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SFA President's Message

The best and busiest time of the year is upon us. I hope I see all of you out and about participating in the various activities and exciting events that SFA has planned to get you in the holiday spirit. This is an exciting time of the year as family and friends reconnect over the holidays.

On November 7, we have a wonderful day planned for you at the sixth annual Herberger Theater Festival of the Arts. For one day, this annual family-friendly community event takes over the entire Herberger Theater Center -- inside and out. There is something for everyone -- theater and dance performances, live music, great food, activities, film shorts, and more! If you are new to the performing arts, this is a great opportunity to experience a variety of styles spanning many cultures. Tickets are only \$5 and may be purchased at the gate the day of the festival. Please plan on joining us for this fun-filled day. **See meet up** details inside the newsletter.

We have two theater events and an opera this month. Plus, we have what promises to be a beautiful culinary lunch scheduled at the lovely Hermosa Inn on November 13. Patio dining this time of the year at The Hermosa Inn is a wonderful experience. Be sure you make your reservations early! After lunch, join a Close Encounters group from 5:00-9:00 p.m. to explore the Holiday Pop-up Gallery in Tempe. It's a chance to get a jump on your holiday shopping. There will be four artists who will display their work and have items for sale that would make unique holiday gifts.

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Do you know this SFA Board member? - See page 2.



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President's Message - continued

Also, please note in the schedule that one of our ever popular socials is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 25** rather than Thursday, November 26.

Lastly, please plan to attend the Annual Meeting and optional dinner on **December 1**. See **page 5 for details**. Your RSVP's are required for this event.

I want to wish all of you a joyful and fun-filled holiday and safe traveling. I hope I see all of you during the month. Many, many thanks to the SFA Board of Directors and SFA members who work so diligently for the organization. You remain the VERY BEST!

Cheryl Slobodnik, President

***This SFA Member is
Joanne Handlong***



I am originally from Pennsylvania but have lived in the Phoenix area since 1972. I joined SFA in 2002, about one year before I retired from a Human Resources Manager position at Scottsdale Unified

School District. I was seeking friends who shared my interest in the arts. For the past eight years or more, I have chaired the Theatre Committee. I also served as Board secretary and Publicity Chair during previous Board terms, currently chair the Donations Committee, and recently took over editorship of this newsletter. In addition, I work part-time at the Mesa Arts Center and also enjoy taking non-credit classes through ASU's Osher Learning Program and New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning which is affiliated with Mesa Community College. I raised two sons and now enjoy spending time with my three young grandchildren. SFA has been a great plus in my life, affording me many friendships and enjoyable arts-related experiences.



Calendar of Activities

November 7, Saturday 11:30 am - 5:00 pm
Close Encounters with the Arts

Herberger Festival of the Arts

Herberger Theater Center
222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix

The sixth annual Herberger Festival of the Arts celebrates the arts with performances, dance, visual art, live music and film shorts. The three venues in the Herberger plus an outdoor area will have performances from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Check out the performance schedule at <http://www.herbergertheater.org/festival-performances>, and arrive when you wish. Meet up with the Close Encounters group in the rotunda of the Herberger at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 and there is free parking in the Arizona Center garage (enter from 5th Street heading north from Van Buren or off of Fillmore west of 5th Street), Please email Carole Sobel at cesobel@gmail.com to let her know you will attend.

November 8, Sun., 2:00 pm **Theater Event**

The Taming (Comedy) Presented by Class 6 Theatre at Mesa Arts Center (Farnsworth Studio Theater), 1 E. Main Street, Mesa. This play is part of the Class 6 Fall repertory along with the November 21 theater event. Inspired by Shakespeare's *Shrew*, two political opposites end up in a strange hotel room with a beauty queen running the show. How will they go to defend themselves and their country? Southern Fried Politics, y'all? In this hilarious, raucous, all-female "power-play", contestant Katherine has political aspirations to match her beauty pageant ambitions. **Tickets: \$21.00 After-show Dinner:** Il Vinaio, 270 W. Main St, Mesa, (480) 649-6476, www.ilvinaio.net. Contact Ellen DuBiel, (602) 526-7652, <e: ellndub@aol.com> for tickets and dinner reservations **by 10/24/15**. www.mesaartscenter.com

Nov. 10, Tues., 6:30pm SFA Board Meeting

All members welcome at the SFA Board of Directors' meeting. Location is Mimi's Cafe, 8980 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale. 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 pm. Contact Cheryl Slobodnik, SFA President, c_slobodnik@msn.com.

