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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AS SUMMER IS LEAVING THE VALLEY AND RETURN OF OUR SNOWBIRDS, THE SFA BOARD HAS BEEN VERY BUSY ARRANGING AN ARRAY OF FUN AND INTERESTING ACTIVITIES IN OUR 2014-2015 SEASON.

WE ARE OFFERING LIVE THEATRE, MUSEUM TOURS, HOUSE PARTIES, CULINARY LUNCHEES, DINNER WITH FRIENDS, CONCERTS, MOVIES, AND OUR HAPPY HOURS FOR GOOD CONVERSATION, GOOD FOOD, AND GOOD PEOPLE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARTS CONTINUES TO GROW AND EVOLVE'S. WE ARE A SPECIAL GROUP WITH A PURPOSE TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND ENJOY OURSELVES AT THE SAME TIME. WE ARE 28 YEARS STRONG AND GOING FORWARD INTO 2015.

SFA INVITES ALL SINGLE GROUPS 55+ TO JOIN OUR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR FRIENDSHIP'S AND FELLOWSHIP'S WITH NO COMPETITION. PLEASE EXPLORE OUR 2014-2015 EXCITING SEASON .

SFA BOARD MEETS THE 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH EXCEPT FOR THE SUMMER. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND AND ASK QUESTIONS, SHARE THOUGHTS OR CONCERNS .

THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE HAS INFORMATION TO CONTACT ALL BOARD MEMBERS .

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT OUR ACTIVITIES AND HAVING A GREAT TIME.

BONNIE GABY, PRESIDENT

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The Mission of Society for the Arts, Active Singles 50+, is to raise money through social events and fundraising to benefit the arts in the greater Phoenix area. Founded in 1986, SFA is a 501(c)(3) organization.

CALENDAR of ACTIVITIES

Saturday, November 1, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Close Encounters with the Arts

We are going to the fifth annual Herberger Theater Festival of the Arts which celebrates the arts in downtown Phoenix. Activities include performances, dance, food, visual art, live music, film shorts, tequila tasting and more! Admission is \$5.00, purchase online or at the gate the day of the festival. Free parking is provided by the Arizona Center. Arrive at your convenience, meet at rotunda near the box offices at 3:00. We will make arrangements for dinner and meet again at 5:00. The Herberger is located at 222 E. Monroe St, Phoenix. Please email Holly Antosz at kittikare@gmail.com for reservations.

Sunday, November 2

Movie & 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.

Tuesday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.

BUNCO -- that's right, Bunco! New Activity!

SFA is starting a BUNCO group. It is a dice game for 12 people at 3 tables. Come join us! No talent nor skill required. All you need is the ability to count to six and a willingness to have fun! Each player contributes \$5 at the beginning. The play is fast and furious and at the end of each game winners get the jackpot. Bunco night is at Jane Frost's home. We ask players to make a commitment to play every first Tuesday to ensure we have enough players. RSVP to Jane Frost at jfrostorg@gmail.com by 11-03-14.

Thursday, November 6, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Please Note the Change of Time! 

Happy Hour Social at Wrigley Mansion

For this Happy Hour event only, the time is 4:00-6:00 p.m. Live Jazz following happy hour. Wrigley Mansion, 24th Street, turn E. at the Arizona Biltmore Circle stop light,, 2501 E. Telewa Trail. (602) 955-4079. Valet parking available for \$6.00. \$2 Hospitality Fee. Please remember: this is in addition to your gratuity for the wait staff. *"For the price of a drink, you can have a millionaire's view of the city!"*

Friday, November 7, 8:00 a.m.

Cook's Tour 2014 - Home Tour

Valley Presbyterian Church will host the 44th annual Cooks' Home Tour from 8:00a.m-3:00p.m. It includes an outstanding white elephant sale, costume jewelry and crafters boutique sale starting at 8:00 a.m. There will be two fabulous homes on the tour along with gift boutiques. Tour buses start every 30 minutes at the church and go to the homes beginning at 9:00 a.m. and end at 1:00. Optional

luncheon available. Contact Cheryl Slobodnik at 480-432-6900 or 480-580-3103, or email c_slobodnik@msn.com for any questions. Tour Tickets: \$25.00 Call 991-6424 Monday-Friday from 10.00 a.m.- 12:00 a.m. Have your credit card available Luncheon Tickets: (optional) \$15.00. Valley Presbyterian Church, 6947 E. McDonald Drive, Paradise Valley, www.myvalleychurch.org

