



Society for the Arts
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President's Message

Alas, May has arrived with a suitcase full of hot weather that she will unpack as the month moves along. Some of you will be packing your own suitcases and heading for cooler climes. Many of us will stay behind, some of us steeling ourselves against the heat, others relishing it. Fortunately, for those staying put, your Society for the Arts board and committee members have arranged a variety of activities for you to enjoy this month.

Whether your interest is fashion, theater, horse races (and some gambling), happy hour socials, culinary events, reading, or the movies--there is something on the calendar for you. Take a few minutes to read through this newsletter and mark the events that interest you on YOUR calendar, with the RSVP date, if applicable. The best way to show your appreciation for those who plan and host our events is to attend!

Bring a friend too. Don't forget that we have a yearlong Membership Drive underway with rewards for you if you bring in new members. Be sure to introduce yourself and chat with any guests at events. We want all guests to feel welcome and engaged in our activities. I personally have enjoyed meeting many of the guests at events these past few months. We attract some interesting, talented people!

Your Board of Directors will continue to meet this summer except for the month of July. I encourage you to attend these meetings. We have added a Public Participation segment at the end of the meeting to give any guests an opportunity to comment on what was discussed or on any other SFA-related matter. We truly want to hear your thoughts and ideas.

In closing, I want to again thank all those who plan and host our events and all of you who come out to enjoy and support them. For those of you leaving for the summer, we'll miss you! Come back in the fall!

Joanne Handlong, President

Membership Drive Began on April 1, 2016

We hope you're keeping our Membership Drive in mind. This is a great way to introduce your friends to our group and to get involved in helping grow our membership. Refer new members and you'll receive a discount on your next membership renewal fee: 10% discount for one new member, 25% discount for two, and 50% discount for three. The drive started on April 1, 2016. Referrals need to take place within one year from your renewal date or, for new members, the date you joined.

For more information, contact Carol Hasher at membership@societyforthearts.org.

Welcome to New Members

We'd like to welcome this new member to SFA:

	<u>Date Joined</u>
Kate Nagelkirk	3/26/16

Please seek her out at events and chat with her. She'll appreciate your taking the time to get to know her and making her feel welcome.

We're Still Looking for A Large Space!

Do you have access to a clubhouse that we could use for a special event? Or do you have a large house that you'd be willing to open up for that purpose? We have some fun ideas brewing that would require this type of venue. Contact Joanne Handlong, president@societyforthearts.org, (480) 491-3326 if you can help.

Scottsdale Art Walks Well Received

We had two art walks on the SFA calendar in recent months and they were both well received by some of our members and guests. On March 3, we combined a social at the Old Town Tortilla Factory with the Native and Western Art Walk along Main Street in Old Town. On April 7, eight of us enjoyed dinner at the Citizen's Public House on 5th Avenue and then took in the galleries and video art projections along Marshall Way. These were both special-themed "golden palette" art walks put on by the Scottsdale gallery association, with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and wine at some of the galleries, artist meet and greets, and entertainment along the way. We also enjoyed free samples of delicious Belgian chocolate at Chocolate van Brugge on the April 7th art walk! We'll be looking to put more of these special art walks on our calendar in the fall. They are interesting and leisurely events. You only walk as far as you want to; some left earlier; others stayed to the end.



SFA members pose with stilt walkers at the March 3rd art walk. L to R: Gary Weber, Bill Plank, Joanne Handlong

**Meet Our New Board Member,
Rosemarie Mc Gowan**



Rosemarie McGowan is a busy lady, yet agreed to take on the job of SFA Treasurer in January 2016. She is currently the owner/broker of Rosemarie McGowan Realty, Inc., owns several rental properties, plus manages properties for out-of-state owners.

Her past resume is varied and includes working for Continental Airlines as a Stewardess. Part of that time was spent flying soldiers back and forth from/to Vietnam. Other jobs included Assistant Promotion Director for the *San Diego Union Tribune* and working for Lockheed in the San Francisco area.

Rosemarie is an avid card player and especially enjoys Texas Hold'em and Duplicate Bridge. She has also dealt Texas Hold'em and Blackjack for Casino party companies and still does some of this on weekends.

Rosemarie was born and raised in the Phoenix area and attended ASU when it was Arizona State College. She is the mother of one son and has one grandson.



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

May 5, Thursday, 12:00 to 2:45 pm
**Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N. Central Avenue,
Phoenix**

We will meet at the Palette Restaurant in the Phoenix Art Museum at noon for lunch. At 1:30 we'll gather in the lobby to meet our docent for a private tour of the new exhibit *Fifty Years of Fashion at Phoenix Art Museum*. Featuring more than 50 works drawn from across the history of fashion, this exhibition highlights masterworks and milestones of the permanent collection. Providing insight into how the treasures of the collection were acquired, this exhibition will feature a roster of world-class designers including Alexander McQueen, Yves Saint Laurent, Balenciaga and Chanel alongside stunning historical works.

