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President's Message

Welcome February, the shortest month of the year. It's the time of year when football season ends and baseball edges itself in to take front and center. It's also the month of hearts and flowers--and chocolate candy too! *Happy Valentine's Day!* We've planned a special event to celebrate Valentine's Day, which also happens to be the date of our February Board meeting. It's a combined Board meeting and Pot Luck/Social at the home of one of our members. Please come and join us for a pleasant and informative evening in a lovely setting. Details are in this newsletter.

As I write this, January is half over and I have personally attended two of our events that were very enjoyable and well attended. The Social at the Camelback Inn/J.W. Marriott's Bar 1936 was terrific-- about 22 people turned out, including four guests. Thanks to Julie Taylor for setting this up and hosting. Two of the guests found us through our new Meetup listing. Indications are they enjoyed our group and plan to come back. More recently, I was part of a group of 12 who enjoyed a very good production of *Saturday Night Fever* presented by Theater League at the beautiful Orpheum Theater in downtown Phoenix. Lots of history in that theater and also in Hanny's Restaurant, our pre-show dinner spot, which was formerly a men's department store.

We have a dedicated group of chairs and committee hosts who are always looking to expand your activity choices. In January, some of you enjoyed French cuisine at the Merci French Café and Patisserie. In February, the culinary lunch will be at **Sonata**, which specializes in traditional Old World cuisine with a touch of American fare, in an upscale setting. It's on my calendar and I hope you'll put it on yours. My thanks to Andria Mori, our culinary host, who has a good nose and palette for seeking out new restaurants.

The **Arabian Horse Show Opening Night** is on this month's calendar too. I personally have never gotten along well with horses (I have a few stories about that)

President's Message—continued

but I do enjoy seeing other people who do. The Arabian horse is a beautiful breed. I hope you'll join us for this seasonal and uniquely Scottsdale event on February 25th.

My space is too limited to mention all of the February activities available to you. Please turn the pages and check them out for yourself, put them on your calendar, RSVP when required, and enjoy the many benefits of your Society for the Arts membership!

Oh, almost forgot! Please wear your Society for the Arts **name badge** to our events. It's good publicity and helpful to both our members and guests! Let me know if you need a new one.

Joanne Handlong, President



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jill Townsend
Gary Weber

Did we omit listing your birthday this month? Please let our newsletter editor know so that we can update our records and recognize you in the future. Just send an email to: dorisgreen@cox.net.

SFA Theatergoers Enjoying Dinner at Hanny's Restaurant

It was a rainy day but that didn't stop our intrepid theatergoers from enjoying a good production of *Saturday Night Fever* at the beautiful Orpheum Theater in downtown Phoenix on January 14th. The pre-show dinner was held at Hanny's Restaurant nearby and a good time was had by all!



Pictured on Left: Doris Green, Carmen Wootten, Gerry Lewis, Howard Calvert, Linda Dorethy. Pictured on Right: Bill Plank, Jill Townsend, Joanne Handlong, Janet Hom, Andria Mori, and Paula Dow



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL

February 2, Thursday, 5 - 7 pm

**Z'Tejas Mexican Restaurant & Grill, Fashion Square,
7014 E. Camelback Road, Scottsdale, 480-946-4171**

This restaurant brings natural woods together with Texas limestone for its menu of diverse flavors. The Happy Hour menu features \$5 Signature Margaritas, beer from \$3.50 for domestics and \$4.50 for drafts; \$5 House Wines; and \$3.00 off on selected appetizers. All this plus easy access to shopping! Please remember to tip our friendly wait staff. Barbara Rosen and Michael Jennings will co-host. Contact: Barbara, [480-816-0041](tel:480-816-0041), email: babeandkit@aol.com.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

February 9, Thursday, 12:30 pm—3:30 pm

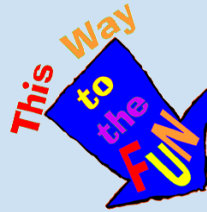
**Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N. Central Avenue,
Phoenix**

RSVP BY 2/7

We are meeting at the Palette restaurant in the Phoenix Art Museum for lunch before going on a private docent tour of the *Eye on Fashion: The Kelly Ellman Collection* exhibit. With over 600 items donated and the creation of an endowment that supports the care and research of the collection, Kelly Ellman's contributions to the fashion design collection have been among the most significant in its history. *Eye on Fashion: The Kelly Ellman Collection* provides a unique look at fashion history through Ellman's whimsical sensibility. From 19th century automobile dusters to World War II parachute clothing to the latest Chanel ensembles, the works featured in the exhibition and those that Ellman has donated over the past two decades range across the breadth of the collection.

