas** filled with chicharrón, topped with cheeses and salsa, and could taste the difference.

The **Smoky Chicken Breast** in almond-tomatillo sauce was fork-tender, and the flavor was nicely balanced by the crunchy almonds and jalapeños on top.



The textures of the **Pastel Azteca** — tortillas layered between a mix of spinach, raisins, and goat cheese, covered with a tomato-chipotle sauce and house-made chorizo, revealed deep pockets of flavor.

The **Slow-Roasted Pork**, marinated in achiote seeds, orange juice and spices, along with pickled red onion, tortillas and beans, was delicious.

The **Almond Franzipane Cake**, filled with sweet almond custard and caramelized on top, was flaky and crunchy. It was accompanied by a pear compote, ice cream, and *pinole* — corn tortilla and sugar pulverized into a powder, that tasted like a waffle cone to my daughter. She was hooked!

You know you've had a fantastic dinner when your family is still talking about it the next day! Try El Naranjo when you're in the mood for an elevated meal that makes you feel like a top chef is cooking for you at home.

elnaranjorestaurant.com

2717 S. Lamar Blvd., Ste. 1085

512-520-5750

\$\$\$. Hours vary. Brunch on weekends. Vegetarian friendly.

Parking available Bell Tower Apartments and in side parking lot.

Reservations recommended.

— Submitted by Mary Jo Wood

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. Just send your article to Beth Oliver at beth@betholiver.com

FOOD/SOCIAL

In Vino Veritas**When:** February 5, 4:00 - 6:00 pm**Host:** Saj Maqsood
908 W. Elizabeth St. Austin 78704**Cost:** Cash (see details)**RSVP:** February 2, noon**Details:** Wines from Mendoza, Argentina - about the region, history and finding values.

This will be a standout event. Saj and Joanie have not only visited Mendoza several times; they know some vintners intimately. They will have a slideshow and provide commentary.

I found several aged bottles hiding in plain sight as in 2012 to 2014 which should be ready for consumption.

As usual, bring meaty snacks.

Cost - we add up the cost of opened bottles divided by number of participants (except for hosts), then share and share alike.

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

HEALTH & FITNESS

Hearty Hikers**Regents Trail in Travis County****When:** Tuesday, February 28, 9:30 am**Where:** 3948 Travis Country Circle, Austin 78735**Cost:** Free**RSVP:** No deadline**Details:** We are returning to Laurie Zahn's neighborhood for this demanding hike in Travis Country. This hiking trail is

composed of dirt paths, some very rocky with inclines. We will head towards Lost Creek and will be treated to some beautiful views of the Austin skyline, from downtown to the UT Tower. This trail will take us high above Barton Creek. Duration will be approximately two hours. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. Please dress for the weather. Bring water, wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring hiking sticks. Directions will be provided upon receipt of your online registration. After the hike, we will go to lunch at Mad Greens, 5601 Brodie Lane.

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

HEALTH & FITNESS

Happy Trails

Mary Moore Searight: Metro Loop Trail

When: Saturday, February 25, 9:00 am

Where: 907 W. Slaughter Ln., Austin 78748

Cost: Free

RSVP: No deadline

Details: Set back from Slaughter Lane, Mary Moore Searight Park is 344 acres of fields, trees and wildlife. The park is the lasting legacy of its namesake. The City of Austin purchased

moss. We will walk a 2.4-mile lollipop loop on this very easy dirt and asphalt trail. Please dress for the weather and bring water. Leashed dogs are permitted. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Directions will be provided upon receipt of your online registration.

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



Mary Moore Searight (1909-1996)

88 acres from Searight using a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant. Searight donated an additional 206 acres. The city named the park after her in November 1988. Newspaper articles at the time had compared the acquisition's significance to that of Zilker Park. This is a very picturesque walk where many of the live oaks are festooned with Spanish



INTERNATIONAL

Coming in March

ExPats

When: March 18, 6:00 pm

Hosts: TBD

Address: TBD

Cost: 0

RSVP: TBD

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

ExPats is a group of Austin Newcomers made up of people who have lived or spent time overseas or are from other countries now living in Austin - either long-term or temporarily. Our common experience is the joy of 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 and get to know each other.

The ExPat group meets on the third Saturday of every other

month in members' homes. As such, our next meeting is scheduled for March 18. Stay tuned and check next month's Welcome Mat for the host's name and email.

All attendees must be fully vaccinated and boosted.

We look forward to seeing you in March!

Chair: Charlotte Bentch cbentch17@gmail.com



MOVIES

Cinema South

When: February 17 and February 24, 7:00 pm

Host: TBD

Cost: \$1 per person

Details: Vaccination and boosters are required. Two live meetings for February. Additional information will be emailed, as available. You do not need to register online. The information email will give instructions. If you are not on our email list, please email us at the address below.

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



February 2023

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

For the most up-to-date schedule of events, check the online calendar.

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PO Box 49841

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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Jerry Tallinger, director

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