



Society for the Arts
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President's Message

Hello everyone. I hope you have been out and about enjoying some of the SFA activities. I personally attended two events the past two months that were new to me and, in one case, new to SFA--the Wine and Painting party at Pinot's Palette on April 26, and the Kentucky Derby Party at Turf Paradise on May 7. You'll find articles and photos on those events inside this issue. In the past, I've attended mostly theater events and book club. Being President has pushed me out of my comfort zone and I am finding that I enjoy the expanded social opportunities. Have you participated in a new SFA activity recently? Try it! It's fun!

With the summer now here in earnest, you will see a slight decrease in our activities, particularly theater. The two theater events on our June calendar will be the last until August. We're still planning a special activity each month--Glow Golf is back on the June calendar and we're looking into a comedy club event for July.

The Book Club is on hiatus too for the summer months and hopefully will resume in the fall. This is a small group that needs more members to be viable. Do you enjoy reading and good discussions? Please consider joining this group. We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at The Wildflower Bread Company in the Seville Shopping Center, Indian Bend and Scottsdale Roads. Please contact me if you are even mildly interested. I will be happy to answer any questions.

The June Board meeting will also be held at the Wildflower Bread Company due to a conflict at Mimi's, our normal meeting place. We've added a Public Participation segment at the end of our meetings so that we can hear your ideas, comments, and concerns. Come and join us!

That's all for this month. Our next newsletter will be a combined July-August issue as the Board will not meet in July. Enjoy your summer, wherever you spend it--and don't forget our new membership drive--keep bringing those guests!

Joanne Handlong, President

Welcome to New Members

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

| | <u>Date Joined</u> |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Paula Dow | 4/19/16 |

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.

Meet Our Newsletter Editor, Doris Green



Doris Green retired from Chase Bank in early 2015 and fortunately for Society for the Arts, found herself looking for something to challenge her mind. When she received a call asking if she would be willing to run for the SFA Board of Directors, she said yes, but ONLY if she could become the editor of the SFA Newsletter. What welcome words those were!

Doris took over editorship of the newsletter in January 2016 as well as maintaining the website calendar and issuing SFA Express announcements. She found the first few months challenging as she had to learn a new software package but it's apparent that she's met the challenge and is producing a professional newsletter for SFA.

Doris is enjoying getting to know the SFA members better and looks forward to providing SFA with a quality newsletter each month.

Thank you Doris, for volunteering your talents and time to SFA.



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

OUTDOOR BALLET EVENT

June 4, Saturday, 8:00 pm

An Evening at Desert Botanical Garden

1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix

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 purchased reserved bistro table seating for 10 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, re bistro seat availability. General seating tickets are available for \$36.00 on-line at www.balletaz.org.



SOCIAL

June 9, Thursday 4-7 pm

Thirsty Lion Gastropub & Grill, Scottsdale Fashion Square, 7014 E Camelback Rd. (close to the Barney's wing), Scottsdale, (480)284-7292. New sensation at the mall featuring a delightful happy hour menu with prices. Several of our members have visited, and this beautiful restaurant comes heavily recommended. Please remember to tip your server. Contact Information: Howard Calvert (520) 975-2802

CULINARY LUNCH

June 10, Friday, 1 pm

Sugar Bowl

4005 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, One block South of Indian School & Scottsdale Roads

RSVP BY 6/8

Choose a tasty sandwich, salad, or ice cream delight, in this old fashioned, pink and white restaurant. RSVP to amori@cox.net or call (602) 667-8170



MOVIES WITH CAROL & BILL

June 12, Sunday

We may not be Siskel & Ebert, but we will combine our talents to choose one movie a month, either American or foreign, that we deem the best. To be informed of our choice email cesobel@gmail.com to receive monthly notices. After the film we will offer the choice of two restaurants within one mile or less of the movie theatre



BOARD MEETING

June 14, Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Wildflower Bread Company, 7001 N. Scottsdale Road (Seville Shopping Center), Scottsdale, (480) 612-0606

(Note: This is a change in location for June only.) All members are welcome at the SFA Board of Directors' meeting. We will meet in the small, private meeting room. Come at 5:00 pm to order food and drink and socialize. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm. There will be a Public Participation segment at the end of the meeting for guests to share thoughts, ideas and concerns. Contact Joanne Handlong, president@societyforthearts.com, (480) 491-3326, for information.

DINNER AND GLOW PUTT MINI GOLF

June 16, Thursday, 5:30 pm

RSVP BY 6/13

DINNER AT JADE PALACE, 9160 E. Shea Blvd, Scottsdale (480) 391-0607. Their special Chinese cuisine has a diverse selection of appetizers, vegetables, soups, noodles, rice and meat entrees. Come and enjoy dining with your SFA friends in a modern and serene setting. AFTER DINNER we will go next door and play mini golf.

