

# PARK PLAZAS

## Community Connections

### Creative Couple: Judy Boyd and Allen Turner

## LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR ARTISTS STUDIO TOUR

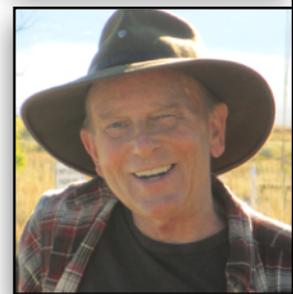
Judy Boyd and her husband Allen Turner—both talented artists—have lived in Park Plazas (Girasol) since 2013. Judy specializes in birds, using a dry-brush watercolor technique to produce meticulous detail and fanciful backgrounds for her avian subjects. Allen makes what he calls “FUNdamental furniture,” crafting one-of-a-kind pieces that combine unpretentious utility with iconic New Mexico symbology.

During their 30 years together, Judy and Allen have lived and traveled internationally. Before Santa Fe, they made their home in Ecuador. They also spent five years in Mexico, living in a little town called Ajijic on the shore of Lake Chapala. This past February, they vacationed in Panama, where they were captivated by with the country’s three species of sloths.

Judy started painting in watercolor after their son was grown. Once she began painting birds, she also became a birder. She and Allen are both certified in field ornithology. He proudly tells me that Judy pioneered the Christmas bird count in Mexico—which is still going after 10-plus years.

Judy takes some of the photographs from which she works—“I can capture the big, slow birds,” she tells me—and relies on birder friends who have invested in the equipment necessary to get the smaller, faster moving ones. The birds she has painted range from tiny hummingbirds to great white pelicans, which can weigh more than 20 pounds and have 12-foot wingspans. She typically paints a bird just once—although she’s made exceptions for very popular New Mexico birds like roadrunners and ravens. I naïvely ask if she worries about running out of birds. “I’ve got a long way to go,” Judy laughs, noting that there are more than 9,000 different species of birds.

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### Gina Rossi—Clear Vision with Clouds

Gina Rossi is a storyteller, hard at work on a memoir. She’s also an artist, known for her beautiful landscapes with clouds and other atmospheric phenomena. Gina’s professional name, she jokes, is a *nom de brosse*. (Her birth name was Judith D’Agostino.) Girlfriends helped her pick Gina, while Rossi was her mother’s maiden name. Gina has led a fascinating life, from her childhood in Rhode Island—to early teenage years in Italy—to college years in Hawaii—to later years in Tucson and San Diego. Along the way, she earned her BFA and MFA degrees, taught art at the university level and raised twin sons. Since 2011, Gina has lived in Park Plazas (Junipero), where she works almost every day in her home studio. Her current oil paintings relate back to her childhood romance with clouds. But they also reflect the beauty of Santa Fe with energy and passion. “There is something quite spiritual about the land here,” Gina says. “I feel I am so blessed to be able



## SPOTLIGHT on your neighbor

to experience the amazing cloud formations and weather in the distance. Here it feels like you CAN see forever—and I want to capture those extraordinary moments in time.” Gina has an impressive website, <https://www.ginarossifineart.com/>. Watch Gina create a new painting at Pippin Contemporary, 409 Canyon Road, during the Canyon Road Art Crawl on July 17.



# CREATING CONNECTIONS

## MEMORIAL DAY CHAMISA PLAZA BLOCK PARTY

Block parties are a fun way to spend a summer evening! Bring your favorite dish and visit with old friends and meet new ones. Let us know when you have a party and we will take pictures!

So much DELICIOUS food!



Spending time with friends and neighbors.

Our newest neighbors, Oliver and his dad Bobby.

## CELEBRATE SUMMER IN SANTA FE

Grab your family—gather up friends and neighbors—get out and enjoy this special time of year.

- ▶ The **Santa Fe Fuego**, part of the Pecos League, is our town's professional baseball team. Home games are at Fort Marcy Ballfield. Pack a picnic, bring your chairs (stadium seating is limited) and play ball! <http://www.santafefuego.com/>.
- ▶ **Rodeo de Santa Fe** is a 70-year tradition reminiscent of small-town rodeos and fun for everyone. Rodeo dates are June 19-22, and there are other events throughout the summer. Check out the schedule and prepare to saddle up! <http://rodeodesantafe.org/>.
- ▶ **Santa Fe Bandstand** is an annual free concert series loved by locals and tourists alike. The season begins June 19 and runs most Tuesdays-Saturdays through mid-August. Don't forget your lawn chairs and dancing shoes! <https://santafebandstand.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2019-Calendar-1.pdf>.
- ▶ **Southside Summer Fun**: The Center for Contemporary Arts and the City of Santa Fe bring movies and music to Swan Park and other venues. At the CCA Midtown Campus (1600 St. Michaels Drive) be part of "Hotel Transylvania 3" on June 21, 6:30-10:30 PM. Dress as your favorite Monster and get your face painted before the movie. Free popcorn, refreshments, games and more. <https://www.santafenm.gov/southsidesummer>.
- ▶ As always, remember the **Santa Fe Opera**—<https://www.santafeopera.org/>; **Music on the Hill** — <https://www.sjc.edu/santa-fe/events/music-on-the-hill>; and **Shakespeare in the Garden** — <https://santafebotanicalgarden.org/events/shakespeare-in-the-garden/>.





