



Society for the Arts
Active Singles 50+
NEWSLETTER



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Check out our website www.societyforthearts.org



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President's Message

Here we are at December 2018! 'tis the season to be jolly and also the end of the 32nd year for Society for the Arts which was founded in 1986. We no longer have any of those founding members in our group. They were young professionals who sought both opportunities to socialize and to support the arts. Their numbers were larger then--into the 200's plus I have heard. Today, we are much smaller and older but still a group that enjoys socializing and the arts.

I hope you are planning to attend our Holiday Dinner and Annual Meeting on December 11 at the Bluewater Grill. (See article on page 3.) It will be an opportunity for **all** of us to get together in **one place** to socialize and dine and for each of you to be part of the business of SFA. Did you know that our Bylaws specify that we hold an Annual Meeting in December of each year? Come to have fun, meet other members, and learn more about SFA.

I've been fortunate to have a dedicated Board of Directors this year and am looking forward to working with most of them in 2019. However, our Treasurer, Howard Shapiro, has given notice of his resignation from the Board effective November 30, 2018. This is a key position and we are in need of someone to replace him. Andria Mori, another key Board member who arranges and hosts our culinary lunches, is convalescing from a serious health issue. We are hoping she will be able to return to planning and hosting our culinary lunches in the future. In the meantime, we are in need of someone or perhaps a team of several members to step forward to plan and host these lunches. Please get in touch with me if you can help in these areas. SFA has survived for 32 years because of its dedicated volunteers. We can only continue to be successful with YOUR help!

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Has your Address, Email or Phone Changed?

Be sure to let us know so that we can update our records. Just email the new info to Doris Green, dorisgreen@cox.net, and to Bob Hurni, bhurni@aol.com. If you do not have email access,

I want to give a shout out to two non-Board members who planned and hosted some very well-attended, successful special events: Howard Calvert and Marietta Huston take a bow! You'll see photos from their events in this newsletter.



My thanks go to all of you who have volunteered your time this past year to plan and host events and to assist behind the scenes in various ways. Another big thank you to those who have attended our events and supported our mission. I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season.

Joanne Handlong

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Let's Recognize these Members...



New Member
Gene Bonnett

We look forward to seeing you at our events, Gene.



Happy Birthday to these members born in December!

Andria Mori

Marietta Huston

Did we omit your birthday? Send an email to justjo34@gmail.com and we'll correct our database so we catch you next year!

Activities

CULINARY LUNCH

Friday, December 7,

1:00 p.m.

RSVP by 12/5

Café Forte 7032 E. Main St., Scottsdale, (480)

994-1331 - Cafe Forte



opened in April 1996 and has since led the locally sourced food movement in the heart of Old Town Scottsdale Art District. Since then, chef Grace Rubel has been serving both quality interpretations of classic dishes and daring new ventures into the uncharted territories of healthier cuisine. Please join SFA member, Paula Dow, who will be hosting this event. RSVP to Paula, operatravel@cox.net, or (480) 567-2719 by Dec. 5th. <https://www.cafeforte.com/>

Theater Event

December 8, Saturday, 7:30 PM

The Revolutionists, a Comedy by Lauren Gunderson –

Presented by Tempe Center for the Arts, in co-production with The Bridge Initiative: Women in Theatre. Literally anything can happen when you put the infamous French Queen Marie Antoinette, assassin Charlotte Corday, playwright Olympe de Gouge, and Caribbean spy Marianne Angelle in a room together. This irreverent comedy set during the French Revolution's Reign of Terror propels itself into modern times while standing up for one's beliefs and who runs the world. Heads will roll when the women take the stage in this production. **Tickets: \$23.95** (group rate for 10 or more; \$28.00 if less than ten) **Pre-show**

Dinner at 5:00 PM, P.F. Chang's Chinese Bistro, 740 S. Mill Ave., Tempe (NW corner of University & Mill), 480-731-4600. Validated self-parking is located in the Center Point (Chase) garage on Ash Ave, just west of the restaurant, a one-block walk to the restaurant. SFA ticket deadline has passed. **Contact** Joanne, justjo34@gmail.com, (480) 491-3326, for information. <https://www.pfchangs.com/locations/us/az/tempe/740-s-mill-ave/>, <https://www.tempecenterforthearts.com/>

Activities

Holiday Dinner and Annual Meeting (Members only)

December 11, Tuesday, 5:00 PM

The Bluewater Grill,

1720 E. Camelback, Phoenix (602) 277-3474

By now, all SFA members should have received an invitation to this event via regular USPS mail.

Contact Doris Green, dorisgreen@cox.net, (602)

943-6501 immediately, if you have not received

your invitation, as your response is due back to her by 12/1. The event will be held in a private room at

the restaurant. We will enjoy a cocktail party from

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Cash bar with wine and beer

will be available at happy hour prices until 6:30 pm.

A complimentary pre-fixe dinner will be served at

6:00 pm until 7:30 pm. The annual meeting will

begin at 7:30 pm. The annual meeting will include

a report on the financial status of Society for the

Arts (SFA), a President's report on the state of SFA

and Board elections. (A slate of candidates for the

Board will be presented; nominations can also be

made from the floor.) Contact Joanne Handlong,

justjo34@gmail.com, (480) 491-3326 for more

information.



special holiday Scottsdazzle flair! We'll mingle with local artists in their own studios and at local galleries. Strolling carolers, and refreshments will be provided to get us in the seasonal spirit! Both of these events will be hosted by Nadeen Berger. For information, you may contact Nadeen, (480) 659-4814, mammabirdnadeen@gmail.com.

BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 17, 2:00 PM

RSVP by 12/14

The Terraces, 7550 N. 16th Street, Phoenix,

800-836-4281 - All members are invited. This will be



an organizational meeting for the new

Board. Officers for 2019 will be

elected and chairs assigned. We will

meet in a conference room. A portion of

the meeting is reserved for guest comments. Option to

come at 12:30PM and have lunch at The Terraces.

You must **RSVP** to Carole Sobel,

cesobel@gmail.com, **by Fri, 12/14** if you choose the

lunch option. For information, contact Joanne

Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com, (480) 491-3326.

MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

Sunday, December 16

Join Carole and Bill at the movies. An SFA Express

will be emailed to all SFA members a few days in advance with the location and time of the film.

Dinner to follow at a nearby restaurant. Email

cesobel@gmail.com if you have any questions.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

Saturday, December 29

RSVP by 12/22



We are going to the **12th Annual**

Scottsdale Farm tour where we will

see Arabian horses in barns and

performing. The Valley's most prestigious farms open

their barns to the public, at no cost, and serve

refreshments. RAE-DAWN ARABIANS farm is the

closest, about a 15-minute drive to north Scottsdale

off the 101. Hosted by Carole Sobel. **RSVP to**

cesobel@gmail.com, **by December 22.** Carole will

send out time and location information the week

before the event to those who RSVP. Please wear

closed shoes and bring a jacket.

www.raedawnarabians.com.

SOCIAL & ART WALK

Thursday, December 13

Social 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Malee's Thai Bistro, 7131 E. Main Street,

Scottsdale, 480-947-6042. Located in the heart of

the Scottsdale art district, Malee's has been serving

authentic Thai dishes since 1987. \$4 wine and

beers; great selection of Happy Hour food specials

priced at \$6, including: Crab Rangoon, Fresh

Summer Rolls, Fresh Veggie Rolls, Fried Tofu,

Chicken Satay, Tofu/Spinach Potstickers, Tempura

Vegetables, and more.

Plus--

Art Walk 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Following the happy hour, we'll stroll the streets of

Old Town Scottsdale for a special Golden Palette

ArtWalk which will feature music and

entertainment as well as free drinks and appetizers

at participating galleries. This Art Walk will have a



Activities

This January theater event has a **December 29th** deadline!
It stars a well-known (and very good) valley actor who has performed on local and national stages.

Theater Event
January 13, Sunday, 2:00 PM .



RSVP BY 12/29

Presented by Fountain Hills Community Theater,
11445 N Saguaro Blvd, Fountain Hills.

This production stars Bob Sorensen who appears through special arrangements with Actors' Equity. Divine Comedy! Transcribed by 13-time Emmy Winner David Javerbaum--a new, and very edgy hit play from the creator of, well, everything! Written by God. God takes corporeal form for only the second time in Christian history (it appears to be working out better this time) – in order to correct mankind's dire misconceptions about His thinking and His works. The new comedy reveals the mysteries of the Bible while answering the existential questions that have plagued mankind since Creation – in just 90 minutes. The One with

the first and last word on everything is on stage to set the record straight...and He's not holding back!
Tickets: \$28.00. After-show Dinner at Arrivederci Cucina Italiana, 12645 N Saguaro Blvd #1, Fountain Hills, (480) 816-5895, <http://www.arrivederciaz.com/>.
Hosted by Ellen DuBiel. **Contact** Ellen at (602) 526-7652, ellndub@aol.com, for tickets and dinner reservations **by 12/29/18.** <https://fhtaz.org/>

Photos from an Evening of Dining and Dancing on November 9th

14 members & guests enjoyed dinner & dancing at the American Legion in Scottsdale on November 9th. The event was hosted by Howard Calvert.



REMINDER

Society for the Arts has a Meetup Group.

On Meetup, our group is called
Active Singles 50+ Enjoying the Arts

You can join Meetup by going to their website, www.Meetup.com. After you register as a meetup member, search for our group and join. Contact Betty Sayers, bsayers@cox.net, if you have questions.

Mail your event payments to:

SFA Treasurer
P.O. Box 807
Mesa, AZ 85211

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, and click on the PayPal link on the Calendar page. You can use your credit card here.

Fairmont Princess Dinner & Tree Lighting - November 20th



Our thanks to Marietta Huston for planning and hosting this delightful holiday event, which included dinner at the Ironwood American Kitchen, followed by a ride on the Princess Express train along the resort's lagoons where lighted figures of swans, a pirate ship, a mermaid and more floated on the water. Some of the group walked on to S'Mores Land which is a child's delight with a lighted ferris wheel & carousel, an ice slide, & S'mores of course! A few of us had our picture taken with Selfie the Elf! It was a fun way to begin the holiday season!



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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.



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2 Hanukkah Begins 	3	4	5	6	7 Culinary Lunch	8 Theater	
9	10 Hanukkah Ends	11 Holiday Dinner/ Annual Meeting	12	13 Social+Art Walk	14	15	
16 Movie	17 Board Meeting	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	29 Arabian Horse Event	
30	31 New Year's Eve						

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

SFA Membership Fee

\$75.00 per year

Contact: dorisgreen@cox.net

The Membership Application can be downloaded and printed from our website:
www.societyforthearts.org