7:00 pm - GLOW PUTT MINI GOLF, 9160 E. Shea Blvd, Suite 110, Scottsdale (480) 451-4569. Price is \$9.95 Adult ticket and \$8.95 for Seniors. Glow Putt Mini

Golf is an indoor, glow-in-the-dark, miniature golf course. The jungle-safari theme surrounds a challenging 18-hole course that is illuminated with special UV lighting. Even the golf ball is special as it glows brilliantly each time it passes through one of the custom-made chargers located throughout the air-conditioned course.



RSVP to Linda Dorethy (480) 773-0988, lindoreth-y1@gmail.com NOTE: We hope you can join us for both events, but if you can only join us for one, let Linda know when you RSVP.

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 Ludwig, 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

DINNER WITH FRIENDS

June 21, Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Tottie's Asian Fusion, 7901 E. Thomas Road, Scottsdale (480) 970-0633

RSVP by 6/20

Join us for authentic, multi-cultural Asian cuisine at Tottie's Asian Fusion, which brings together the best of Thai, Vietnamese, Chinese and Japanese (sushi) cuisines. The menu is extensive and allows one to experience the signature dishes of each of these four dynamic cuisines under one roof and all at approachable prices. This is a casual, comfortable place to gather with delectable food. Hosted by Joanne Handlong. RSVP by 6/20 to Joanne, president@societyforthearts.com, (480) 491-3326.

SOCIAL

June 23, Thursday 4-7 pm

Bink's Scottsdale

6107 N Scottsdale Rd., 480-664-9238

Located in the Hilton Village Shopping Center. Bink's features locally grown produce with an innovative menu. Happy hour pricing with half off wine, beer and well drinks until 6 pm. Happy hours food prices until 7 pm includes Deep Fried Baby Back Ribs, Mussels, Sweet-breads Nuggets, Burgers, Meatballs, Sloppy Joes and French Fries. Please remember to tip your server. Contact Howard Calvert
(520) 975-2802



DANCING

June 24, Friday 5:30 pm

**American Legion (Post 44), 7145 E.
2nd St., Scottsdale**

RSVP BY 6/17

Feel like dancing? Join us Friday (6/24), at 5:30 for dinner and live music starting at 6 o'clock. We will have a limited number (8) of participants for this activity ... so don't delay. We will be Howard Calvert's guests. Contact Howard at 520-975-2802 for your reservation.

SCOTTSDALE MUSEUM OF THE WEST: WESTERN SPIRITS

June 28 Tuesday, 10am

3830 N Marshall Way, Scottsdale

480-686-9539

RSVP BY 6/24

Have you been to the new museum in Old Town Scottsdale yet? Now is your chance at a reduced price of \$10! It is truly a diamond in the rough. The museum is filled with eye-popping art (worth \$100 million), and the building is worth another \$4 million.

Our own Howard Calvert, who has been a docent there for six months, will give us a private tour of The Lewis & Clark Exhibit.

We will view a short video and the tour will last 30 minutes. If the group is willing and hungry ... we can do lunch nearby. Contact Howard Calvert (520)975-2802.

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.

Wine and Paint Party at Pinot's Palette

Nine adventuresome SFA ladies and one guest participated in the Wine and Paint party at Pinot's Palette in Paradise Valley Gateway on April 26. This was advertised as a FUN and Fundraiser event for SFA and that proved to be true. It was a small fundraiser--we raised \$80.00 for SFA--but we had fun doing it and we all left with our own "masterpieces". The atmosphere was relaxed and the instructors were excellent. Comments from participants have included: "I didn't think it would be so much fun!", "I found it very relaxing to paint", and "I think I'll take some painting classes". Thanks to Andria Mori who made the arrangements with Pinot's Palette and generously provided some delicious appetizers.



Kentucky Derby Party--Hats and Horses Galore

Sixteen lovely ladies, most adorned with eye-catching hats, attended the SFA Kentucky Derby Party at Turf Paradise on May 7th. It was an enjoyable event, regardless of whether you won or lost on your bets. (Okay, a little more enjoyable if you won.) Linda Dorethy made the arrangements for this event and got us excellent table seating in the clubhouse. In addition to being entertained by the horse races, there were many phantasmagorical hats to look at, including one man wearing a hat made out of Legos. Check out the chapeaux of some of our group in these pictures.



L to R. Gerry Lewis, Carmen Wootton



L to R. Del Foster, Jill Townsend,
Barbara Rosen



L to R. Carol Hasher, Kate Nagelkirk,
Kay Bouma (Guest)

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June 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Ballet |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Social | 10 Culinary Lunch | 11 |
| 12 Movie & Dinner | 13 | 14 Board Meeting | 15 | 16 Glow Golf & Dinner | 17 | 18 Theater |
| 19 | 20 | 21 Dinner w/ Friends | 22 | 23 Social | 24 Dancing | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 Tour of New West Museum | 29 | 30 | | |

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