November 12, Thurs, 4-7pm Social

Bink's Kitchen & Bar, 6107 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, (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 hour food prices until 7 pm

include deep fried baby back ribs, mussels, sweetbread nuggets, burgers, meatballs, sloppy Joes and french fries. Please remember to tip your server. Contact information: Howard Calvert (520) 975-2802. <http://binkleysrestaurantgroup.com/restaurants/binks-scottsdale/>

November 13, Fri, 1:00 pm Culinary Lunch

*****RSVP by November 11*****

Hermosa Inn, 5532 N. Palo Christie Rd., Paradise Valley, (602) 955-8614 -

Join SFA members for a luscious lunch at the award-winning Hermosa Inn. Enjoy foods flavored



with seasonings grown in Lon's on-site, organic garden while dining in this picturesque and idyllic desert setting. R.S.V.P. to amori@cox.net, or, call (602) 667-8170 **by Wed., November 11.**

November 13, Fri., 5:00 pm Close Encounters with the Arts

We are going to meet at the **2015 Holiday Pop-Up Gallery** at Joan Waters' Studio, 2141 E. Cedar St., Suite 1, Tempe. Four artists will display their work



and have items for sale that would make unique holiday gifts. This is opening night (5 - 9 pm) Band there will be light refreshments. To see examples of their work and for

directions to the gallery go to

www.AZOpenStudio.com. There is no fee for this event. Please email Carole Sobel

at cesobel@gmail.com if you have any questions or to make a reservation.

November 14, Sat., 7:30 pm Theater Event
(Pre-opera talk at 6:30 pm)

*****Deadline to reserve is October 28*****

Florencia en el Amazonas (Opera) - Presented by Arizona Opera at Symphony Hall, 2nd and Adams Streets, Phoenix. Inspired by the magical realism of celebrated author Gabriel García Márquez, *Florencia en el Amazonas* is a journey

through the physical and mystical worlds of love, desire and the mighty Amazon River. Florencia Grimaldi is travelling through the enchanted rainforest and hopes to find her long lost lover, a butterfly

hunter who disappeared in the jungle many years ago. Wracked by storms and a cholera outbreak, she and her fellow passengers are drawn deeper into the Amazon where fantasy and reality intertwine and their hopes and dreams are tested. Written by the late Mexican composer Daniel Catán, *Florencia en el Amazonas* was the first-ever Spanish-language opera commissioned in the U.S. and has become a smash sensation around the globe ever since its premiere. **Tickets: \$52.00** (Group rate for 10 or more; \$65.00 if less than 10). **Pre-show Dinner at 5:00 pm**, Fez, 105 W. Portland Street, Phoenix, (602) 287-8700, www.fezoncentral.com. **Contact** Joanne Handlong, (480) 296-8512, justjo34@gmail.com, for tickets and dinner reservations **by 10/28/15.**

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A Thought for Thanksgiving

“Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others.” --Cicero

November 21, Sat., 7:30pm Theater Event

Failure: A Love Story (Musical) - Presented by Class 6 Theatre at Mesa Arts Center (Farnsworth Studio Theater), 1 E. Main Street, Mesa. Part of the Class 6 Fall repertory with the November 8 theater event. Tuneful songs and a whimsical chorus follow the adventures of the three Fail



sisters - Nelly, Jenny June, and Gerty - as they live out their lives above the family clock repair shop near the Chicago river. A magical, musical fable where, in the end, the power of

love is far greater than anyone's successes or failures. **Tickets: \$21.00 - Pre-show Dinner at 5:00 pm**, Margarita's, 10 W. Main Street, Mesa, 480-969-5812, **Contact** Carole Sobel (602) 595-4400, cesobel@gmail.com, for tickets and dinner reservations **by 11/6/15.**

www.mesaartscenter.com,
www.margaritasgrilleonmain.com.

November 22, Sunday Foreign Films

SFA members are invited to see a foreign film with other movie buffs, followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant. Time, location, and title will be announced by email as date approaches. Contact Andria Mori, amori@cox.net, (602) 667-8170 for details or to be added to email list.

November 25, Wed, 4-7pm Social

Wildfish Seafood Grille, 7135 E. Camelback Rd., Scottsdale, (480)

994-4040. This is Eddie V's sexy sib, a casual but gorgeously designed venue at



the Waterfront. As it is at Eddie's, the seafood is spectacular. And if you grab a seat at the bar during happy hour, oysters cost a buck each. Contact information: Howard Calvert (520) 975-2802.

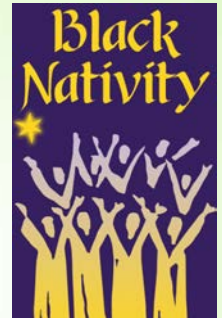
November 29, Sunday Movie & Dinner

Join Bill Plank and other SFA members and guests for a movie, followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant. Contact Bill at (602) 942-3151 for movie location and time.

