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President's Message

As I looked back on 2015 and my term as your SFA President, I found much to be grateful for, and I have acknowledged these blessings in my December message on the page 5-6 insert of this newsletter.

Here in this space, I want to share what I think is a wonderful holiday message. I have had this message framed for years. It was written anonymously when I found it, but if anyone researches this and does find an author, please let me know so that credit can be given for the writing.

--Cheryl Slobodnik, President

This Christmas or Holiday

Mend a quarrel.

Seek out a forgotten friend.

Write a love letter.

Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth.

Keep a promise. Find the time.

Forgive an enemy. Listen.

Apologize if you were wrong.

Think first of someone else.

Be kind and gentle.

Laugh a little. Laugh a little more.

Express your gratitude.

Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth.

Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once again.

(Anonymous)

It's snowing someplace!

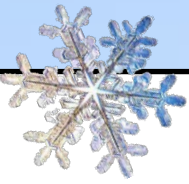


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Calendar of Activities

Dec. 1, Tuesday, 7:00 pm Annual Meeting

The SFA Annual Membership Meeting will be held at the Terraces, 7550 N. 16th Street, Phoenix. All SFA members are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. Agenda items will include nominations and election to the Board of Directors. Coffee and desserts will be served. RSVP to Carole Sobel, (602) 595-4400, cesobel@gmail.com **by 11/29/15** if you plan to attend the meeting.

Dec. 4, Friday 12:30 pm Close Encounters With the Arts

We will meet for lunch at 12:30 pm in the Palette restaurant in the **Phoenix Art Museum**.



At 2:00 pm, we will have a private docent tour of the Fashion Institute's current exhibit *The White Shirt According to Me. Gianfranco Ferré*. The exhibit includes a selection of 27 of Ferré's

most significant white shirts created over the course of his career (1982-2006). For a reservation please email cesobel@gmail.com. Admission to the museum for non-members is \$12.

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 song-play by Harlem Renaissance poet, Langston Hughes, returns to the BTT stage in a stunning new production. A joyous company of singers, actors, dancers and musicians delivers its powerful message of joy, hope, victory and liberation to touch a special chord in the hearts of all at a very special time of the year.

Tickets: \$27.00 Pre-show Dinner 5:30 pm, Pita Jungle, 1001 N. 3rd Avenue • Ste 4, Phoenix, 602-258- 7482, RSVP deadline was **11/25/15**.

Contact Nancy Crimmings, (602) 910-9490, <[e:nlcrimmings@gmail.com](mailto:nlcrimmings@gmail.com)> for information.

Dec 8, 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. The Board will elect its officers for 2016. Contact Cheryl Slobodnik, President, c_slobodnik@msn.com.

December 10, Thurs, 4-7pm Social

Dominick's Steakhouse, 15169 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, (480) 994-4040 - The family behind Mastro's steakhouses spent millions constructing this lavish temple to beef at the Scottsdale Quarter. Try the succulent, 14-ounce bone-in veal chop, or the juicy jumbo sea scallops. Please remember to tip your server. Contact information: Howard Calvert (520) 975-2802. dominickssteakhouse.com

December 11, Fri, 1:00 pm Culinary Lunch

*****RSVP by December 9****

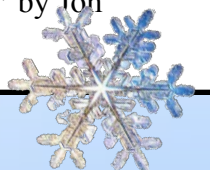
Village Tavern, 8787 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, inside the Gainey Village Plaza, (480) 951-6445 - Join in the holiday fun with lunch at this popular restaurant that caters to all American tastes. R.S.V.P. to amori@cox.net, or call (602) 667-8170 no later than **Dec 9th**.

December 13, Sunday Foreign Films

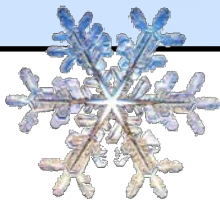
SFA members and guests are invited to see a foreign film with other movie buffs, followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant. Time, location, and title will be announced by email as date approaches. Contact Andria Mori, amori@cox.net, (602) 667-8170, for details or to be added to email list.

December 14, Mon., 6:30 pm

The Book Club meets at the Wildflower Bread Company in the Seville Shopping Center, 7001 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, (480) 612-0606. The December selection is "**Missoula: Rape and Justice in a College Town**" by Ion Krakauer. A private room is reserved.



**December 14, Mon., 6:30 pm -
Book Club - *continued***



Arrive at 6:30 pm to order a bite to eat and socialize before the meeting which starts at 7:15 pm. Contact Irene Rubens, (480) 348-8761, irene.g@cox.net for information. All SFA members who have read the book are welcome.