Saturday, November 8, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Chiles and Chocolate Festival, Desert Botanical Garden

Please your palate at the Desert Botanical Garden. Sample gourmet chocolate, chili peppers, salsas and Southwest treats while you listen to DJ music, watch Latin dance performances and meander along paths at the garden and admire the desert flora. Vendors items for sale. Optional: Meet for dinner at Gertrude's Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. Dinner reservations must be made by November 1. Contact Cheryl Slobodnik at 480-432-6900 or 480-580-3103, or email c_slobodnik@msn.com for reservations or questions. Tickets \$22.00, age 60 or older \$20.00. Meet at the entrance to the Desert Botanical Garden at 2:30 p.m. 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix.

Sunday, November 9, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Spanish Market at the Heard Museum

Add some Hispanic tradition to your holiday shopping at the Heard Museum. Isabelle Collins of Puebla, Mexico is this year's featured artist. Her Colonial Mexican pottery will be for sale, along with embroidery, furniture, painting, prints and works of silver and tin in all price ranges. More than 65 artists participating. Call or email Cheryl Slobodnik for information: 480-432-6900, or 480-580-3103. c_slobodnik@msn.com . Heard Museum, 2301 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ. Free admission, suggested \$10.00 donation. Meet at entrance at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.

Book Club - "The Orphan Train"

Due to unexpected changes, we will not be reading/discussing "Americanah" at the November meeting . (We will move it to the December meeting.) Instead, we will read/discuss "The Orphan Train." Monday, November 10, at Jane Frost's home starting at 7:00. Please contact Jane at jfrostorg@gmail.com to RSVP and directions.

Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 p.m.

SFA Board of Directors Meeting

SFA Members always welcome. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Come early to order your own food or drink. More information: Mary Jane Baetz at mjwriter@aol.com

Wednesday, November 12, 12:30 p.m.

Close Encounters Special Event

We will go to the Phoenix Art Museum to see "Quiet Rage, Gentle Wail." This exhibit explores Noh, the traditional Japanese theater form that incorporates music, dance and drama. Bringing together different media that relate to Noh Theatre, this exhibition has a multi-

dimensional approach to the appreciation of Noh. Included in the exhibition are 22 Noh masks, a pair of two-panel screens and approximately 24 prints that depict Noh actors on stage. Meet at 12:30 in the Palette restaurant for lunch and then visit the exhibit. For reservations please email Holly Antosz at kittikare@gmail.com

Friday, November 14, 1:00 p.m.
Culinary Lunch at Village Tavern

Meet at the Village Tavern, 8787 N. Scottsdale Road, in Gainey Village, at 1:00 p.m. Enjoy a wide variety of tempting entrees and great company. Last month we had a small group of nine SFA Members and enjoyed a lovely time together. Come and join us! RSVP to Andria Mori at amori@cox.net by November 11.

Saturday, November 15, 8:00 p.m.
Theater Event - Arizona Opera at Symphony Hall

"Rigoletto" presented by Arizona Opera, Symphony Hall, 2nd St. and Adams, Phoenix. A court jester isn't quite so funny when he has revenge on his mind. With unforgettable arias that are synonymous with Italian Opera and a dramatic, twisting plot. Join us for this beloved opera by Giuseppe Verdi. Orchestra level seating. Tickets: \$36.00 (group rate for 10 or more; \$45.00 if less than 10) Pre-show Dinner: 5:30 pm at Hanny's, 1st St. and Adams, Phoenix. Contact Joanne Handlong for tickets and dinner reservations by 10/29/14 at 480-491-3326 or justjo34@gmail.com

Sunday, November 16, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Book Signing, "The Age of Elegance"

Join author Mary Jane Baetz at La Prima Donna Italian Restaurant for the first official Book Signing of her novel, "The Age of Elegance." Based on her own experience as a candidate for Ms. Senior Arizona, the book is a fictional account of a pageant for senior women. La Prima Donna will open its doors at 4:00 p.m. and offer happy hour drinks and food at happy hour prices. No cover charge. The book is priced at \$14.95 and Mary Jane will sign your copy. La Prima Donna Italian Restaurant, 7704 E. Doubletree Ranch Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85258. 480.659.4139

Tuesday, November 18, 5:30 p.m.
Evening Dining at Eden's Grill

For an incredible dining experience, join a small group of SFA Members and invited guests for dinner at Eden's Grill. Reservations are already made and limited to just eight people, so add your name to the list as soon as possible. The restaurant is located at 13843 N. Tatum Blvd., Phoenix (Artie's Ace hardware Center, NE Corner.) Do not contact the restaurant! Contact Bonnie Gaby to confirm your reservation, bonniegaby@aol.com.

