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WELCOME FROM THE *NEW* SFA PRESIDENT

The first thing I want to say is thank you to the past board of directors for their leadership, hard work and perseverance. They are a remarkable and talented group of people who are totally dedicated to the SFA mission which is to give back to the arts community while having fun. I am proud that during the last 18 months the past board of directors has distributed over \$5,000.00 to various theater groups and offered scholarships to Fine Arts students throughout the valley. This was accomplished through membership dues and by arranging fund raising events and activities for the membership.

Secondly, I am pleased to say most members on the 2014 SFA Board of Directors along with newly elected board members have agreed to continue in their positions. My sincere thanks go to the continuing and newly elected board members and appointed Chairs for placing their faith and confidence in me to guide SFA into a successful and fun-filled 2015. You are a dedicated, talented and hard working group and I am privileged to be working with you.

In the coming months, the SFA Board will focus on continuing to increase membership while improving our organization and activities. Our goal is to provide a friendly environment to participate in interesting and fun-filled activities while also serving the arts community.

To SFA members, we cannot exist without you. I ask each of you to help make this a successful organization. We need your participation and feedback! Please participate in events and share ideas, both criticisms and compliments. You can call us, email us and talk with us at events. We welcome you to board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. Join us at 5:30-6:30 for food and drink and share your ideas with the board of directors. SFA exists for you, the membership, so please get involved, meet new people, make friends and have fun!

I am honored to serve as your SFA President. With all of your help I am looking forward to a great year. LET'S HAVE FUN IN 2015!

Cheryl Slobodnik, SFA President

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The Mission of Society for the Arts is to raise money through social events and fundraising to benefit the arts in the greater Phoenix area. Founded in 1986, SFA is a 501(c)(3) organization.

*** DECEMBER — end of month reminder! ***

Monday, December 29, 5:30

Dinner With Friends

Take a break from holiday parties and relax with SFA friends at GRAZIE Pizzeria & Wine Bar, 6952 W. Main Street in downtown Scottsdale (west of Goldwater on Main). Separate checks. No RSVP needed, **just show up by 5:15 p.m.** so we can get a table together by 5:30 p.m. This is the last SFA event of 2014 - enjoy! Maggie Griswald at magrisw@yahoo.com is your host.

CALENDAR of ACTIVITIES

January 8, Thursday, 5-7

Social

OLD TOWN TORTILLA FACTORY, 6910 E. Main St. Scottsdale, (480) 945-4567. Southwest, Freestanding Margarita lounge, house-made tortillas, salsas and specialties. Possibly, the most popular restaurant in Old Town. Please remember to tip our friendly wait staff. Your host, and contact information: Howard Calvert (520) 975-2802

**Friday, January 9, 12:30 Phoenix Art Museum
Close Encounters with the Arts**

We will meet at the Palette Restaurant in the Phoenix Art Museum at 12:30 for lunch. Please do not purchase admission tickets for the museum. The fee is \$12 for non-members (free for members) which I will collect prior to our 2:00 tour. Group fees must be paid at one time. After lunch we will have a private docent tour of the current fashion exhibit: Fashioned in America. It is about how economics, ecology and labor ethics are driving a revival of fashion designs made in the United States. Featuring more than 40 ensembles and accessories, Fashioned in America highlights work by contemporary designers such as Ralph Rucci, Anna Sui, Nanette Lepore, and J. Mendel. Reservations required; seating is limited. To reserve your place, contact Holly Antosz at kittikare@gmail.com

Saturday, January 10, 8:00 pm

Theater Event

"Murder for Two" (Comedy) – Presented by Arizona Theatre Co. at the Herberger Theater Center, Mainstage, 222 E. Monroe, Phoenix. The perfect blend of music, mayhem and murder, a hilarious 90-minute tour-de-force. Two performers play 13 roles, not to mention the piano, in a witty and winking homage to old-fashioned murder mysteries. Currently



running off-Broadway to critical raves and packed houses. Tickets: \$48.50 (group rate for 10 or more; \$64.00 if less than 10) – Orchestra level seating. Pre-show Dinner: 5:30 pm at Provence in the Westin Hotel, 333 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. Contact Nancy Crimmings for tickets and dinner reservations by **12/29/14**. nlcrimmings@gmail.com or 602.910.9490

Monday, January 12, 7:00 PM

Book Club

This month, the SFA Book Club will discuss the book **"Broken"** by Karin Fossum. This selection is an intriguing and creative novel by a Swedish master of mysteries about an author and her relationship with the character that she brings to life in the pages of her novel. Fran Schauer will lead the discussion. The book club meets at the home of Jane Frost. Please drive to the gatehouse of her development at 6201 E Cactus Road. The guard will give detailed directions to her home. If you would like to join the book club, please contact Jane at jfrostorg@gmail.com or 480.686.8629.

