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SFA Board Meetings
March 10, 6:30
April 14, 6:30
May 12, 6:30

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What beautiful weather we are experiencing! I am sure we all feel fortunate to be living in Arizona and able to participate in SFA activities and events without having to bundle up in winter clothes, shovel snow and attempt to drive on icy roads. I encourage you to take advantage of the warm days and evenings and attend the activities and events scheduled for the month of March.

The SFA Super Bowl Party was a fun event! Buffalo Wild Wings supplied good food and drinks, an exemplary staff and an abundance of TV's. All of us enjoyed the camaraderie. On February 7, SFA was well represented at the Singles Fair and Ball. Three SFA members volunteered as SFA representatives and I applaud them for a job well done. The fair was well attended and we talked with many singles and introduced them to the activities in the SFA Newsletter. Special thanks to Linda Dorethy who organized and set up for SFA. On February 11, several of us attended a Close Encounters event at the Pueblo Grand Museum for a "behind the scenes" tour of the museum and then a self-guided tour of the archaeological dig. It was a learning experience for me and well worth the time.

Looking ahead to March, we have worked hard to provide you with the opportunity to attend many fun-filled and interesting events. Look for a special luncheon celebrating Saint Patrick's Day, a New Members Tea, a Close Encounter Event at the Phoenix Art Museum, another art event at the Phoenix Art Museum featuring Salvador Dali, two theater events and the usual line up of happy hour socials, movies, Bunco, book club, culinary lunch and dinner with friends. It is going to be a busy month! Remember, members are always welcome at the board of directors meetings. We welcome your thoughts and ideas. The next meeting will be on March 10. Check the SFA Calendar for the time and location.

Now for some sad news. Recently, two members of SFA died. Joe Morse and Brian McBain, both long-time members of SFA, will be greatly missed. For many years Joe Morse provided the DJ music at SFA dances. Brian McBain served SFA as a board member and more recently as an officer. We send our condolences to the families of these two members.

Once again, my thanks and appreciation to the board of directors for their hard work at the board meeting on February 10 and for everything you do during the month. It is a pleasure working with you.

Cheryl Slobodnik, President

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CALENDAR of ACTIVITIES

March 4, Wed. 5:00 pm **Close Encounters With The Arts**

We will meet at the Palette Restaurant in the Phoenix Art Museum for dinner at 5:00. Doors of the Cummings Great Hall in the museum open at 6:00 for the 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM program presented by the Arizona Storytellers Project. The theme for the evening is **Stories of a**



Stylish Life, and beauty and self-expression stories will be presented by fashionistas, models and retailers. From sartorial slip-ups and wardrobe malfunctions to photo shoots and styling jobs, this night is dedicated to stories of glamour and the pursuit of it. Tickets are \$10 and sell out in advance of the event. It is recommended that you purchase your own ticket online at the website. <https://tickets.azcentral.com/e/arizona-storytellers-stories-of-a-stylish-life/tickets>. Admission to the museum is free. Please email Holly Antosz at kittikare@gmail.com for dinner reservations.

March 5, Thursday 5-7 Social
POMO PIZZERIA The Shops at Gainey Village @ Scottsdale Rd & Doubletree Ranch Rd. (480) 998-1366. Italian, Wood fired pizzas using ingredients imported from Naples made from scratch range from classic Margarita to innovative and unique as well as Bruschettes, salads, soups, and fabulous Tiramisu and house pastries. Please remember to tip our friendly wait staff. Host: Howard Calvert (520) 975-2802

March 7, Saturday, 7:30 pm Theater Event
Carousel (Musical) -Presented by Mesa Encore Theatre, Mesa Arts Center, 1 E. Main Street, Mesa. Celebrating its 70th anniversary, Carousel, with music by Richard Rodgers and book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, revolves around the tragic romance between carousel barker Billy Bigelow and mill worker Julie Jordan. The musical includes such timeless songs as "If I Loved You," "June Is Bustin' Out All Over," and "You'll Never Walk Alone." This beloved classic has been universally hailed by critics for decades, including Time Magazine naming it "the best musical of the 20th Century." Tickets: \$24.00 (Special SFA Rate). Pre-show Dinner: 5:00 pm, The Landmark Restaurant, 809 W. Main Street, Mesa (SW corner of Main and Extension). Contact Howard Shapiro, 480-962-9321, for tickets and dinner reservations by 2/19/15.

