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CARD CLIQUE OLD-SCHOOL CANASTA IS SWEEPING THE L.A. SCENE

What's siller than poker, easier than bridge and best enjoyed after a glass (or two) of wine? If you answered canasta, you'd be right—and your grandmother would be very proud.

The 1950s-era card game with a litany of quirky rules is making a comeback of sorts, at least in L.A. Ariane Smeraldo of West Hollywood's chic floral boutique Lily Lodge has rallied a monthly card night among friends—a stylish crowd that includes interior designer Amanda Masters, fabric designer Lily deRosatkowski and actor China Chow—for nearly a year now. As resident "Canasta," Smeraldo sets the rules. The hostess rotates among the group and the 24-hour cancellation policy is strictly enforced.

Stylist Renata Paris and publicist Alexandra Kumbal were once accused of cheating across the table—in Portuguese. Though spouses typically stay home, Marin Hopper hosted a standing-room-only coed canasta game at dad Dennis' house. When interior designer Courtney Carl Small and Melene Turquelles hosted at the salon in Turquella's El Trece Inn in Silverlake, the scoring got loose after a few too-many margaritas.

Still, don't be fooled by the chatty atmosphere: Smeraldo has earned her nickname. And cheating, in any language, is strongly discouraged. **CHRISTINE LENNON**

Alexandre von Furstenberg Racketeer poker table, alexandrevonfurstenberg.com.

