



Celebrating 31 years of Supporting the Arts

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President's Message

With May's arrival, the Valley says goodbye to the snowbirds who flock here from colder climates for the winter. Some of our Society for the Arts members will take flight as well--heading to summer homes in cooler climes. For those of us who remain, things just start slowing down a bit--traffic lightens, the wait in restaurants gets shorter, and our SFA activities diminish a bit.

But not quite yet! We have 10+ activities on the May calendar, starting with a special "Golden Palette" Art-Walk on May 4th. This will be the last of the special ArtWalks put on by the Scottsdale Gallery Association until the fall and it promises to be a FUN event. With a theme of a picture is "worth a thousand words", it will focus on photographic art. There will be "Red Carpet" area to have your picture taken. Let's put on our glad rags, dressy dresses, collarless shirts, and tuxedos--whatever you'd wear on the Red Carpet and have some fun. We'll print the pictures in our June newsletter's "Caught by the Camera" page.

On May 17th, our Close Encounters host is taking us on a docent-led tour of the Samurai Armor exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum. The exhibit contains over 140 objects from one of the best and largest collections of Samurai regalia in the world. Let's support this educational event with a good turnout! We hope to see some of our guys there too.

Most of our events are attracting great turnouts. Happy hours are hopping--especially the one on March 30th at Manuel's--where live music brought many of our members and guests onto the dance floor. Kudos to our new group of Happy Hour hosts--Julie Taylor, Carol Hasher, Wendy Chisholm, Linda Dorethy, Paula Dow, Barbara Rosen, Michael Jennings, Karen Grant, Gerry Lewis, and Carmen Wooten. They have done a marvelous job this year of setting up and hosting our Happy Hours. But I want to thank ALL of our SFA members who volunteer to make our events "happen". It is a time commitment to a greater or lesser degree but a rewarding one. Getting involved means getting to know people better, making new friends, making a difference!

President's Message—continued

To our newer members, I want to say how happy it makes me to see you participating in our activities. We value you and the enthusiasm you bring to SFA. As you get more familiar with our organization, I hope you will see a place where you could become more involved and make a difference. Your voices are welcome!

Joanne Handlong, President

Welcome

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

Date Joined

Cheryl Frier 4/18/2017

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.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jane Morrissey
Barbara Rosen

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 Members Tour Western Museum

Twelve members of SFA enjoyed a private docent tour of the Western Spirits: Scottsdale Museum of the West on Thursday, April 20th. SFA Member, Howard Calvert, who is a docent at the museum, conducted the tour. Howard focused on the special exhibit, "The Taos Society of Artists" which features 80 paintings by 12 different artists. The Taos Society of Artists was one of the first American regional movements to achieve international acclaim. The Society thrived between 1915-1927 and was instrumental in shaping perceptions of the Southwest. The museum building is itself a work of art, architecturally speaking. It currently houses seven exhibits. Howard's work at the museum is very compatible with SFA's mission of supporting the arts. Thank you, Howard, for giving to the community and for a very interesting tour.



Start of tour



End of Tour Watering Hole



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

DINNER WITH FRIENDS & ARTWALK

May 4, Thursday, 5:30 pm

Malee's Thai Bistro, 7131 E. Main St., Scottsdale

ArtWalk, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

RSVP by 5/1

Join us for Thai food at Malee's, then take a walk with us for the last of the Golden Palette ArtWalks until the Fall. The theme of the ArtWalk is photographic arts and it includes hidden prizes and red carpet stations where you can have your picture taken. Here's the description from the Scottsdale Galleries website:

"Worth a 1000 Words" on Thursday, May 4, 2017, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm on Scottsdale's fabled ArtWalk path (Marshall Way north and south of Indian School Road and Main Street between Scottsdale Road and Goldwater Boulevard), will be a festive evening under the glorious desert sky to pay homage to the photographic arts. Red carpet stations will be placed throughout the walk for you to stop and have your picture taken! Dress up in your finery, join in the fun, and post your photo on Instagram or Twitter with the hashtag *#a1000wordssga*. We will also be having an old-fashioned treasure hunt! Twelve special prizes will be hidden throughout our member galleries. If you find the treasure, it's yours to keep! Pictures of the treasures will be posted on our website www.scottsdalegalleries.com closer to the ArtWalk. Stop in at the Courtyard on Main—Southwest corner of Main Street and Marshall Way— and cool off with a drink from **Beam Suntory**! We will have a refreshment station set up. Please **RSVP** to Joanne Handlong, (480) 491-3326, justjo34@gmail.com, **by 5/1/17** to ensure your place at the table. View the menu at: www.maleesonmain.com. View the Treasure Hunt prizes at: www.scottsdalegalleries.com.

