



Society for the Arts  
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Newsletter

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**President's Message**

Here we are at September, more than halfway through a very hot summer for those of us who have mostly stayed in the Valley of the Sun. Fortunately for me as I write this, I am enjoying a brief respite in Oregon both along the coast and in Portland, visiting family and friends. The ocean is beautiful. As I write, families are walking and children are playing on the beach, Vietnamese fishermen are surf fishing, and the sound of breaking waves is my stereo system. Life is good! I am fortunate to be here.

You will see an increase in the number of events on this month's calendar. Theater is back and the Book Club is resuming its monthly meetings. This month's Dinner With Friends will be held on a Thursday instead of a Tuesday and is being combined with an Art Walk for those who want to burn off a few calories after dinner.

The first theater event will be a play at Theatre Artists' Studio in Scottsdale, one of two recipients of SFA donation funds this year. They are a small theater but put on powerful plays--a theater founded by actors for actors. I encourage you to give them a try. It feels good to be able to help a few arts organizations financially again this year. You'll find an article on the work of the Donations Committee in this newsletter.

We continue to look for a venue where we could host a larger event at a reasonable cost. If you have any suggestions, perhaps a community room where you live, or other public/private venue, please let me know. Your Board of Directors has some good ideas for fun events. We just haven't found quite the right place to stage them. We also welcome YOUR participation. Do you have an idea for an activity, perhaps one you would like to host? For example, any jazz lovers out there who might want to host a jazz event? These could be one-time activities or continuing ones. I think you'd find it to be rewarding and a good way to get to know more of our members.

Looking forward to seeing you in September!

Joanne Handlong, President

## SFA Monies Are Helping Arts Organizations

Two valley arts organizations are the recipient of SFA donation monies this year. Following the Board's approval of \$1,300 to be donated in 2016-17, the Donations Committee met on June 29<sup>th</sup> to determine who would receive the monies. The committee decided to give \$500.00 to Theatre Artists Studio in Paradise Valley, Phoenix, and \$500 to the ASU Lyric Opera Theatre Guild to be given to students through their grant program. The donation to Theatre Artists Studio was matched with another \$500 as part of a matching Challenge Grant. The remaining donation funds will be held in contingency for requests received during the year. Our appreciation goes to Carole Sobel for chairing the committee this year and to Sandy Ryan, Jill Townsend, and Mary Zedick for serving as committee members



## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### SOCIAL

**September 1, Thursday 4-7 pm**

**THE HENRY** 4455 E. Camelback Rd. Phoenix, (just east of 44th St.) (602) 429-8020

The Greatest Neighborhood Restaurant. Private patio with views of Camelback Mountain. Excellent bar and menu choices. Always crowded ... very popular with Arcadia residents. Please remember to tip your server.

Contact Information: Howard Calvert 520-975-2802

### THEATER

**September 3, Saturday, 7:30 pm**

*Love, Loss, and What I Wore* - Presented by Theatre Artists Studio, Paradise Plaza, 4848 E Cactus Rd #406, Scottsdale, (602) 765-0120, [www.thestudiophx.org/](http://www.thestudiophx.org/).

Proving that a great show is always in fashion, *Love, Loss, and What I Wore* by Nora and Delia Ephron comes, new and fully staged, to Theatre Artists Studio, with an intimate compilation of stories - sometimes funny, sometimes sad, often poignant and always entertaining. Based on the

best-selling book by Ilene Beckerman, *Love, Loss, and What I Wore* captures compelling moments in the lives of its characters through the time capsule of their wardrobes - a natural passage all women can relate to, and any man who has ever lived with a woman will recognize.

**Tickets: \$20.00** (Sr. and Group Rate). **Pre-show Dinner at 5:00 pm** at the Salty Sow, 4801 E Cactus Rd, Phoenix, (602) 795-9463, [www.saltysow.com](http://www.saltysow.com).

**Contact** Carole Sobel, (602) 595-4000, [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com) for tickets and reservations. A limited number of tickets have been pre-purchased. Additional tickets will be added as needed based on availability. (Note: Although it has a Cactus Road address, the theater is physically located on **Paradise Village Parkway East**, 2 blocks east of Tatum Boulevard.)

### CULINARY LUNCH

**September 9, Friday, 1 pm**

**CANTINA LAREDO**, 7361 E. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd., Scottsdale

**RSVP By 9/5**

Members and guests are invited to a Southwestern culinary lunch at Cantina Laredo, where they serve authentic dishes in a sophisticated atmosphere. RSVP to A. Mori (602) 667-8170 or email [a.mori@cox.net](mailto:a.mori@cox.net).

### MOVIES WITH CAROL AND BILL



**September 11, Sunday**

We will be going to see a film and then discuss it at dinner (Carole will bring some discussion points - no pressure, just fun). It may be a comedy or a foreign film or a documentary or a drama. But we promise it will not be a horror film. If you are on the email list you will receive notification of the title, place and time on Thursday, September 8. To get on the list just send your information to [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com). And remember, it is cool in the theater.

## BOARD MEETING

**September 13, Tuesday, 6:30 pm**

**DENNY'S**, 3315 N Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale (Just south of Osborn). Note location change. 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](mailto:president@societyforthearts.org), (480) 491-3326, for information.