Tuesday, January 13, 6:30

Board Meeting

All members welcome at the SFA Board of Directors meeting! From 5:30-6:30 **BRAINSTORMING**. The board encourages all members to get involved in SFA. Come meet with us to share thoughts, ideas and concerns. We welcome and encourage your participation. Come at 5:30 to order your own food and drink. The regular board meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Location of the meeting is Mimi's Café, 8980 East Shea Blvd., Scottsdale. Cheryl Slobodnik, SFA President, c_slobodnik@msn.com

SFA Board Meetings

January 13, 6:30

February 10, 6:30

March 10, 6:30

April 14, 6:30

May 12, 6:30

June 9, 6:30

Sunday, January 18

Foreign Films

January's foreign film will be on Sunday, Jan. 18th, and, the title will be determined closer to the date. We will meet at the theater and those interested can join us for dinner afterwards at a nearby restaurant. E-mail to amori@cox.net

Tuesday, January 20, 6:30 PM Bunco Fun Evening

The SFA **Bunco** group meets the third Tuesday of every month. Come and learn the game as well as spend a fun evening with friends. Friends and family are invited, as well as anyone who would like to learn the game and become substitutes. All players add \$5 to the "kitty" with the chance of taking home much more as one of the night's big winners. This event will be held at Jane Frost's home. The gatehouse to Equestrian Manor is located at 6201 E Cactus Road, Scottsdale. Please give

the guard your name and you will be given directions to Jane's house. We are requiring RSVP's to ensure a full three tables of players. Contact Jane Frost at 480.686.8629 or email her at frostorg@gmail.com

January 22, Thursday, 5-7

Social

DONOVAN'S STEAK AND CHOP HOUSE, 3101 E. Camelback Rd. Phoenix, AZ. (602) 955-3666 World-class, unobtrusive service, 100% prime beef 100% of the time! Has the best free appetizers in the city. Please remember to tip our friendly wait staff. Your host, and contact information: Howard Calvert (520) 975-2802



Friday, January 23, 1:00 p.m.

Culinary Lunch

You are invited to join SFA friends for a special luncheon at **Grassroots** restaurant, located on Hayden Rd. and Via Ventura in the Paseo Del Sur Center. R.S.V.P. to Andria Mori no later than Jan. 20th at amori@cox.net.

Saturday, January 24, 2:00 pm

Theater Event

"Camelot" (Musical) – Presented by Theater League at the Mesa Arts Center, Ikeda Theater, 1 E. Main Street, Mesa. The legend of King Arthur, Guinevere, Lancelot, and the Knights of the Round Table, an enchanting fable set to a superb musical score by Lerner and Lowe. It is a timeless story, a beautiful English princess swept off her feet by a shy but passionate bachelor king; an ardent French knight torn between devotion to his liege and an uncontrollable hunger for the king's tempestuous wife. Tickets: Two Price Levels: Orchestra/Mezzanine level seating - \$60.50 (Group rate for 10 or more; \$72.00 if less than 10). Balcony level seating - \$51.50 (Group rate for 10 or more; \$62.00 if less than 10). After-show Dinner: 5:00 pm at Nunthaporn's Thai Cuisine, 17 W. Main St., Mesa. Contact Joanne Handlong, 480.491.3326, or justjo34@gmail.com for tickets and dinner reservations by 1/11/15.



Sunday, January 25

Movie & Dinner

Join Bill Plank and other SFA members for a movie. We will go to dinner after the movie. Contact Bill at (602) 942-3151 for movie location and time.