Note: The Book Club selection for January 18, 2016 is “**Last Days of Dog Town**” by Anita Diamant.

December 20, 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.

January Theater Events With December Deadlines

January 20, Wednesday, 7:00pm Theater Event
Show Boat (San Francisco Opera Cinema Series) - Presented in glorious HD at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts (SCA), Stage 2, 7380 E. Second Street, Scottsdale, (480) 499-8587. The Grand Opera Cinema Series features recent productions of the world-renowned San Francisco Opera. A true classic of American musical theater, this tale of life on the Mississippi from the 1880s to the 1920s is both a poignant love story and a powerful reminder of the bitter legacy of racism. The magnificent Jerome Kern-Oscar Hammerstein II score includes such classic songs as “Ol’ Man River,” “Can’t Help Lovin’ Dat Man,” “Make Believe” and “You Are Love.” **Tickets: \$13.00** (General Admission). **Pre-show Dinner: 4:45 pm**, AZ 88 Restaurant, 7353 East Scottsdale Mall, Old Town Scottsdale, (480) 994-5576. **Purchase your own ticket and contact Joanne Handlong, (480) 491-3326, <e: justjo34@gmail.com> to make arrangements to meet-up for dinner and/or the film. This event is in the smaller theater so act soon before it sells out.** Contact the SCA Box Office at (480) 499-8587 or buy your ticket on-line at <http://www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org/#!/film>.



January 29, Friday, 7:30pm Theater Event
Don Quixote (Moscow Festival Ballet) - Presented by the Moscow Festival Ballet at the Chandler



Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler - The Moscow Festival Ballet was founded in 1989 when legendary principal dancer of the Bolshoi Ballet, Sergei Radchenko, sought to realize his vision of a

company which would bring together the highest classical elements of the great Bolshoi and Kirov Ballet companies in an independent new company within the framework of Russian classic ballet. Leading dancers from across Russia, under Radchenko’s direction, perform in this newly-staged production of the timeless classic *Don Quixote*. Don’t miss this opportunity to see classic Russian ballet. **Tickets: \$44.00** (Group rate for 10 or more; \$48 if less than 10). **Pre-show Dinner at 5:00 pm** at La Stalla Cucina Rustica, 68 W. Buffalo St., Chandler, (480) 855-9990. **Contact Joanne Handlong, (480) 491-3326, justjo34@gmail.com, for tickets and dinner reservations by 12/29/15.** Joanne can arrange carpooling from her house, near the intersection of the 101 S and Baseline, to the Chandler Arts Center. www.chandlercenter.org/.

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Mark your calendar for these upcoming theater events:

Feb 6, 7:30pm -“ Calendar Girls”, Phoenix Theatre
Feb 20, 8 pm - “Looking Over the President’s Shoulder”, Black Theatre Troupe

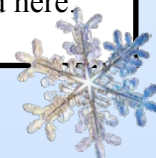


Mail your event payments to:
SFA Treasurer, P. O. Box 55495
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Make check payable to “**Society for the Arts**” and write the name of the event in the Memo section

Or use PayPal:

Go to www.societyforthearts.org, then click on the PayPal link. You can use your credit card here.



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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.

To all of you born in
 December—Happy
 Birthday

DECEMBER 2015

Happy Holidays
 to All!

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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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Thanksgiving rush of traveling to meet family and friends is behind us and now we have a beautiful month with fantastic weather to celebrate the holidays with family and friends, renew old acquaintances, and make new friends.

My first words of this message must be to recognize some board members and non-board members who have gone above and beyond the “call of duty” to donate time and energy to the SFA organization this last year. Without their help, dedication and professionalism, I could not have carried on. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to work with each and every one of these members and hope that through the nomination and election process at the Members Meeting on December 1 we will be able to continue to work together to fulfill the mission of Society of the Arts while continuing to schedule interesting and fun events in an attempt to accomplish those goals. The following people deserve recognition and thanks from each and every one of us who have participated in SFA events and activities.