On Thursday, May 9, a group of Park Plazas residents attended the first in our informal Lunch4Life series, which covered what quality of life means to each of us and how to ensure that our wishes are communicated to others.

Stay tuned for details about our next event, planned for September.

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Today, Judy often paints in her home studio, while Allen works in the woodshop that takes up half of their garage. Rounding out their household are two rescue dogs, Gilligan and SanaSana (named for the Ecuadorian farmacia where they found her near death on the store's front steps). As you might imagine, it's an art-filled home, including textile treasures from Ecuador and Mexico that are attractively displayed alongside some Navajo pieces.

Judy is the 2018-2019 president of the Santa Fe Society of Artists and a signature member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society. Her work has been chosen for juried exhibitions in Arizona, California, Colorado and New Mexico—as well as in Mexico. Judy also had the honor of being selected as an artist-in-residence in 2017 at the Audubon Camp on Hog Island, Maine.

Her artwork can be viewed at [www.Birds-by-Boyd.com/](http://www.Birds-by-Boyd.com/) and on Facebook at Judy Boyd Watercolors. Many of her paintings have unique borders that tell stories about the birds' habitats. "I love doing the borders," Judy says. "It's a fun opportunity to learn more about the birds and how they live."

In addition to the paintings themselves, Judy makes and sells packets of notecards organized by categories, such as New Mexico Birds, Waterbirds, Roadrunners & Ravens, and Hummingbirds. She also has tote bags, clocks, cups, trays and calendars featuring her birds.

During summer months, Judy is a regular exhibitor at downtown weekend shows of the Santa Fe Society of Artists. Look for the white tents at 122 West Palace Avenue, just west of the Plaza. The Society's website, <http://santafesocietyofartists.com/show-dates/>, has maps that show the layout for each weekend's show. (From October through May, Judy is a weekend exhibitor at the Market at El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe.)

On Saturday, August 10, she and Allen will celebrate a first: They have been juried in together to a summer arts and crafts fair in Los Alamos. With work by more than 100 artists, the fair takes place on the lawn behind the Fuller Lodge Art Center.

Both Judy and Allen participated in our Park Plazas Artists Studio Tour last October. And we are delighted to announce that Judy will be coordinating the second annual Artists Studio Tour, which will be held on September 14. "For me, it's more fun to participate," Judy says. "I can't be just a spectator. Last year, I thought there were a number of people doing really good artwork, and it seemed like an event I could help with."

Upcoming issues of *Community Connections* will introduce featured artists and preview details of the tour. The Call for Artists will be going out soon. We're excited about making the 2019 Artists Studio Tour bigger and better for everyone!

— Jane Morris



## 2nd Annual Park Plazas Studio Stroll & Book Fair

Featuring talented artists and authors who live and work in our walkable community

**Saturday, September 14!**

Submit an application online to be included as an artist or author:

<https://tinyurl.com/PP-Studio-Tour>

Save  
the  
date!



# Park Plazas: Just the Facts!

We found a list of "Facts You Should Know" in a small flyer that was formerly provided by the PPCSA to new homeowners. We updated and adapted the list for use today, including the addition of information about the plazas themselves. These lists will remain on our website, [www.ParkPlazasCommunityConnections.org](http://www.ParkPlazasCommunityConnections.org), so we encourage you to suggest corrections and/or additions.

