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SFA President's Message

Welcome back to those lucky SFA members who have been away for the summer! Many of you are returning from vacations with interesting stories to tell about your experience while away. Some members took a successful SFA planned trip to Ashland, Oregon for their world-renowned Shakespeare Festival and many of us traveled to see family and friends. Wherever you have been, I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the activities and events your SFA Board of Directors has planned for you in the coming months.

During the past three months, SFA members have been busy attending SFA activities and events despite the heat. The Close Encounters, June theater events, Culinary Lunches, Happy Hour Socials, Pinnacle Peak Patio Dinner and the fourth of July event have all been well attended. We are truly a "hardy" group of people. In addition, during the summer the Theater Committee met and set the schedule for the 2015-2016 season. The theater schedule begins again in September. I think the committee has done a wonderful job of providing different genres that will appeal to all SFA members. In the coming months watch for comedies, musicals, dramas, opera, ballet and interactive theater. Thank you to Theater Chair, Joanne Handlong, and to each theater committee member for being willing to give your time to SFA.

The Board of Directors met in August and began completing an array of fun and interesting activities and events for the 2015-2016 season. Watch for house tours, museum tours, house parties, dinner with friends, special dinners at interesting places, culinary lunches, road trips, and the always popular happy hour socials. My thanks to a terrific Board of Directors and chair persons for your willingness to give your time to SFA.

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Do you know this SFA
Board Member?
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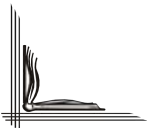
President's Message - cont'd

It is with sadness that the Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Jane Frost at their August meeting. Jane served SFA as Vice President and also chaired and hosted the Book Club and Bunco. Jane is moving to California at the end of August but promises to come back and visit us. I want to thank Jane for her time and service to SFA and wish her my very best as she undertakes her next adventure.

My special thanks to Joanne Handlong who offered to continue as editor of the SFA Newsletter and the SFA Website. She also serves as the Chair of Theater activities and Calendar Coordinator. I feel very grateful for her help and dedication to Society for the Arts.

I hope to see all of you at the activities and events planned for you. Enjoy and have fun!

Cheryl Slobodnik, President



The SFA Board Member is



Carol Hasher

Carol was born and raised in New York City and graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology. Her degree in Textile Design enabled her to work with several outstanding Interior Designers in Manhattan. She moved to Denver, Colorado after she was married. She has three sons and seven grandchildren. In 1984, she started a small business in Phoenix and is still actively involved with it. She considers herself blessed to have a wonderful family, many great friends, and to be living in beautiful Arizona.

Carol currently serves as Membership Chair. She has graciously hosted new member events and SFA parties at her lovely home.



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

September 1, Tuesday, 5:30 pm DINNER WITH FRIENDS

Cheesecake Factory at Kierland Commons, 15230 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, (480) 607-0083 American restaurant offering sizable portions from a vast menu including signature cheesecake dishes. No RSVP needed, just come and join other SFA friends for a casual dinner together. **Get there by 5:15 so we can get a table together.** Your Host: Cheryl Slobodnik, c_slobodnik@msn.com or 480-580-3103.



September 3, Thursday, 5-7pm Social Fleming's Steak House, located in the Hilton Hotel, 6333 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale (corner of Scottsdale Rd. and Lincoln). (480) 686-6248. Happy Hour menu featuring prime burgers, small plates and a variety of appetizers. "Skinny" cocktails (only 99 calories), wine, craft beers and specialty martinis. Please remember to tip your server. Contact information: Barbara Rosen 480-686-6248 or Janet Hom (520) 440-1516.

September 5, Saturday SINGLES FAIR & BALL Social 6:00 p.m.

Ball beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Double Tree Paradise Valley

Resort, 5401 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, (480) 947-5400

Arrive early: Save money! Arrive between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., admission is \$13 for SFA members.

Arrive after 7:00 p.m. admission is \$15 for the entire event. There will be dozens of exhibitors, everyone from Dating Coaches to the Tall Club, from Christian Singles to Swing Dancers. As always, there will be a psychic, free personal ads, raffles, prizes... and more! Arrive at 6:00 p.m. to meet the exhibitors, socialize and meet everyone before the dance starts at 8:00 p.m. **Society for the Arts** will have members at an information table beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come talk with us, socialize and then begin to dance at 8:00 p.m. **Check the impressive website at www.azsinglesfair.com**



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September 10, Thur, 5:30 pm **Special Event** **Organ Stop Pizza**, 1149 E.