Carol Hasher, Membership Chair, organized and prepared a “Welcome Home” Italian Luncheon for all returning members in her home on October 16. I am sorry for those of you who missed the opportunity of attending this event. It was a beautiful day, with delicious food that was beautifully organized. We also hoped the luncheon might act as a fundraiser for the SFA organization. There was success at every level! Carol is truly the ‘hostess of the year’. The food and pastries were delicious. Carol’s son was also kind enough to donate some bottles of vintage Italian Wine from his collection to help make the eating experience more authentic. Linda Dorethy, assistant to Carol H., donated her time, chafing dish sterno, bread sticks and flowers, and SFA member, Wendy Chisholm, donated her delicious fruit compote. Another SFA member, Carmen Wootten, made her delicious Bruschetta appetizer and friend Robert made sure everyone was well supplied at the bar with Sangria Punch, wine and soft drinks. We had about 21-22 people in attendance and Carol H. has a fundraiser check to present to the SFA Board of Directors at the next meeting on December 8, 2015!

I am delighted to announce that both Carol Hasher and Linda Dorethy have agreed to be nominated for another term on the SFA Board of Directors at the annual meeting on Dec. 1, 2015. Linda D. has helped me a great deal this last year when I was unable to attend events. I could call her and ask her to get material and information out to the members and she was always willing to help. Thank you both so much for being willing to go through the nomination and election procedure again so that hopefully we may have continuity on the board,

Non-board member, Carole Sobel, deserves special thanks for all the time she has dedicated to arranging and providing SFA members with interesting Close Encounter events, including: the Phoenix Art Museum, artist studios, Storyteller events, the Heard Museum, and Herberger events, the new Scottsdale Western Art Museum, events at SMOCA, the Frank Lloyd Wright House, Pueblo Grande Museum and the list goes on and on. All of these events take time to plan and organize. She also has planned all of the Foreign Film events. Carole also serves on the Theater Committee. Now, I want to especially offer my special thanks to Carole for offering to plan and arrange for the food and facilities for the December 1 Annual Members’ Meeting--no small chore when RSVP’s must be taken and food planned. Thank you again, Carole, for your dedication and willingness to help.

Andria Mori deserves a big thank you for arranging all of the venues for the wonderful culinary lunches. Again, it takes time to scout out different places to hold these lunches and then do the planning and organizing for the event. Attendance is always good at the lunches and I know many of you look forward to the next “new place” Andria is going to find. Andria has also graciously hosted the Foreign Film events and dinners afterwards. Andria has agreed to be nominated for another term on the SFA Board of Directors at the December 1 meeting and to continue serving as the Culinary Luncheon Host.

Howard Calvert has done a wonderful job this past year as the Host of the Social and Happy Hour group. Howard’s schedule for venues is made out a year in advance so while he was “busy” walking the Pacific Coast Trail this year, he found qualified substitutes to continue on with the Happy Hour. Everything ran smoothly while he was gone, but we are glad to have him back home. I am grateful Howard has agreed to continue serving both as a Board member and the HH Chair in the new year. He is a pleasure to work with.

Joanne Handlong has literally saved my days as President all year long. She started out as Chairman of the Theater Committee and ended up with additional responsibilities as newsletter editor and website manager (huge job), creator of the SFA Express, and Calendar Coordinator. The ability to accomplish all of these jobs/ tasks exemplifies Joanne’s talent, dedication, professionalism and loyalty to Society for the Arts. Joanne also works part time!! An amazing woman! Thank you Joanne! Joanne’s term on the Board will not expire until December 2016 and I look forward to working with her in the new year.

Non-board member, Bob Hurni, has contributed his financial expertise/ Excel spreadsheets and data base information to me all year long. I have depended on him a great deal and he has agreed to continue on in an advisory capacity. Non-board member, Bill Plank, has also agreed to continue on with the Movies and also host Foreign Films for the coming year.

Unfortunately, we have lost two officers this year and are looking for replacements. Vice President, Jane Frost, resigned due to moving out of the area and Ken Garland will be unable to continue on as Treasurer due to continuing work demands in Flagstaff. In addition, Mary Jane Baetz is not seeking another term on the Board of Directors. I appreciate her hard work and dedication while serving as President and Past President.

A Nominating Committee has been working to identify SFA members who are willing to be nominated for the Board at the December 1 Annual Members’ Meeting to fill these vacancies. A slate of nominees will be presented to the membership at that time. There will also be an opportunity for nominations from the floor. Please contact me if you have not been contacted by the Nominating Committee but are interested in being nominated.

It has been a rewarding year for me to serve as your President. My term on the Board of Directors also expires on December 1, but I will be on the slate of nominees for re-election. Following the December 1 elections, the new Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, December 8 for the purpose of electing officers for the 2016 calendar year. It is my intention to seek another term as your President at that meeting. It has been a pleasure to work with this wonderful Board of Directors and I hope to continue that work in 2016.

Cheryl Slobodnik, President