March 8, Sunday 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.

March 10, Tuesday, 6:30 SFA Board Meeting
All members welcome at the SFA Board of Directors meeting! Come to share thoughts, ideas and concerns. We welcome your participation. Come at 5:30 to order your own food and drink. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Location is Mimi's Café, 8980 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale. Cheryl Slobodnik, SFA President, c_slobodnik@msn.com

Friday, March 13, 1:00 p.m. Culinary Lunch
Our Culinary Lunch will be at the iconic western restaurant, **The Pink Pony**, 3830 N. Scottsdale Road. Please RSVP to Andria Mori 602/667-8170 or amori@cox.net no later than Tuesday, March 10th.

Saturday, March 14, 11:30 a.m. Irish Pub Lunch
Skeptical Chymist Irish Pub
SFA is celebrating St Patrick's Day a little early. Come join us for lunch at Skeptical Chymist, a traditional & authentic Irish restaurant and pub with Irish music. It is located at 15688 N Pima Rd in Scottsdale. In order to beat the crowd, we are starting lunch at 11:30 so we all can find a seat together. Food special on Saturday is \$11 for corned beef and cabbage. RSVP to Linda Dorethy, 480 773-0988, lindorethy1@gmail.com by March 13.

In times gone by often a pharmacy or grocery would double as a pub. Customers would tend to take a Guinness or whiskey to relieve their flagging spirits as they came to purchase their provisions. The name Skeptical Chymist came from a book written by Robert Boyle, born in Cork, Ireland in 1627. The book became the cornerstone of modern day chemistry, and changed the thinking at the time of many apothecarists "chymists".

March 16, Monday, 7:00 p.m. Book Club
The book club will be held at Jane Frost's home at 7:00 on the Third Monday of March, the 16th. Irene Rubens will lead the discussion on the book, "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd. The gate house for Jane's home is 6201 E Cactus Road. Please contact Jane at 480-686-8629 to RSVP and for more information.

March 17, Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Bunco
Bunco group meets on the third Tuesday, March 17th. Join us for a light supper and a night of fun to celebrate **St Patrick's Day**. We begin the meeting at 6:00 and are still welcoming new players and substitutes. The gate house for Jane Frost's home is 6201 E Cactus Road. Please contact Jane at 480-686-8629 to RSVP and for more information.

March 19, Thursday 5-7

Social

BOURBON STEAK at the Fairmont Princess Hotel, 7575 Princess Drive, Scottsdale, AZ (480) 513-6002 .



Contemporary American fare centered around organic and hormone-free cuts of beef. Happy Hour in the lounge outside on their newly decorated terrace near a cozy fire-pit. Please remember to tip our friendly wait staff. Host: Howard Calvert (520) 975-2802

March 20, Friday, 7:30 pm

Theater Event

Uncle Vanya – Presented by Southwest Shakespeare Theatre at the Mesa Arts Center, 1 E. Main Street, Mesa. This new adaptation of Chekhov's play brings colloquial language and a new intimacy to this internationally beloved story of human relationships and yearning. Written with the "goal of creating a version that sounds to our contemporary American ears the way the play sounded to Russian ears in 1898," Uncle Vanya introduces 21st century audiences to Chekhov's enduring wit, insight, and emotional depth. Tickets: \$20.00 (Special SFA rate). Pre-show Dinner: 5:00 p.m., Margarita's Grill, 10 W. Main Street, Mesa. Contact Carole Sobel, (602) 595-4400, cesobel@gmail.com for tickets and dinner reservations by 3/4/15.

March 22, Sunday,

Foreign Films

We will meet on Sunday, March 22. The movie title will be determined closer to the date. We will meet at the theater and those interested can join us for dinner afterwards. Contact Andria Mori at amori@cox.net to RSVP and for more information.

March 24, Tuesday, 12:30 Andy Warhol @ PAM

Phoenix Art Museum featuring Andy Warhol's portraits of famous people. Meet at 12:30 pm at La Palette Restaurant adjacent to the museum. Tour after lunch. RSVP by 3/20, Andria Mori 602/667-8170, amori@cox.net.