Thursday, November 20, 5-7 p.m.
Happy Hour - Social at Eddie's House

Chef/owner Eddie Matney seamlessly blends classic American cooking with fresh Mediterranean flavors,

like toasted seafood wontons and sesame-crust ahi. The Happy Hour menu features his "Great Burger" at reduced prices. \$2 Hospitality Fee. Remember: this is in addition to your gratuity for the wait staff. Eddie's House, 7042 E. Indian School Rd. Scottsdale (480) 946-1622

Saturday, November 22
Foreign/Independent/Documentary Films

The time, title and location of November's film will be emailed to all members on the email list. Following the movie we will go to a nearby restaurant for dinner and a discussion. To join this group, email Andrea Mori at amori@cox.net and you will be added to the list.

Sunday, November 23, 2:00 p.m.
Bolshoi Ballet, "Legend Of Love"

A simulcast presentation at The Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix 85004. Features Yuri Grigorovich, a Russian master. Meet in lobby @ 1:30 pm for the 2:00 p.m. performance. Three-hour performance, two intermissions. Purchase tickets through the Museum, \$18 for general public, \$15 members. If you wish to join others for dinner, contact Bonnie Gaby at bonniegaby@aol.com

Monday, November 24, 5:30 p.m. for kick-off
Monday Night Football - Ravens v. Saints

Are you ready for some football? Monday Night Football! No host, no reserved seating, just come and join other SFA fans for good food and lots of TV sets tuned to the game. DownSide Risk Restaurant, 8989 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85253 (in the shopping center on corner of Doubletree & Scottsdale Road.) Questions? Contact Mary Jane Baetz (Saints fan) at mjwriter@aol.com

Friday, November 28, 5:30 p.m.
Black Friday - Dinner With Friends

Meet at The Cheesecake Factory in Kierland Commons and join other SFA Members. Wear Black for Black Friday. Dinner or dessert, or both, it's up to you. No reservations, we will just meet there and find seats for everyone who shows up. Look for Men in Black, and Women too! 15230 N. Scottsdale Rd. (Kierland Commons)

Sunday, November 30, 2:00 p.m.
"Sky Flight" at Phoenix Art Museum

National Theatre live "Skyflight", high definition. Meet in lobby at 1:30 p.m. for 2:00 p.m. performance. Purchase tickets through museum. \$18.00 for general public, \$15 for museum members. Run time: 3 hrs. Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N Central, Phoenix 85004. Contact Bonnie Gaby for more information or if you wish to join others for dinner after the performance, at bonniegaby@aol.com





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Join the Fun!

November 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 <i>Close Encounters</i> |
| 2 <i>Movie & Dinner</i> | 3 | 4 <i>Bunco Night – New!</i> | 5 | 6 <i>Happy Hour @ 4:00</i>  | 7 <i>Cook's Tour</i> | 8 <i>Chiles & Chocolate</i> |
| 9 <i>Spanish Market</i> | 10 <i>Book Club</i> | 11 <i>SFA Board of Directors</i> | 12 <i>Close Encounters</i> | 13 | 14 <i>Culinary Lunch</i> | 15 <i>Theatre "Rigoletto"</i> |
| 16 <i>"The Age of Elegance"</i> | 17 | 18 <i>Evening Dining Out at Eden's</i> | 19 | 20 <i>Happy Hour at Eddie's</i> | 21 | 22 <i>Foreign Films</i> |
| 23 <i>Ballet at Phoenix Art Museum</i> | 24 <i>Monday Night Football</i> | 25 | 26 | 27 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> | 28 <i>Black Friday Dinner With Friends</i> | 29 |
| 30 <i>Skyflight" at Phoenix Art Museum</i> | | | SFA Annual Meeting | TUESDAY DECEMBER 9th  | | |

SFA Guest Policy

We welcome guests to attend up to three SFA events but after the third visit they must join SFA before attending any more events. This includes Theatre, Lunches, Happy Hours and all other events except those which are open to the public.

SFA Membership Fee
Only \$65 per year
 \$40 goes to the SFA Operating Fund.
 \$25 goes to the SFA Donation Fund to support the arts.
 Contact SFA Membership Chair
 Carol Hasher
 carolinphx2000@gmail.com