Wednesday, January 28, 5:30

Dinner With Friends

Something new! Indian Food at **Tandoori Times** Indian Bistro, 8140 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale. No RSVP, just be there by 5:15 so we can get a table together. Separate checks. Mary Jane Baetz, your host, mjwriter@aol.com

YOU CAN HELP SFA PROVIDE MORE ACTIVITIES!

It's easy to host an event, and it's fun too!

1. ORGANIZE

What? Date, time, location, cost?

2. COORDINATE

Inform President and SFA Newsletter

3. RESERVATIONS and Payments

How do members RSVP?

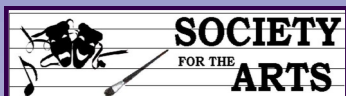
4. ATTEND

Be there to greet and have fun!

The **SFA Theatre Committee** met recently and planned the theatre activities for the coming months (below). Many thanks for their hard work and all of the choices they made for SFA Members to enjoy! Watch for complete details each month.

SFA Theater Schedule January - June 2015				
Date/Time	Company/Venue	Title	Host/ess	Restaurant
Sat., 1/10/15, 8 PM	AZ Theatre Co. Herberger Center	Murder for Two	Nancy Crimmings	Provence at Westin Hotel 5:30 pm
Sat., 1/24/15 Matinee	Theater League at Mesa Arts Center	Camelot	Joanne Handlong	The Landmark After-show
Sat., 2/14/15 8:00 pm	Ballet AZ at Symphony Hall	Napoli	Bill Plank	China Chili's 5:30 pm
Sun., 2/22/15 2:00 PM	Class 6 Theatre at Mesa Arts Center	Sylvia	Carole Sobel	Margarita's After-show (Check for Sunday hours)
Sat., 3/7/15 7:30 pm	Mesa Encore Theatre at Mesa Arts Center	Carousel	Howard Shapiro	?
Fri., 3/20/15 7:00 pm	Actors Theatre at Black Theatre Troupe	Stage Kiss	Ellen Dubiel	Alexi's Grill 5:00 pm Happy Hour
Sun., 4/12/15 2:00 pm	AZ Opera at Symphony Hall	Daughter of the Regiment	Carole Sobel	After-show Dinner TBD
Sat., 4/25/15 7:30 pm	ASU Lyric Opera Evelyn Smith Music Hall	Anything Goes	Bill Plank	Riazzzi's Restaurant 5:00 pm
Sat., 5/2/15 8:00 pm	Stray Cat Theatre at Tempe Center for Arts	The TomKat Project	Carole Sobel	Phoenician Mediterranean Restaurant 5:30 pm
Sat., 5/16/15 8:00 pm (90 minute show)	Southwest Shakespeare at Desert Botanical Garden	Spellbound! (based on Shakespeare's Cymbeline)	Joanne Handlong	Bistro Table Seating at Show - 6:30 pm
Sat., 6/6/15 7:30 pm	Phoenix Theatre	One Man, Two Governors	Nancy Crimmings	?
Sat., 6/20/15 7:30 pm	Scottsdale Desert Stages Theatre	Rumors	Ellen Dubiel	Roaring Fork at 5:00 pm





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Join the Fun!

January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	December 29 <i>Dinner With Friends</i>			1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 <i>Social - Old Town Tortilla Factory</i>	9 <i>Close Encounters, Phx Art Museum</i>	10 <i>Theatre "Murder for Two"</i>
11	12 <i>Book Club</i>	13 <i>SFA Board Meeting</i>	14	15	16	17
18 <i>Foreign Films</i>	19	20 <i>Bunco Fun Evening!</i>	21	22 <i>Social - Donovan's Steak House</i>	23 <i>Culinary Lunch Grassroots</i>	24 <i>Theatre "Camelot"</i>
25 <i>Movie & Dinner</i>	26	27	28 <i>Dinner With Friends</i>	29	30	31

SFA Guest Policy

SFA welcomes guests to attend up to three events but after the third visit they must join SFA before attending any more events. This includes Socials, Theatre, Lunches, and all other events (unless the event is open to the public.) We hope you will join SFA and "Join the Fun!"

SFA Membership

Only \$65 per year

\$40 goes to the SFA Operating Fund

\$25 goes to the Donation Fund to support the arts.

Contact SFA Membership Chair
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