Southern Ave., Mesa (located just off the southwest corner of Southern Ave and Stapley Dr., next to Walgreens) (480)



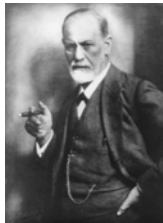
813-5700. Enjoy live music played on the mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ and affordable pizza. The menu also includes specialty pizzas, pastas, appetizers, sandwiches, salad bar, desserts, and a variety of soft drinks, beer, and wine. **Bring CASH or CHECK only.** Credit and debit cards are **NOT** accepted. Contact Andria Mori, amori@cox.net or (602) 667-8170 for information. www.organstoppizza.com

September 11, Fri, 1:00 pm **Culinary Lunch** **Paul Martin's American Grill**, 6186 N.

Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale. 480 991-9342. This tastefully decorated restaurant serves classic American lunches with innovative twists. **RSVP** to Andria Mori, (602) 667-8170 or amori@cox.net, by Tuesday, September 8. View menu at www.paulmartinsamericangrill.com

September 12, Sat, 7:30 pm **Theater Event**

Hysteria (Comedy) – Presented by Southwest Shakespeare Co. at the Mesa Arts Center (Farnsworth Studio Theater), 1 E. Main St., Mesa.



A tour-de-force of language and wit, this fast-paced farce was a smash hit when it premiered at the Royal Court Theatre in London in 1993. Freud and Dali meet for tea at Freud's house in Hampstead one summer's afternoon in 1938. The play combines that meeting with the arrival of the mysterious Jessica, who brings serious charges against Freud. In the last months of his illness, the exhausted Freud soon finds himself up to his neck explaining both his life's work and the female undergarments in his garden.

Tickets: \$20.00 (Very Special SFA rate--Regular rate is \$45.00) Pre-show Dinner at 5:00 pm, Nunthaporn's Thai, 17 W Main St, Mesa. **Contact:** Howard Shapiro, howardmesa2@yahoo.com, 480.962.9321, for tickets and dinner reservations **by 9/3/15.** www.mesaartscenter.com, www.nunthapornthai.com

Sept 15, Tues., 6:30 pm 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 pm to order your own food and drink. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Location is Mimi's Cafe, 8980 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale. Cheryl Slobodnik, SFA President, c_slobodnik@msn.com.

September 17, Thur, 5-7pm Social
Cowboy Ciao, 7133 E. Stetson Dr., Scottsdale, (480) 946-3111. Blend Southwestern and Italian cuisine and you get this whimsically decorated oddball, loved for its award-winning wine list and quirky but delicious food. Try the carpaccio, Stetson chopped salad, mushroom panfry, and the awesome elk tostada. Please remember to tip your server. Contact information: Barbara Rosen 480-686-6248 or Janet Hom (520) 440-1516.

September 19, Saturday **Dinner and Glow Putt Mini Golf**



5:30 pm - 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,

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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 Dorothy, (480) 773-0988, lindorothy1@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.

September 20, Sunday Foreign Films

SFA members are invited to see a foreign film with other movie buffs. Time, location, and title will be announced as date approaches. Dinner and discussion after the movie. Contact Andria Mori, amori@cox.net or (602) 667-8170 for details. **NOTE:** If you wish to receive monthly emails about the specific films we are going to see, please notify Andria.

September 21, Mon, 7:00 pm Book Club

The Book Club will meet at the Wildflower Bread Company in the Seville Shopping Center, 7001 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale (480) 612-0606. A room has been reserved. **Come at 6:30 pm** to order a bite to eat before the meeting. We will be discussing *"The Goldfinch"* by Donna Tartt, facilitated by Joanne Handlong. Book selections will be made for the coming year. Location of future meetings will also be discussed. Contact Joanne Handlong, (480) 491-3326, justjo34@gmail.com for information.

September 25, Fri, 1:45 pm Close Encounters with the Arts

We are going to the David and Gladys Wright House, located in Arcadia/Phoenix. This 2,500-square-foot concrete house was designed and built by Frank Lloyd Wright for his son David and his wife, Gladys. The house has a spiral design, with



a long curved entry ramp that anticipates the design of the [Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum](#) in New York. David and Gladys Wright lived in the house until their deaths. There is a free one hour tour at 2:00pm. Directions and instructions for the visit will be emailed to members who make reservations.

Please contact Carole Sobel at (602) 595-4400 or cesobel@gmail.com and your reservation will be confirmed.

September 26, Sat, 8:00 pm Theater Event

Sex with Strangers (Comedy) - Arizona Theatre Company presents a very special production from Stray Cat Theatre, one of Arizona's leading indie



theatre companies, at Herberger Theater Center, Stage West, 222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix. Letting a stranger in can always be dangerous. A new comedy about the calculations people are making to find love or fame in an age of social media, brightly-lit phone screens, and blogging. A raging snowstorm traps two beautiful strangers in a secluded cabin. Opposites instantly attract, undeniable chemistry ignites, and sex is imminent. As dawn rises, however, what could have been just a one-night stand transforms into something much more complicated. **Tickets: \$38.25** (Group rate for 10 or more; \$51.00 if less than 10).

