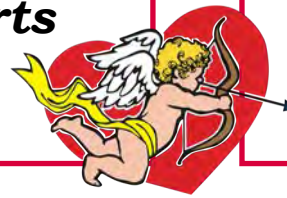




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President's Message

Sometimes I want to just pull in the reins on Father Time who seems to move more quickly nowadays, or am I just moving more slowly?! January is almost gone and I haven't started my annual beginning of the year clean-out of closets, files and the like. (Marie Kondo, the organization guru, I need your help!).

The SFA Board, on the other hand, started the year with a very productive meeting on January 13. We held a discussion and brainstorming session on goals for the new year. Examples of those ideas included a set number of new members to work towards, holding a "get to know Society for the Arts" Meet-up event, updating our website, reactivating our Facebook page, more geographic dispersal of activities, and more! We will continue our discussion at the February Board meeting and I plan to publish the end results in the March newsletter. I invite you to attend the Board meeting on February 10 and contribute to this important discussion.

I am pleased to announce that Jerry Crow accepted the position of Vice President at the January meeting. He brings a wealth of Board-type experience to SFA and also has a strong background in computer systems and security. We appreciate Jerry sharing his time and talents with us!

Victoria Heil, a new Board member, has volunteered to take over the editorship of the newsletter. We are in a transition period this month as we await getting her the necessary software but you should expect to see her name appear (and mine disappear) as editor for the March edition. Victoria has extensive experience as a former engineer with Intel and is familiar with many software programs.

The Theater Committee met this month to lay out the SFA theater schedule through June 2020. You

Has your Address, Email or Phone Changed?

Email the new info to dorisgreen@cox.net, and to Bob Hurni, bhurni@aol.com. If you do not have email access, send the information to our P.O. Box.

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will find a list of those projected events in the newsletter. You can mark your calendars now with the caveat that they are not firm until final arrangements have been made with the theater.

Finally, I call your attention to several special events this month—a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 2 hosted by Ron Webster, a Valentine's Dance on Friday, February 14 hosted by Howard Calvert, and a Mardi Gras party on Saturday, February 22. The Mardi Gras party is not an SFA event — but our invite comes via SFA member, Bob Hurni. We're listing it in the newsletter as it will be a fun event for a good cause. The event will raise funds for Rosie's House, a music academy in inner-city Phoenix that was a beneficiary of SFA funds in the past.

Happy Valentine's Day wishes to all and may your favorite team win the Super Bowl!

Joanne Handlong

Let's Recognize these members

Welcome

New Member
Carol Pinsley

Please introduce yourself to Carol when you see her at our events and help welcome her to SFA.



Happy Birthday
to these
members born
in February

Wendy Chisholm
Frank Scalise
Gary Weber

Did we miss listing your birthday? Send an email to justjo34@gmail.com and we'll get our records updated.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 2, 3:30 PM

RSVP BY 1/31

HOOTER'S - Talking Stick

Pavilions, 8909 E. Indian Bend Rd.,

Scottsdale, (480) 745-8282. Famous Hooters wings, burgers, salads, sliders, seafood, appetizers and much more. Great selection of draft beers, cocktails and wine. Wide-screen TV's throughout the restaurant so not a moment of the action is missed! Come and cheer on your favorite team or just come for the camaraderie. Hosted by Ron Webster. **RSVP by Friday, 1/31 to Ron at (303) 908-9087.** <https://www.hooters.com/>



SOCIAL

Thursday, February 6, 4 PM - 6 PM

L'Amore Italian Ristorante, 3159 E. Lincoln Dr., Phoenix, (602) 381-3159 - Family owned and operated neighborhood Italian restaurant offering fine dining with a formal atmosphere. Join us for happy hour in the friendly bar (live music after 6 PM), or on the tree-lined patio, weather permitting. Enjoy \$7 specialty pizzas, or \$7 appetizers such as fried calamari, bruschetta, mussels, and more. Well drinks \$7, vino \$6/glass. Hosted by Nancy Bradley and Bill Boring. For info: (602) 821-1012 or <http://lamoreitalianrestaurant.com/>

*****NOTE CHANGE IN TIME*****

BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 10, 1:30 PM

RSVP BY 2/7

The Terraces, 7550 N. 16th Street, Phoenix, 800-836-4281 - All members are invited. A portion of the meeting is reserved for guest comments. We meet and have lunch in a private dining room, the Bordeaux Room. You are invited to come at 12:30 PM and have lunch at The Terraces at a very reasonable cost. You must **RSVP** to Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com, **by Fri, 2/7** if you choose the lunch option. For information re the meeting, contact Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com, (480) 491-3326.



February Activities

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

Friday, February 14, 5-9 PM

RSVP BY 2/12

Scottsdale American Legion

7145 E. Second St., Scottsdale,
480-941-9053,

www.post44.com

Feel like dancing? How about joining us at the American Legion? The club goes all out for the Valentine's Day Dance. Dress up in your favorite red outfit. The atmosphere is all fun. There will be a cover charge (at the door) of \$25 for the food and music. **RSVP by Feb. 12 to Howard Calvert, hwcalvert@me.com, 520-975-2802.**



Note: This event is limited to 15 participants.