Upcoming Theater Event with a November RSVP Deadline

December 5, Sat, 8:00pm Theater Event

Black Nativity (Musical) - Presented by the Black Theatre Troupe at the Helen K. Mason Performing Arts Center, 1333 E. Washington Street, Phoenix. By popular demand, this legendary holiday event by Harlem Renaissance poet, Langston Hughes, returns to the BTT stage in a stunning new production.



Black Nativity is without a doubt a theatrical wonderment. A joyous company of singers, actors, dancers and musicians delivers its powerful message of joy, hope, victory and liberation. This song-play touches a special chord in the hearts of all at a very special time of the year. **Tickets: \$27.00 Pre-show Dinner at 5:30 pm**, Pita Jungle, 1001 N. 3rd Avenue • Ste 4, Phoenix, 602-258- 7482, **Contact** Nancy Crimmings, (602) 910-9490, <e: nlcrimmings@gmail.com> for tickets and dinner reservations **by 11/20/15.**



Mail your event payments to:

SFA Treasurer
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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.

Other Activities of Interest

Learn to play American Mah Jongg - SFA member, Nadeen Berger, an avid Mah Jongg player, has offered to teach the game to SFA members. Please contact Nadeen if you are interested: (480) 659-4814, mammabirdnadeen@gmail.com.

What is Mah Jongg? American Mah Jongg is a variation of Chinese Mahjong. It is played with four players using tiles stamped with Chinese symbols. The goal of the game is to be the first to match one's tiles to a *specific* hand from the National Mah Jongg League's (NMJL) annually distributed scorecard, by picking and discarding, much like the card game [Gin Rummy](#).



Join Our Book Club

The SFA Book club meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:15 pm. The current meeting place is the Wildflower Bread Company in the Seville Shopping Center, 7001 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, (480) 612-0606 . A private room is reserved. Arrive at 6:30 pm to order a bite to eat and socialize before the meeting. Contact Irene Rubens, (480) 348-8761, irene.g@cox.net for information.



Book Club Selections — December 2015 through April 2016

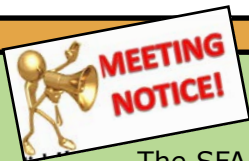
There will be no book club meeting in November. The next meeting will be on December 14, 2015

- December 14, 2015 - **“Missoula: Rape and Justice in a College Town”** by Jon Krakauer
- January 18, 2016 - **“Last Days of Dog Town”** by Anita Diamant
- February 15 , 2016 - **“We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves”** by Karen Joy Fowler
- March 21, 2016 - **“The Nightingale”** by Kristin Hannah
- April 18, 2016 - **Vanessa and Her Sister”** by Prya Parmar

Board of Directors

Serve on the Board of Directors

SFA is seeking members willing to give of their time to serve on the Board of Directors. Nominations and elections will be held at the annual meeting on December 1. Contact Cheryl Slobodnik, c_slobodnik@msn.com, if you are interested .



SFA Annual Meeting with Dinner Option on December 1, 2015

The SFA Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 7:00 PM at The Terraces**, located at 7550 N. 16th Street, Phoenix. All SFA Members are invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting. Agenda items will include nominations and election to the Board of Directors, financial and committee reports. Coffee and desserts will be served. **You must RSVP to Carole Sobel, (602) 595-4400, cesobel@gmail.com, by November 29** if you plan to attend the meeting.



You are invited to eat dinner at the Terraces at 5:00 pm prior to the meeting. For \$10.00 you get a complete meal including a glass of wine or other beverage. The menu is a la carte. **You must RSVP to Carole Sobel, (602) 595-4400, cesobel@gmail.com, by November 27** if you want to take advantage of this option.

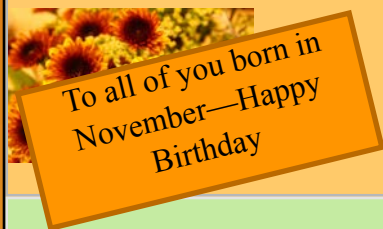
Hope to see you there!
*******REMEMBER TO RSVP*******

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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.



NOVEMBER 2015



sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Herberger Arts Festival
8 Theater	9	10 Board Meeting	11  Veterans' Day	12 Social	13 Culinary Lunch & Close Encounters	14 Opera
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Theater
22 Foreign Film	23	24	25 Social	26  Thanksgiving	27	28
29 Movie	30	1	2	3	4	5

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