THEATER EVENT

Various Dates and Times between May 5 and 13, 2017

Caleb Reese Festival of New Plays and Musicals - Pre-

sented by Phoenix Theatre, 100 E. McDowell, Phoenix, in the smaller Hormel and Hards Theaters. The Festival provides opportunities for playwrights, composers and lyricists to showcase their original works in their Pre Broadway or Pre Pre-Off Broadway stage of development. This year's Festival includes five staged readings, an evening of short plays, the composer/lyricist cabaret, and a variety of free readings/events. See the complete schedule at <http://phoenixtheatre.com/festival> along with descriptions of the new works. Our avid theater goer, Carole Sobel, will be attending many of the events and invites you to join her. She is planning to attend the following:

Community on 5/6 at 3:00 pm; and *The Things We Do* on 5/6 at 8:00 pm

Short Plays Festival on 5/7 at 3:00 pm

Something for Sondra on 5/12 at 7:00 pm

Tickets are \$10.00 per show and seating is General Admission. Purchase your own ticket(s) on-line at www.phoenixtheatre.com/festival or call the Box Office at (602) 254-2151. Contact Carole Sobel at (602) 595-4400, cesobel@gmail.com to make arrangements to meet up.

BOARD MEETING

May 9, Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Denny's, 3315 N Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale (Just south of Osborn). 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@societyforthearts.org, (480) 491-3326, for information.

SOCIAL

May 11, Thursday, 4:30—6:30 pm, Happy hour prices until 6 pm.

The Living Room, 8977 N. Scottsdale Road, (Located on the corner of Doubletree & Scottsdale Rd. in The Shops at Gainey Ranch) Scottsdale, (480)634-6709. Drink Specials 11-6 pm, - \$5 wines and well drinks, \$4 beers. Food specials 3-6 pm - sliders, wraps, bruschetta, salads and sandwiches served in a lovely, relaxing atmosphere by a very efficient and friendly staff. Remember to tip our friendly wait staff. SFA host: Julie Taylor. Contact Julie (480)451-4146 or azjutay@aol.com.

THEATER EVENT

May 13, Saturday, 8:00 pm

RSVP by 4/26

Hir, Presented by Stray Cat Theatre at the Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, 480-350-2822. **** Change can be very, very, very messy. ****

Somewhere in the suburbs, Isaac has returned from the war to help take care of his ailing father, only to discover a household in revolt. The insurgent: his mom. Liberated from an oppressive marriage, with Isaac's newly out transgender sibling as her ally, she's on a crusade to dismantle the patriarchy. But in Taylor Mac's sly, subversive comedy, annihilating the past doesn't always free you from it. You won't want to miss out on this subversive, hilarious implosion of the nuclear family. "Perhaps no play this year inspired a greater sense of awe...." – *The New York Times*.

Tickets: \$25.00 Senior Rate, Orchestra seating. **Pre-show Dinner at 5:30 PM**, Cornish Pasty Co., 960 W. University Dr., #103, Tempe, (480) 894-626. **Contact** Carole Sobel, (602) 595-4400, cesobel@gmail.com, for tickets and dinner reservations **by 4/26/17**.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

May 17, Wednesday, 12:30-3:00 pm

RSVP by 5/12

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 Samurai exhibit, which takes visitors on a journey back in time to discover the life, culture and pageantry of the revered and feared Japanese samurai warriors. The exhibit features more than 140 objects of warrior regalia, with full suits of armor, helmets and face masks, weapons, horse trappings and other battle gear. "This exhibit allows us to explore the lives of historical figures who still fascinate us but whom we may not fully understand." Please contact cesobel@gmail.com for reservations for lunch and the tour by May 12.

CULINARY LUNCH

May 19, Friday, 1 pm

Eggstacy, 6900 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale

RSVP by 5/17

Join members and guests for an extraordinary dining experience at this awesome "new" restaurant. RSVP to A. Mori (602) 667-8170 or e-mail amori@cox.net by May 17th.

SYMPHONY EVENT - FREE

Sunday, May 21, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

RSVP by 5/18

This FREE **Scottsdale Philharmonic Concert** will be presented at the Scottsdale Bible Church, 7601 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale. The doors will open at 3:00 p.m. Selections will include:

Offenbach - Barcarolle, Tales of Hoffman
Mendelssohn - Fingals Cave
Rossini - La Gazza Ladra Overture
Suppe - Poet and Peasant Overture
Bach - Brandenburg Concerto 5
Bruch - Romanze

After-the-Concert Dinner at Grassroots Kitchen and Tap, 8120 N. Hayden Road, E-100, Scottsdale, (480) 699-0699.