- Park Plazas is a private, covenant-enhanced community amid a thousand trees. There are **442 homes** located around **36 plazas** on 154 acres, 75 of which are devoted to open space and landscaped common areas. **Eight miles of pathways** wind their way through the community.
- The **five streets** with green signs (Plaza Amarilla, Plaza Azul, Plaza Blanca, Plaza Rojo, Plaza Verde) belong to the City of Santa Fe. The 36 plazas (cul-de-sacs) belong to Park Plazas and are maintained by the Park Plazas Community Services Association (PPCSA). See sidebar for more information.
- The PPCSA **Board of Directors** meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the manager's office on Rodeo Road. All residents are cordially invited to attend. (There is no board meeting in December.)
- The **Annual Meeting** of the PPCSA is held each year on the fourth Wednesday of March, taking the place of a regular monthly Board meeting.
- Association business and other items of interest are reported in the **Park Plazas News**, a publication that is typically distributed at the beginning of each month.
- The PPCSA also has a **website**, [www.parkplazas.com](http://www.parkplazas.com).
- **Trash collection** by the City of Santa Fe takes place every Thursday morning. Trash should be securely bagged and placed in your green trash cart. Recycling is the same day, and materials to be recycled should be placed in your blue or pink cart. Do not include glass, which must be recycled separately. For more information on recycling, go to <https://www.santafenm.gov/trash-and-recycling>. For information on cart replacement, call 505-955-2200.
- **Snow removal** in plazas and on selected walking paths is provided by the Association's groundskeeping crew after two inches of snow have accumulated.
- **Tennis and pickleball courts** are available for residents and their guests. Keys are available from the manager.
- Park Plazas was the first community in Santa Fe to have an **off-leash dog park** for residents and their pets. It remains a very popular attraction, enhanced with agility equipment and even a shade structure primarily for the benefit of human visitors.
- A **parking lot for recreational vehicles**, extra cars and/or trucks, and storage is available to residents. Keys are available from the manager.
- The **children's play area** includes a relatively new swing set and other equipment designed for daytime use by youngsters under the watchful eyes of an adult.
- Monthly **PPCSA statements** include the Homeowner's Assessment of \$105.00 plus sewer and water usage. Homeowners are encouraged to have their dues automatically deducted from a bank account. Questions regarding dues payments and other financial issues should be addressed to the Association's bookkeeper via email at [christinayamashiro@gmail.com](mailto:christinayamashiro@gmail.com).
- Each year, the PPCSA produces an **Owner Directory** organized by last name and by cul-de-sac. Copies are made available at the Annual Meeting or can be obtained from the manager.
- **Questions, needs, concerns** and/or problems regarding day-to-day operations of Park Plazas should be addressed to the manager at 505-471-8809 or via email at [managerppcsa@qwestoffice.net](mailto:managerppcsa@qwestoffice.net).

In Park Plazas, the names of our cul-de-sacs are color-keyed to the name of the street. For instance, the cul-de-sacs off Plaza Blanca are named for objects that are white (mostly) -- lamb, orchid, dove, etc. Cul-de-sacs on Plaza Rojo (oops, that should have been Plaza Roja, but it's misspelled due to a error in the original platting) are named for red objects -- apple, ristra, cherry, etc. Have you ever wondered what that name means or the proper Spanish pronunciation? Here's a guide:

## PLAZA BLANCA

Clavel ( <b>klah-bel</b> )	Carnation
Yucca ( <b>yuc-uh</b> )	Yucca
Molino ( <b>moh-lee-no</b> )	Mill
Pájaro ( <b>pah-hah-ro</b> )	Bird
Rosa ( <b>rro-sa</b> )	Rose
Paloma ( <b>pah-lo-mah</b> )	Dove
Puesta del Sol ( <b>pwehs-tah del sohl</b> )	Sunset
Relámpago ( <b>rreh-lahm-pah-go</b> )	Flash of lightning
Lirio ( <b>lee-ryo</b> )	Iris or Lily
Campanilla ( <b>kahm-pah-nee-yah</b> )	Snowdrop (flower)
Cordero ( <b>kohr-deh-ro</b> )	Lamb
Cisne ( <b>sees-neh</b> )	Swan
Nube ( <b>noo-beh</b> )	Cloud
Mariposa ( <b>mah-ree-po-sah</b> )	Butterfly
Nieve ( <b>nyeh-beh</b> )	Snow
La Luz ( <b>lah loos</b> )	The Light
Orquídea ( <b>or-kee-deh-ah</b> )	Orchid

## PLAZA AMARILLA

Narciso ( <b>nahr-see-so</b> )	Daffodil
Tulipán ( <b>too-lee-pahn</b> )	Tulip
Chamisa ( <b>chah-mee-sah</b> )	Chamisa
Girasol ( <b>hee-rah-sohl</b> )	Sunflower

## PLAZA ROJO

Manzana ( <b>mahn-sah-nah</b> )	Apple
Ristra ( <b>rree-strah</b> )	Ristra
Cereza ( <b>seh-reh-sah</b> )	Cherry
Fresa ( <b>freh-sah</b> )	Strawberry

## PLAZA AZUL

Colina ( <b>koh-lee-nah</b> )	Hill
Flores ( <b>floh-es</b> )	Flowers
Luna ( <b>loo-nah</b> )	Moon
Piñon ( <b>pin-yān</b> )	Piñon
Estrella ( <b>ehs-treh-yah</b> )	Star