PLEASE NOTE: Meet in the restaurant and do not pay for admission to the museum. We must pay all at once as a group. Lunch is fixed price - \$20, which includes tax and tip. RSVP to Carole Sobel, (602) 595-4000, cesobel@gmail.com.

THEATER EVENT



February 11, Saturday, 5:00 pm
3 tickets still available for this event

Carnival of Illusion - Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe.

More than a GREAT theater show, it's a FUN old-world illusion show! Imagine a vaudeville inspired theater show with old-world magic, add a twinkling hint of 1900's Parisian humor, shake and stir for 100 minutes for your passport filled with FUN! YOU are a passenger in this interactive theater of illusion. **Tickets: \$46.93** - We have pre-purchased a block of 10 tickets. **Reserve now! Seating is limited. Post-show Dinner** at approximately 7:30 pm, **RIAZZI'S ITALIAN GARDEN**, 2700 S Mill Ave, Tempe. **Contact** Joanne Handlong, (480) 296-8512, justjo34@gmail.com, for tickets and dinner reservations.

www.carnivalofillusion.com/, www.riazzisitaliangarden.com/ SEATING: The show is held in an intimate boutique setting with the performers not on a raised stage. To give maximum visibility to all guests, there are three heights of successively taller chairs. There are never more than two rows of chairs in front of you with the same height. We have reserved 6 raised seats in the 4th row and 4 seats in the 2nd row.

BOARD MEETING /POT LUCK SOCIAL

February 14, Tuesday, 5:00 PM /6:30 pm

Event ends by 8:00 pm

Private Home of an SFA Member in central Scottsdale area

RSVP BY 2/11

(Address will be furnished to those who RSVP). What to do when your Board meeting date conflicts with Valentine's Day?? Why, make it a party of course! **You're all invited.** The Board meeting will be held from 5 pm to NLT 6:30 pm and the pot luck will follow. The hostess will furnish wine and non-alcoholic beverages. Attendees are asked to bring either a heavy appetizer or a dessert to share. **RSVP** to Linda Dorethy, lindorethy1@gmail.com, (480) 773-0988 by **Sat., 2/11/17** and let her know what dish you plan to bring.

SOCIAL

February 16, Thursday, 4—7 pm

Salty Sow Gastropub, 4801 E. Cactus Rd., Scottsdale, (602) 795-9463

Salty Sow serves modern farmhouse cuisine, combining new cooking techniques with old-world methods like braising, poaching and stewing. Something New! Four Star Restaurant. The Happy Hour menu features \$5 appetizers, specialty cocktails, wine selections and beers. Please remember to "tip" our friendly wait staff. SFA co-hosts Barbara Rosen and Michael Jennings. Contact Barbara @ 480-816-0041 or email babeandkit@aol.com.

MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

February 19, Sunday

Please join us at the movies. We will see a film and go to dinner at a nearby restaurant for a discussion. If you are not on the list, to receive the specifics please send your information to cesobel@gmail.com and you will be emailed on Thursday, February 16 with all the details.



CULINARY LUNCH

February 23, Thursday, 1 pm

**Sonata Restaurant, 10050 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
RSVP BY 2/21**

Members and guests are invited to enjoy Eastern European cuisine at Sonata Restaurant. Owned by a Lithuanian family, Sonata has unique offerings for everyone. RSVP to A. Mori (602) 667-8170 or amori@cox.net.

ARABIAN HORSE SHOW

February 25, Saturday, 6 pm

Westworld, 16601 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale

Join other SFA members and guests for the opening ceremonies of the 62nd Annual Arabian Horse Show at West World in Scottsdale. We have pre-purchased a limited number of tickets for the North bleachers so that we can all sit together. These are reserved seats **with backs**. Ticket Price is **\$20.00**. Contact Linda Dorethy, (480) 773-0988, lindorethyl@gmail.com to reserve your ticket **NOW** as tickets will be issued on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis. The opening ceremonies start at 6:00

p.m. but we want to arrive earlier to park, perhaps grab some food from on-site vendors, and be in our seats by 6:00 pm. We're offering a **carpool option**, leaving at **4:00 pm** from Mimi's Café, 8980 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale. Let Linda know if you will be carpooling with us. Linda can either mail your ticket to you or give it to you when we meet up for the carpool. *NOTE*: Checks should be sent to: Society for the Arts, Attn: Treasurer, P. O. Box 5566, Scottsdale, AZ 85261. Credit card payments can be made through the PayPal link on the Calendar page of our website: www.societyforthearts.org.