March 25, Wednesday, 5:30 Dinner With Friends

You won't believe it unless you try it! The best darned hotdogs around, and other good stuff too. Seriously. Wait until you try their shakes! Portillo's, 10574 N. 90th St. (90th St. at Shea Blvd.), Scottsdale. Be there by 5:15 so we can get a table together. Separate checks. Mary Jane Baetz, mjwriter@aol.com, 480/319-2024

March 28, Saturday, 3:00 New Member Party

All 2014 & 2015 new SFA members are cordially invited to this special event in a private home at 3002 E Yucca Street, Phoenix, 85028. Meet our board members, mingle with other guests and enjoy an array of Tea Party finger foods. Hosted by the Membership Committee: Carol Hasher & Linda Dorethy. Kindly RSVP by 3/21 to Carol at 480-466-1350, or Linda at 480-773-0988.

Upcoming Events – Reserve Now!

April 12, Sunday, 2:00 pm -

Theater Event

(March 25 reservation deadline)

Daughter of the Regiment (Opera) – Presented by Arizona Opera at Symphony Hall, 2nd and Adams Streets, Phoenix. This sparkling comedy follows Marie, a feisty young girl raised by a regiment of French soldiers high in the Alps. Peppered with exhilarating arias and outrageous fun, Marie rappels between her loyalty to her "dear brothers" and the expectations of "polite" society. Arizona Opera calls her "The original G.I. Jane". Tickets: \$37.00 (group rate for 10 or more; \$47.00 if less than 10). After-show dinner. Contact: Joanne Handlong, (480) 491-3326, justjo34@gmail.com for tickets and dinner reservations by 3/25/15 .

May 2, Saturday KENTUCKY DERBY

Join SFA friends for a fun day at **Turf Paradise**, 1501 W. Bell Road, Phoenix. Price is \$45, includes admission, 2 all-you-can-eat buffets, seating, tax, gratuity and a Kentucky Derby souvenir. Gates open at 7:15 a.m. Breakfast Buffet 8:00 - 10:00 am. Lunch Buffet is 11:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. First live post is 11:30 a.m..The Kentucky Derby race will run at 3:24 p.m. Our reservations are at the Clubhouse Buffet room, air conditioned, glass enclosed and access to the paddock and horses. Come early, have breakfast and go look at the horses. Check your program for horses you may want to bet on, \$2 bets and up. It's fun to watch, but more fun to bet and win. There is no dress code, but many people dress like they are at the real Kentucky Derby. Ladies, this is your chance to dress up and wear a great hat! Men, you may want to dress to match the ladies. Your seat at the table is reserved all day long and you can come and go as you please.



IMPORTANT DEADLINE! Send your check to the SFA Treasurer by Tuesday MARCH 24. PayPal payments also accepted. Your payment is your reservation. For more information contact Linda at 480/773-0988. or lindorethy1@gmail.com

May 16, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Outdoor Theater

Spellbound! - An adaptation of Shakespeare's Cymbeline, presented by Southwest Shakespeare Company at the Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phx. Join us under the stars for this magical romance performed by a cast of classical actors. Tickets for reserved bistro table seating \$54.00, SFA has purchased eight tickets (2 tables). Contact Joanne Handlong at justjo34@gmail.com or (480) 491-3326 for tickets. Food available for purchase and a cash bar. General seating tickets available for \$40 on-line at www.swshakespeare.org.

SFA Guest Policy

SFA welcomes guests to attend up to three events as non-members but after the third visit they must join SFA before attending any more events. This includes Socials, Theatre, Lunches, and other events (unless the event is open to the public.)

We hope you will join SFA and "Join the Fun!"



SFA Membership

\$65 per year

\$40 goes to the SFA Operating Fund

\$25 goes to the Donation Fund

Contact SFA Membership Chair

Carol Hasher

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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.

Join the Fun!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 <i>Close Encounters at PAM</i>	5 <i>Social at Pomo Pizzeria</i>	6	7 <i>Theatre—Carousel</i>
8 <i>Movie & Dinner</i>	9	10 <i>SFA Board of Directors</i>	11	12	13 <i>Culinary Lunch at Pink Pony</i>	14 <i>St. Pat's Irish Pub lunch</i> 
15	16 <i>Book Club</i>	17 <i>Bunco Night</i>	18	19 <i>Social at Bourbon Steak</i>	20 <i>Theatre—Uncle Vanya</i>	21
22 <i>Foreign Films</i>	23	24 <i>Warhol Exhibit at PAM</i>	25 <i>Dinner With Friends</i>	26	27	28 <i>New Member Tea Party</i>
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