## PLAZA VERDE

Iguana ( <b>ih-gwa-nuh</b> )	Iguana
Tortuga ( <b>tohr-too-gah</b> )	Turtle
Chili ( <b>chih-li</b> )	Chili
Esmeralda ( <b>ehs-meh-rah-l-dah</b> )	Emerald
Junípero ( <b>hoo-nee-pehr-o</b> )	Juniper
Papagayo ( <b>pah-pah-gah-yo</b> )	Parrot



Carolyn Lamunière (Molino) paints our cul-de-sac signs. It is not an easy job, often requiring sitting for long periods of time, folded uncomfortably on the cold ground in the middle of an ant bed.

# MAY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Board Member(s) Absent:** None  
**Number of Residents in Attendance:** 4

- **Common Wall Issue** – Resident discussed issue with neighbor, an absentee owner, regarding adjoining wall of two homes. Board asked for additional information and stated that it will work with attorney for resolution.
- **Tree Trimming** – Resident requested attention to a tree on Plaza Amarilla that encroaches on right of way. Board agreed to trim the tree in such a way that delivery vehicles can pass without hitting tree limbs.
- **Irrigation System** – Board stated to resident that there was a rumor resident had moved an irrigation line that is on common property. Resident stated this had not occurred, but acknowledged a tree had been planted in the hole where there is an existing line and had previously been a tree. The new tree is one that is seen throughout Park Plazas. Board reminded residents that they need to submit application for common area planting.
- **Financial** – Treasurer Arnold Valerio reported that preliminary audit report is complete and final audit would be presented to Board for approval. Reserve report will also be reviewed by Treasurer. Board discussed preparing quarterly reports that can be posted on the website and in the newsletter.
- **Architectural Control Committee** – Director and ACC member Gary Lutes reported that inspections are under way and letters will be mailed to residents in early June. Board discussed creation of an historical property database on ACC inspections.
- **Management** – Manager Mike Strijek reported that some of the repaving and drainage enhancement work is complete. Several old and dying trees have been removed. Sewer clean-out is complete. Par course equipment has been received and Board discussed placement, including sending maps to residents showing placement of new equipment pieces.
- **Governance Documents** – President Richard White stated that attorney has completed review of governance documents and he will be meeting with him. Documents and recommendations will be shared with Board and then Bylaws Study Group, with plans made for resident meeting. Member of Study Group reminded Board that a decision had been made to have document reviewed by a second attorney with HOA expertise prior to finalization.
- **Manager Job Description** – Board will review and approve job description and determine placement of ads. The Board discussed adding a resident to the search committee.
- **Executive Session** – Board adjourned meeting at 7:32 pm and went into Executive Session.

**JUNE**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Wed., June 26**  
**6:30 pm**  
 Residents are encouraged to attend.



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# 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY FIREWORKS and HIGH DESERT DESSERT SOCIAL!

Enjoy desserts at 8:00 PM & view the fireworks from Park Plazas common area!

Last year's dessert social was a big success, so we're doing it again! Join your neighbors at the Ramada before the show. Bring a sweet to share with old friends and new. And don't forget your chairs and beverages. Santa Fe's annual 4th of July fireworks are a high-flying, eye-popping display that is launched from Santa Fe Mall. It starts at dark, approximately 9:30 PM. See you there!



## Helpful TIP



### Taxpayers Should Stay Alert



While many people take summer vacations, data thieves do not. Phishing emails and telephone scams continue to pop up around the country. The IRS reminds everyone to avoid becoming a victim by being vigilant. For more information, go to <https://www.irs.gov/privacy-disclosure/report-phishing>, and to know if it is really the IRS calling or knocking on your door, go to: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/how-to-know-its-really-the-irs-calling-or-knocking-on-your-door-0>.

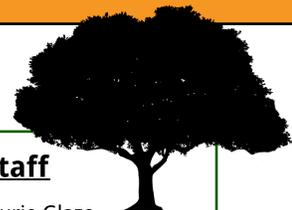
### HAVE YOU SEEN THESE?



- 1 - Yuccas in bloom in the neighborhood.
- 2 - New over-sized STOP sign at scene of 2017 fatal accident.
- 3 - Heart-shaped stump along walking path.

(Photos by Mary Needham & Kathy Bell Hargrave)

## Sharing News/Creating Connections/Building Community



### Mission Statement:

To produce a warm, personal, engaging and timely community-focused publication that creates and nurtures connections among all residents of Park Plazas. *Community Connections* is about people — highlighting what makes our neighbors interesting, makes them real, and makes others want to learn more about them.

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