THEATER

Saturday, February 15, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 2/1

Midsummer Night's Dream (Ballet) - Presented

by Ballet Arizona at Symphony Hall, 75 N. Second Street, Phoenix, (602) 495-1999, <https://balletaz.org/>.

Shakespeare's hilarious tale comes to life with fun-loving characters, quarreling fairies and mistaken identities in this masterpiece of dreams, illusion, love and fantasy.

The production features amazing, vivid costumes and new sets, with choreography



by Ib Anderson. It is promoted as joyful and romantic--just in time for Valentine's Day. We will enjoy an early dinner following the show at Fez, a restaurant on Central and Portland Street with free parking in garage behind restaurant. **Tickets: \$47.00 (group rate for 10 or more). Orchestra level seating. After-show Dinner** at Fez on Central, 105 W. Portland St., Phoenix, (602) 287-8700. <http://fezoncentral.com/>. Hosted by Nancy Crimmings. Contact Nancy, nlcrimmings@gmail.com, (602) 910-9490, for tickets and dinner reservations **by February 1.**

MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

Sunday, February 16

We will see an interesting, funny, dramatic, or mysterious film (or at least one of these) in the afternoon and go to dinner afterwards. You will receive an SFA Express email with the title, time venue and a review on Feb 13. No need to RSVP, just show up. We usually go to the Harkins Shea 14 or Harkins Camelview. Hope to see you there. Hosted by Carole, cesobel@gmail.com, and Bill, (602) 942-3151.



SOCIAL

Thursday, February 20, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Fogo de Chao, 6300 N. Scottsdale Rd.,

Scottsdale, (480) 609-8866. This Scottsdale location with its cobalt blue tower and signature upscale steakhouse has welcomed guests from all over the world to enjoy memorable dining experiences.

Join us in Bar Fogo which features \$4 Brazilian Bites and Beers, \$6 South American wines, and \$8 Brazilian-inspired cocktails. The selection of Bites includes empanadas, sliders, small plates featuring lamb chops, as well as a fabulous salad bar. Hosted by Julie Taylor and Gene Bonnet. For information: azjutay@aol.com, (480) 451-4146, or <https://fogodechao.com/location/scottsdale/>.



Can You Host a Happy Hour for Us?

We're still seeking members to help with hosting our happy hours. Contact Julie Taylor, azjutay@aol.com or (480) 451-4146 to find out how you can host future happy hours.

February Activities

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

Saturday, February 22, 1:30 PM

RSVP BY 2/18

19th Annual Ceramic Studio Tour

ASU Art Museum at Nelson Fine Arts Center,
51 E. Tenth St., Tempe. This annual Ceramics



Studio tour showcases the work of professional ceramic artists in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The tour offers the public a rare opportunity to view the working and living spaces of participating artists and view demonstrations of wheel-throwing, hand-building and glazing techniques. There will be a wide range of both functional and sculptural artwork on exhibit and for sale. The tour is self-guided, free and open to the public. To view a map of the tour go to <https://asuartmuseum.asu.edu/programs-and-events/ceramics-programs/ceramics-studio-tour>. We will visit Sites #7, #11 and #12. The tour runs from 10AM to 5PM so you may start the tour as early as you wish. **We will meet to tour as a group at 1:30 PM in the ASU Art Museum, 51 E. Tenth Street (Site #12).** If there is interest, we will go to dinner afterwards. Please RSVP to cesobel@gmail.com by **Feb 18**. Directions and parking information will be emailed upon request.

MARDI GRAS FUND RAISER FOR ROSIE'S HOUSE

Saturday, February 22, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Large private home in Phoenix (Outdoor setting)

Bob Hurni has extended an invitation to all SFA members to join in a party to support Rosie's House, a non-profit music academy for children in inner-city Phoenix. <https://rosieshouse.org/>. The evening will feature a live New Orleans Dance Band, wood dance floor, cash bar, wine pull, buffet-style dinner, King cakes, and live entertainment. Masks/ Costumes welcome but optional. Beads provided free! Suggested donation of \$25.00. **You must RSVP via an Evite which is being emailed to SFA members separately.** The Evite lists multiple ways to pay the suggested \$25.00 donation. Contact Bob Hurni, bhurni@aol.com, (602) 993-8840, if you have any questions. *NOTE: This is not an SFA event.*



THEATER

Sunday, February 23, 2:00 PM

Trouble in Mind (Drama)