Admission to the museum is \$12 for seniors. Our group will receive an exclusive offer for 20% off a Museum Membership on the day our visit. The cost of your ticket may also be applied to the cost of membership.

THEATRE EVENT

May 6, Friday, 7:30 pm

Forward

RSVP by 5/4

Forward is a workshop production by Angelica Howard, playwright, and part of the Caleb Reese Festival of New Plays and Musicals at Phoenix Theatre, 100 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix. **Synopsis:** Claire is waiting and has been mired in the same place for a very long time. Walsh has run away but his life keeps chasing him down. The two meet in a beach house rental and connect on a level neither has experienced. But are soul mates supposed to stay with us forever or do they show up as a brief encounter to help us find the courage to move forward? **Tickets are \$15.00** and can be purchased at www.phoenixtheatre.com/events-2015-2016 or call the Box Office at (602)254.2151. Pre-show dinner TBD. Purchase your own ticket and contact host, Howard Shapiro, 480-962-9321, howard-mesa2@gmail.com, regarding pre-show dinner arrangements **by 5/4/16.**

KENTUCKY DERBY

May 7, Saturday

Turf Paradise, 1501 W. Bell Rd., Phoenix



Join your SFA friends for a fun day at Turf Paradise, 1501 W. Bell Road, Phoenix. First live post is 11:30 A.M. and the Kentucky Derby race will run approximately at 3:24 P.M. We will have reservations at the Clubhouse Buffet room which is air conditioned, glass enclosed and has access to the paddock and horses. **Price is \$50.00** which includes 2 all you can eat buffets, admission, seating, tax, gratuity and a souvenir Kentucky Derby glass. Gates open at 7:15 A.M. Breakfast Buffet is 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Lunch Buffet is 11:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. There are \$2 bets and up. It's fun to just watch the horses run, but more fun to bet and win. Ladies, this is your chance to dress up and wear a great hat. There is a prize for the best hat. Men, you may want to dress to match the ladies. There is no dress code, but many people like to dress like they are at the real Kentucky Derby. Your reservation reserves your seat at the table all day long and you can come and go as you please. **VERY IMPORTANT!** To attend, you must have made a reservation with Linda Dorothy, (480) 773-0988, lindorethy1@gmail.com , **by 3/30/16**. You may contact Linda Dorethy regarding being placed on a waiting list for cancellations.

THEATRE EVENT

May 8, Sunday, 7:30 pm

Evening of Short Plays

RSVP by 5/6

The Evening of Short Plays is part of the Caleb Reese Festival of New Plays and Musicals at Phoenix Theatre, 100 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix. This year's evening of short plays includes *swing/hit/miss* by Justice Hehr, *Can You Sing?* by Allan Provost, *Raghead* by Thomas Coash, *Feeding Time at the Human House* by David Wiener, *The Vermont Way* by Robert McCarthy, *The Fool on the Hill* by John Blaylock. **Tickets: \$10.00**. Pre-show dinner TBD. For tickets contact:

www.phoenixtheatre.com/events-2015-2016, or call the Box Office at 602.254.2151, purchase your own ticket and contact host, Howard Shapiro, 480-962-9321, howardmesa2@gmail.com, regarding pre-show dinner arrangements **by 5/6/16**.

BOARD MEETING

May 10, Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Mimi's Cafe, 8980 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale.

All members welcome at the SFA Board of Directors' meeting. We meet in a private room. Come to share thoughts, ideas and concerns. We welcome your participation. Come at 5:00 pm to order your own food and drink. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Contact Joanne Handlong, President @ [socie-tyforthearts.org](mailto:societyforthearts.org) (480) 491-3326, for information.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

June 14, 2016

August 9, 2016

SOCIAL

May 12, Thursday 4-7 pm

WASTED GRAIN 7295 E. Stetson Dr., Scottsdale, AZ, 480-970-0500, Located in the center of the Scottsdale's Entertainment District (world famous). Let's join the youth for music and delicious comfort food. It's something new, let's give this a try. Please remember to tip your server. Contact Information: Howard Calvert (520) 975-2802

THEATRE EVENT

May 14, Saturday, 2:00 pm

The Gospel According to Thomas Jefferson, Charles Dickens and Count Leo Tolstoy: Discord (Comedy)

RSVP BY 4/27

Presented by Arizona Theatre Company at the Herberger Theatre Center, Mainstage, 222 E. Monroe, Phoenix. A Founding Father, a Victorian novelist and a Russian revolutionary walk into a ... stop me if you've heard this one. Join us for a laugh-out-loud, whip-smart new comedy as *Discord* takes the third U.S. President, the author of *A Christmas Carol*, and the author of *War and Peace*, locks them in room with 'no exit', and has them hash out their views of scripture and the true meaning of existence. A blistering battle of wits from Scott Carter, Executive Producer of HBO's *Real Time with Bill Maher*, this perceptive new comedy examines what happens when great men of history are forced to repeat it. **Tickets: \$39.00** (group rate for 10 or more: \$52.00 if less than 10). **After-show Dinner** at District American Kitchen and Wine Bar, 320 N. Third St., Phoenix. **Contact** Nancy Crimmings, (602) 910-9490, nlcrimmings@gmail.com, for tickets and dinner reservations