Contact: Ellen DuBiel, (602) 526-7652,

ellindub@aol.com, for concert seating arrangements and dinner reservations **by 5/18/17**.

www.ScottsdalePhilharmonic.com;

www.grassrootsaz.com/.

SOCIAL

May 25, Thursday, 4:30—6:30 pm, Happy hour prices until 6 pm

La Sala, - 8977 N. Scottsdale Road, (The Shops at Gainey Ranch) Scottsdale (480)656-7628. This is located next door to The Living Room with its own charming lounge area and a fabulous variety of tequilas and a modern take on Classic Latin Food. Food specials include: Green Chile Stew, street corn, queso, taco and beer \$5 specials. Drink Specials such as \$3 draft beers, \$4 well cocktails,, \$5 wines. Remember to tip our friendly wait staff. SFA host: Julie Taylor. Contact Julie (480)451-4146 or azjutay@aol.com.

THEATER EVENT

May 26, Friday, 8:00 pm

Topia - An Evening at Desert Botanical

Garden - Join us for a lovely sensory experience presented by Ballet Arizona at the Desert Botanical Garden, located in Papago Park, at 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix. Director Ib Andersen's vision for dance in the desert continues to evolve, take chances, and challenge our emotional boundaries. In 2017, expect the unexpected as Ballet Arizona continues its series in the Garden to present a sensory experience unlike any other. A presentation of movement, sound and multimedia on a stage that embraces the desert as a stunning backdrop for the enchanting choreography of Mr. Andersen. **Tickets:** SFA has pre-purchased bistro table seating for 8 people, (2 tables of 4) at \$71.00 each. Food will be available for purchase from a caterer; cash bar. Gates usually open at 6:00 p.m. **Contact** Ellen DuBiel, (602) 526-7652, ellndub@aol.com for bistro table seating--**first-come, first-served.** (One table-seating ticket still available at time of newsletter printing.) General Admission seating is also available for \$46.40 per ticket. Purchase your own General Admission ticket at <http://balletaz.org/performance/an-evening-at-desert-botanical-garden-2017>.

NOTE: Some members of the group plan to eat at Riazzi's Restaurant on Mill Avenue in Tempe instead of purchasing food at the Garden. Please let Ellen, our event hostess, know if you are interested in this alternate arrangement. www.balletaz.org

MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

May 28, Sunday

We will be going to see a film and then discuss it at dinner. It may be a comedy or a foreign film or a documentary or a drama. Whatever we chose you will enjoy it. If you are on the email list, you will receive notification of the title, place and time on Thursday, May 25. To join this group just send your information to cesobel@gmail.com.

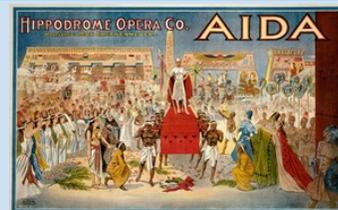


THEATER EVENT

Saturday, June 10, 3:00 pm

RSVP by 5/25

Aida (the Musical) - Book by Tim Rice; Lyrics & Music by Elton John- Presented by Hale Theatre Center, 50 W. Page Avenue, Gilbert, (480) 497-1181 - Winner of four 2000 Tony Awards, Elton John and Tim Rice's *Aida* is an epic tale of love, loyalty and betrayal, chronicling the love triangle between Aida, a Nubian princess stolen from her country; Amneris, an Egyptian princess; and Radames, the soldier they both love. With an unforgettable score featuring soaring ballads and rousing choral numbers, *Aida* is a modern crowd-pleaser that embraces multicultural casting and exuberant dancing, staging, and singing. **Tickets: \$22.00** (Group rate for 10 or more; \$30.00 if less than 10). **After-show Dinner** at 6:00 p.m. at Romeo's Euro Café, 207 N. Gilbert Road, Gilbert **Contact:** Joanne Handlong, (480) 491-3326, justjo34@gmail.com **by 5/25/17** for tickets and reservations. www.haletheatrearizona.com; <http://www.eurocafe.com/>



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May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Dinner w/ Friends	5	6
7	8	9 Board Meeting	10	11 Social	12	13 Theater
HAPPY MOTHER'S Day!	15	16	17 Close En- counters	18	19 Culinary Lunch	20
21 Scottsdale Orchestra	22	23	24	25 Social	26 Ballet	27
28 Movie	memorial DAY	30	31			

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 Membership@societyforthearts.org

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