RSVP REQUIRED



Presented by the Black Theatre

Troupe, in the Helen K. Mason Performing Arts Center, 1333 E. Washington St. Phoenix, (602) 258-8128. *Trouble in Mind* takes place as the 1950s draw to a close and a newly integrated theater company prepares to open a progressive, but misguided new play on Broadway. The troubled production of a fictional anti-lynching play will feature a renowned actress. She has the opportunity to become the first leading lady of color on the Great White Way, but is she willing to compromise her beliefs to make history and take the giant career leap this role will bring. **Tickets: ??** We will purchase discounted tickets through Goldstar if they become available. (Regular ticket price is \$41.00.) **After-show dinner at Cibo**, 603 N 5th Ave, Phoenix, (602) 441-2697. Carole Sobel is your host. Contact her soon at cesobel@gmail.com to make your reservations for the play and dinner, contingent upon obtaining discounted tickets. <https://www.cibophoenix.com>, [## BOOK CLUB](http://new-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Monday, February 24, 1:00 PM

RSVP REQUIRED



The Book Club meets at

Barbara Rosen's house. The

novel chosen for February is "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

This 2018 novel has topped the New York Times Fiction Best Seller List of 2019 for 27 non-consecutive weeks. The story follows two timelines that slowly intertwine. The first timeline describes the life and adventures of a young girl named Kya as she grows up isolated in the marsh of North Carolina from 1952-1969. The second timeline follows a murder investigation of Chase Andrews, a local celebrity of Barkley Cove, a fictional coastal town of North Carolina. If you are interested in joining this wonderful group for a pleasant afternoon and lively discussion, please **RSVP** to Barbara Rosen, babeandkit@aol.com or 480-816-0041. Barbara will provide directions to her house.

February- March Activities

CULINARY LUNCH

Friday, February 28, Noon*

** Note that we have moved the time to 12 Noon.*

RSVP BY 2/26

Olive & Ivy, 7135 E. Camelback Rd., #195, Scottsdale, (480) 751-2200 - Olive and Ivy brings a lively and elegant French Riviera feel to the Scottsdale Waterfront. Featured menu items include an array of sandwiches and salads, fresh baked bread, handmade pasta, rich espresso, not to mention 45 wines by the glass!

Hosted by Deborah McNeill. **Please RSVP** to Deborah at deborahmcneill@icloud.com or call (786) 537-4618 **before Wed., Feb. 26th.** www.oliveandivyrestaurant.com



This March theater event has a February 12 deadline.

THEATER

Sunday, March 1, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 2/12

Street Scene (American Opera) - Presented by ASU Lyric Opera, Music Building, Evelyn Smith Music Theater, 50 Gammage Parkway, Tempe. Based on the play by Elmer Rice, Kurt Weill's and Langston Hughes' "Broadway opera," with a score that blends operatic arias and ensembles; show tunes and dance numbers; jazz and blues; and dramatic dialogue, is a passionate, emotionally charged portrait of family and communal life among the multi-ethnic working-class and immigrant inhabitants of a crowded New York City tenement. Centered on the life-changing events of one oppressively hot summer day, Street Scene illuminates the tensions, despair, hopes and dreams of this melting-pot community. Contains mature themes including domestic violence and gunshots. Parental discretion advised. Music by Kurt Weill; book by Elmer Rice, based on his play by the same name, lyrics by Langston Hughes and Elmer Rice;

co-production with McGill University; stage direction by Patrick Hansen; music direction by Brian DeMaris. **Tickets: \$12.00. After-show Dinner** at Four Peaks Brewing Company, 1340 E. Eighth Street, Tempe, (480) 303-9967. **Hosted** by Bernie Soricone. **RSVP** to Bernie at bernicone@yahoo.com, (480) 396-9299 for tickets and dinner reservations **by Feb. 12.** <https://www.fourpeaks.com/locations/8th-street-pub/> <https://herbergerinstitute.asu.edu/events>

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Theater Events

Fri., March 13 - Jake's Women - Desert Stages Theater, Scottsdale

Sun., March 29 - I'll Eat You Last: A Chat With Sue Mengers - iTheatre Collaborative, Phoenix

Sat. April 4 - Ariadne and Auf Naxos (Opera), AZ Opera at Symphony Hall, Phoenix

Sun, Apr 26 - 9 to 5 (The Musical) - ASU Lyric Opera - ASU Evelyn Smith Theatre, Tempe

Sat., May 23 - Women in Jeopardy, Arizona Theatre Co. at the Herberger, Phoenix

Sat, Jun 6 - Beauty and the Beast - Hale Theater, Gilbert

Sat, Jun 20 - Summer Shorts - Theatre Artists Studio, Paradise Valley

Events are tentative pending making arrangements with the theater.

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.

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FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2  Super Bowl Party	3	4	5	6 Social	7	8
9	10 Board Meeting	11	12	13	14  Dance	15 Ballet
16 Movies	17  PRESIDENTS DAY	18	19	20 Social	21	22 Close Encounters + Mardi Gras Party
23 Theater	24 Book Club	25	26	27	28 Culinary Lunch	29

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.

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\$75.00 per year

Contact: membership@societyforthearts.org

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