## SOCIAL

**September 15, Thursday 4-7 pm**

**OLD TOWN TORTILLA FACTORY**, 6910 E. Main St. Scottsdale (480) 945-4567 Southwest, freestanding Margarita lounge, house-made tortillas, salsas and specialties. Possibly the most popular restaurant in Old Town. Please remember to tip our friendly wait staff. Contact Information: Howard Calvert (520) 975-2802

## THEATER

**September 17, Saturday, 8:00 pm**

**RSVP BY 9/7**

*The Velocity of Autumn* - Presented by iTheatre Collaborative, Herberger Theater Center (KAX Theater, entrance on Van Buren), 222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix. Alexandra is a 79-year-old artist in a showdown with her family over where she'll spend her remaining years. In Alexandra's corner are her wit, her volcanic passion and the fact that she's barricaded herself in her Brooklyn brownstone with a pile of Molotov cocktails. When Alexandra's estranged son Chris returns after 20 years and crawls through her second floor window, the emotional bombs start detonating, hopefully, before the real ones do. **Tickets: \$20.00. Pre-show Dinner at 5:30 pm**, The District Restaurant in the Sheraton Hotel, 340 N. Third St., Phoenix. **Contact** Nancy Crimmings, (602) 910-9490, [nlcrimmings@gmail.com](mailto:nlcrimmings@gmail.com), for tickets and dinner reservations **by 9/7/16.**

## BOOK CLUB

**September 19, Monday, 7:15 pm**

Have You Read Any Good Books Lately? The SFA Book Club will meet on Monday evening, September 19, at the Wildflower Bread Company, 7001 N. Scottsdale Road (Seville Shopping Center). The book to be discussed is



"Circling the Wind" by Paula McLain. The book is in the historical fiction genre and reveals the extraordinary adventures of the famed aviator Beryl Markham in 1920's Kenya, the world of "Out of Africa", told in McLain's beautifully written and engrossing style. Come at 6:00 pm to enjoy dinner and socializing. The meeting starts at 7:15 pm. A "quiet" table has been reserved in the main dining area. All members and guests who have read the book are welcome. For information, contact Joanne Handlong, [president@societyforthearts.org](mailto:president@societyforthearts.org), (480) 491-3326.

## DINNER WITH FRIENDS & ARTWALK

**September 22, Thursday, 5:30 pm**

**MALEE'S THAI BISTRO**

7131 E. Main St., Scottsdale

**RSVP by 9/19**

Join us for Thai food at this popular Scottsdale restaurant, then take an optional walk with us to visit some of the art galleries along Main Street.

The art walk starts at 6:30 pm and ends at 9:30 pm. **Please RSVP to Joanne by 9/19 to ensure your place at the table.** View the menu at: [www.maleesonmain.com](http://www.maleesonmain.com)

## SOCIAL

**September 29, Thursday 4-7 pm**

**EL CHORRO** 5550 E. Lincoln Dr. Paradise Valley (480) 948-5170.

A Valley touchstone for 60 years, El Chorro offers a peerless patio and welcoming dining room. The care of the old menu remains, with an emphasis on such mid-20th-century favorites as shrimp cocktails, stroganoff, trout almondine, roasted chicken, rack of lamb and delicious sticky buns. Please remember to tip our friendly wait staff. Contact Information: Howard Calvert 520-975-2802



## NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

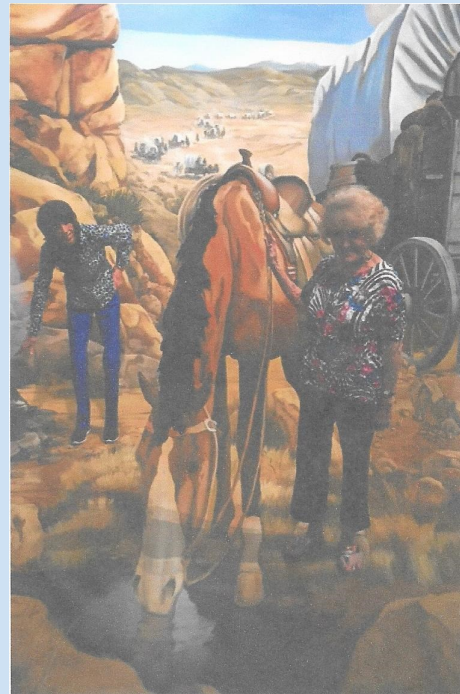
**October 2, Sunday, 1:00 pm**

The SFA board members will be hosting a luncheon for all our 2016 new members on Sunday, October 2nd. New members will be receiving an invitation with full details and we hope that they will invite the member responsible for them joining our great organization. We look forward to seeing/meeting everyone

**SFA Ladies Meet the Western Museum**



Marietta Houston and Paula Dow caught a tiger by the tail at the July Art Walk event.



L to R, Andria Mori, Cheryl Slobodnik



Gerry Crow, Julie Taylor, Howard Calvert and Karen Grant at Totties Asian Fusian for Dinner With Friends.

**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](http://www.societyforthearts.org) and click on the paypal link. You can use your credit card here.

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# September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Social	2	3 Theater
4	5	6	7	8	9 Culinary Lunch	10
11 Movies	12	13 Board Mtg	14	15 Social	16	17 Theater
18	19 Book Club	20	21	22 Dinner w/ Friends & Artwalk	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Social	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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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