Pre-show Dinner at 5:30 p.m. at The District American Kitchen and Wine Bar, 320 N 3rd St, Phoenix (in the Sheraton Hotel), (602) 817-5400.

Contact: Joanne Handlong, 480.491.3326 <justjo34@gmail.com> for tickets and dinner reservations **by 9/10/15**. www.arizonatheatre.org; www.districtrestaurant.com

September 27, Sunday Movie and 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.

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

More event info and stories on pages 5 and 6.

Make Your Reservation Now for this October Theater Event!

Reservation Deadline is September 23

October 10, Sat, 8:00 pm Theater Event
Hershey Felder as Irving Berlin (Musical) -

Presented by Arizona
Theatre Company,
Herberger Theater Center,
Main Stage, 222 E. Monroe
St., Phoenix. From the



depths of Czarist Russia, to New York's Lower East Side, and ultimately all of America and the world, Irving Berlin's story epitomizes the American dream. Hershey Felder, a bravura performer, compelling storyteller, and superb concert pianist, brings to vibrant life the remarkable story of "America's Composer." Featuring Irving Berlin's most popular and enduring songs – from "Alexander's Ragtime Band" to "God Bless America" to "White Christmas" – Hershey Felder's performance makes this evening an unforgettable journey.

Tickets: \$45.00 (Group rate for 10 or more; regular rate \$60.00 if less than 10). **Pre-show Dinner** at 5:30 pm at My Big Fat Greek Restaurant in the Arizona Center, 455 N. 3rd St., Suite #108, Phoenix, (602) 254-5730. **Contact:** Nancy Crimmings, 602.910.9490, <e:
nlicrimmings@gmail.com> for tickets and dinner reservations **by 9/23/15.**

Mail your event payments to:

SFA Treasurer
P.O. Box 55495
Phoenix, AZ 85078-5495

Make check 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, then click on the PayPal link. You can use your credit card here.

They Brushed Up Their Shakespeare (at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival)

Five SFA members traveled to Ashland, Oregon for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF), August 6-11.



The trip, offered through Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel), was entitled "Inside the Oregon Shakespeare Festival: A Wonderful Week of Theater", and it lived up to its title.

The program included performances of three Shakespeare plays, one in each of their three theaters. "Antony and Cleopatra" was performed in the outdoor, Elizabethan style theater. Smoke from nearby wildfires threatened to cancel that performance but fortunately the smoke cleared in time for the performance to proceed.



The other two plays, "Pericles" (pictured at right) and "Much Ado About Nothing" (pictured above), were performed in the two indoor theaters. Both were excellent in all aspects—acting, staging, and directing.

The program included daily classes conducted by OSF behind-the-scenes staff, university professors, and actors from the productions. One memorable class was with a make-up artist who demonstrated techniques on how to transform a guy into a gal with facial make-up and how to make a bloody hatchet wound on the arm. The classes prepared us for what to look for in the plays and afforded us an opportunity to revisit them afterwards.

SFA members making the trip were: Andria Mori, Fran Schauer, Mary Zedick, Irene Rubins and Joanne Handlong. The Road Scholar group consisted of 15 people who came from as far away as New York City and as close as Bend, Oregon.

This was a wonderful Road Scholar trip, offering a wealth of knowledge about Shakespeare, great camaraderie among the group, and an opportunity to see top-notch productions of Shakespeare and other contemporary plays.

by Joanne Handlong

An update from Howard Calvert from the Pacific Crest Trail

On August 22, Howard wrote: “Well, it’s all over! My trek north has come to a sudden stop. The winds/fire in Washington State have made it impossible to continue. I’m within 100 miles of the Canadian border but I can’t go any farther. It’s been fun, but today I travel south to the high Sierras to finish out those 300 miles I skipped back in May. These are probably the prettiest miles in all of America—the John Muir Trail. I should be home in Scottsdale by September 15.” We’ll be glad to see you Howard!



To all of you born in September – Happy Birthday!

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Information Line:
(602) 432-6900

sunday monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday

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SFA Guest Policy
We welcome guests to attend up to three SFA events but after the 3rd visit, they must join SFA 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
\$65.00 per year
*Contact SFA Membership Chair, Carol Hasher
carolinphx2000@gmail.com*
The Membership Application can be downloaded and printed from our website:
www.societyforthearts.org