DINNER WITH FRIENDS

February 28, Tuesday

Chelsea's Kitchen, 5040 N. 40th St., Phoenix (602) 957-2555

RSVP BY 2/27

Let's get together for good food and good company at this industrial-chic Phoenix eatery with a patio overlooking the canal. Chelsea's features American comfort fare and is known for providing high quality, honest food that is always fresh. Hosted by Joanne Handlong. RSVP to Joanne at justjo34@gmail.com, (480) 296-8512, by 2/27/17 to reserve your spot at the table.

THEATER EVENT

Saturday, March 4, 7:30 pm

RSVP by 2/15/17

Riders of the Purple Sage (Opera) - Presented by Arizona Opera at Phoenix Symphony Hall, 75 N. 2nd St. (2nd Street and Adams), Phoenix. Based on the bestselling novel of the same name by Zane Grey, *Riders of the Purple Sage*, composed by Craig Bolmer, will be the first world premiere produced by Arizona Opera. Follow this Wild West adventure through the sweeping vistas and massive canyons of the Southwest, brought to life by the vibrant work of world-renowned Arizona artist, Ed Mell. **Tickets: \$37.00** (Group rate for 10 or more; \$50.00 if less than 10). Seats are on Orchestra level, center section, Row 30. *Upgrade available for an additional cost.* **Pre-show Dinner at 5:00 pm**, District American Kitchen & Wine Bar, 320 N. 3rd St., Phoenix (3rd St. & Van Buren, inside the Sheraton Hotel) **Contact** Joanne Handlong, (480) 296-8512, justjo34@gmail.com for tickets and dinner reservations **by 2/15/17**. <http://www.azopera.org/performances/riders-purple-sage/>, districtrestaurant.com



MEMBERSHIP CHAIR NEEDED

Upcoming Theater Events - Mark your calendar. Details in future newsletters.

Sat., March 25, Stormy Weather: The Story of Lena Horne
- Chandler Center for the Arts

Wed., April 5, The Magic Flute, San Francisco HD Film,
Scottsdale Center for the Arts

Sat, April 15, Ring of Fire: Johnny Cash, Arizona Theater
Co., Herberger Theater Center

Sat, April 29, Wittenberg, Southwest Shakespeare Co,
Taliesin West, Scottsdale

Sat, May 13, Hir, Stray Cat Theatre, Tempe Center for the
Arts

Friday, May 26, Topia, Ballet Arizona at the Desert Botanical
Garden

SFA is in need of someone to fill the position of Membership Chair. We are looking for someone with good people and organizational skills and also some computer skills. Could you help us with this important position? Here's what you'd be responsible for:

- 1 - Sending out membership renewal notices to members 30 days prior to expiration dates and following up as needed
- 2 - Doing outreach to new members to help them assimilate into the group.
- 4 - Providing each new member with an SFA name badge
- 5 - Planning New Member Orientation events twice yearly.
- 6 - Serving on the Board of Directors
- 7 - Tracking guest attendance at SFA events
- 8 - Following up with guests who near or reach the three-event maximum

Questions? Contact Joanne Handlong, (480) 296-8512,

Mail your event payments to:

SFA Treasurer

P.O. Box 5566

Scottsdale, AZ 85261


Make checks payable to "Society for the Arts" and write the name of the event in the memo section.

Or Use Paypal

Go to www.societyforthearts.org and click on the paypal link. You can use your credit card here.

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February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Social	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Close Encounters	10	11 Theater
12	13	14 Board Mtg.	15	16 Social	17	18
19 Movie		21	22	23 Culinary Lunch	24	25 Arabian Horse Show
26	27	28 Dinner w/ Friends				

The mission of the 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, Society for the Arts is a 501c(3) organization.

SFA Guest Policy

We welcome guests to attend up to three SFA events but after the 3rd visit, they must join before attending any more events. This includes theater, culinary lunches, happy hours and all other events except those which are open to the public.

SFA Membership Fee

\$75.00 per year

Contact SFA Membership Chair:
Carol Hasher, membership@societyforthearts.org

The Membership Application can be downloaded and printed from our website
www.societyforthearts.org