CULINARY LUNCH

May 20th, Friday 1:00 pm.,

Vivo Restaurant, 6560 N Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale

RSVP BY 5/18

Prepare to be dazzled by an array of Italian delights, in all price ranges. RSVP to Andria Mori at (602) 667-8170 or e-mail amori@cox.net by May 18th.

MOVIES & DINNER

May 22, Sunday

Join Bill Plank and other SFA members and guests for an American movie, followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant. Contact Bill at (602) 942-3151 for movie location and time.



BOOK CLUB

May 23, Monday, 7:15 pm

Last Meeting Until September

**The Wildflower Bread Company,
7001 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale**

(Indian Bend and Scottsdale Roads)

We will be discussing *An Unnecessary Woman* by Rabin Alammedine. A private room is reserved. Arrive at 6:30 pm to order a bite to eat and socialize before the meeting which starts at 7:15 pm. All members and guests who have read the book are welcome. For further information contact Irene Rubens at irene.g@cox.net



DINNER WITH FRIENDS

May 24, Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Frank and Lupe's Old Mexico

4121 N Marshall Way, Scottsdale

RSVP by 5/20

Join us for casual dining in the colorful ambiance of this Scottsdale restaurant which specializes in New Mexico style cuisine. The menu is extensive and includes appetizers, steaks, Mexican dishes, desserts and much more, including what they advertise as "the best Margaritas" in town. If weather permits, we'll reserve a table on the patio. Hosted by Joanne Handlong. **Please RSVP to Joanne (480)491-3326, justjo34@gmail.com by 5/20 to ensure your place at the table.** <http://www.frankandlupes.com/>

SOCIAL

May 26, Thursday 4-7 pm

Olive & Ivy at Scottsdale Waterfront, 7135 E. Camelback Rd., Scottsdale, AZ, 480-751-2200, Neighborhood hotspot offering upscale dining, gourmet bakery, and high end market. Please remember to tip your server. Contact Information: Howard Calvert (520)975-2802.

FOREIGN/DOCUMENTARY/ INDEPENDENT FILMS

May 29, Sunday

SFA members are invited to see a Foreign/ Documentary/Independent Film with this group. Dinner will follow at a nearby restaurant. The time, location and title will be emailed on May 26. Contact Carole Sobel at cesobel@gmail.com if you wish to receive an email each month with specific information about the films.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES - NOTE RSVP DATES

OUTDOOR BALLET EVENT

June 4, Saturday, 8:00 pm

An Evening at Desert Botanical Garden

1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix

RSVP by 5/2

Ballet Arizona returns to the Desert Botanical Garden for an enchanting evening that embraces the desert as a stunning backdrop for the choreography of Ballet Arizona's Ib Andersen. Join us for a magical night of ballet under the stars. **Tickets:** SFA has reserved bistro table seating for 12 (3 tables of 4) at **\$55.00** per ticket. Food will be available for purchase; cash bar. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. **Contact** Bill Plank, (602) 942-3151, bill.408@hotmail.com, for tickets **by 5/2**. General seating tickets are available for \$36.00 online at www.balletaz.org.

Note early June RSVP date for this theater event!

THEATRE EVENT

June 18, Saturday, 7:30 pm

Moon Over Buffalo (Comedy)

RSVP by 6/2

Presented by Scottsdale Desert Stages Theatre, 4720 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, in the Actors' Café. This hilarious play by Ken Lud-



wig, centers on Charlotte and George Hay, fading stars of the 1950's, who are on tour in Buffalo, NY, in 1953 with a repertory consisting of *Cyrano de Bergerac* "revised, one nostril version" and Noel Coward's *Private Lives*, when they receive word that they might just have one last shot at stardom: Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee and if he likes what he sees, he might cast them in his movie remake of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. Unfortunately for George and Charlotte, everything that could go wrong does go wrong, abetted by a visit from their daughter's clueless fiancé and hilarious uncertainty about which play they're actually performing, caused by Charlotte's deaf old stage-manager mother who hates every bone in George's body. **Tickets: \$22.00 (Senior Rate). Pre-show Dinner: 5:00 pm**, Roaring Fork Restaurant, 4800 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, (480) 947-0795. **Contact** Ellen DuBiel, (602) 526-7652, ellndub@aol.com, for tickets and dinner reservations **by 6/2/16**. www.desertstages.org, www.roaringfork.com



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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May 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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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