



**Society for the Arts**  
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**NEWSLETTER**



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**Check out our website [www.societyforthearts.org](http://www.societyforthearts.org)**



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*President's Message*

I hope you are finding ways to stay cool and enjoy the summer. It looks like we are in for another record-breaker, temperature-wise. Brew some sun tea, grab a towel and head for the pool, or grab a book and head for an easy chair, or better yet —get out of town!

You'll notice that we've pared down our July activities to three events that can be enjoyed in air-conditioned comfort. I hope you'll come out and support them with your attendance. Otherwise, it's a "vacation month" for us, as we will not have a Board meeting nor any happy hours or culinary lunch. Some of our activity hosts are leaving for cooler climes in July. I'm guessing some of you may also be seeking cooler temperatures.

August will be the month we shift into a higher gear as you will see from the scheduled activities, and September should find us getting back to full throttle. We will need some help then—volunteers for hosting events, serving on committees, running for a seat on the Board, activity planners, etc. Think about how you might contribute your talents and skills to SFA and let me know.

Once again, we've had a "phishing attack" but this time it's Jerry Crow's email instead of mine. If you receive an email purporting to be from Jerry, probably asking you to use your money for a donation or to buy something, mark it as spam and don't respond. Several of our members have received such an email and thankfully, have not fallen for it.

One more thing—remember that we are not tracking guest attendance this year nor are we collecting membership dues. It's a great time to invite a single friend, a neighbor, or a former member to one of our activities. We are, however, still requiring they be vaccinated for Covid-19.

*Warmest (literally) wishes,*  
*Joanne Handlong*

**Has your Address, Email or Phone Changed?**

Email the new info to [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com), and to Bob Hurni, [bhurni@aol.com](mailto:bhurni@aol.com). If you do not have email access, send the information to our P.O. Box.

# July - August Activities

**NOTE: All members and guests must be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 in order to attend Society for the Arts in-person activities.**

## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

**Saturday, July 10, 2:00 PM**

**RSVP BY 7/6**

### ASU CERAMIC RESEARCH CENTER

699 S. Mill Ave. (and 7th St.) Suite 108, Tempe.

We will meet at the Ceramic Center to see the exhibit "DinnerWhere"

which highlights a variety of plates, cups and bowls, and even a life-size dinner table. The exhibition and



its title refers to the ways in which these objects

encourage critical conversations around national

identity, ceremony, nutrition and food access in

the United States. The objects featured in

"DinnerWhere" have communal and symbolic

associations with coming together for meals. For

some, these artworks inspire memories of the

place where we nourish ourselves, celebrate

important milestones, share experiences and

create new understandings through conversation.

For others, the works in the exhibition can be a

reminder of cultural assimilation and the loss of

traditions. **ADMISSION:** Timed tickets are free

and a limited number have been reserved for our

group. **PARKING:** Free parking is available in

Lot 9 which is directly in front of the museum.

Bring your license plate number to the museum's

front desk. We will go to a nearby restaurant for

dinner. **Please RSVP to reserve your free ticket**

**by emailing [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com) by July 6.**

[https://asuartmuseum.asu.edu/visit/ceramics-](https://asuartmuseum.asu.edu/visit/ceramics-research-center)

[research-center](https://asuartmuseum.asu.edu/visit/ceramics-research-center), 480-727-8170.

## MOVIES & DINNER W/ CAROLE & BILL

**Sunday, July 18**

Escape the summer heat and join us in a cool, air

conditioned theater, with dinner afterward. The

movie will be chosen the week of the event and

an SFA Express emailed to all SFA members

with the name of the movie, theater and time. We

will meet in the lobby of the theater before the

show. You will need to RSVP to

[cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com) so that she and Bill may

expect you.

## BOOK CLUB. (Rescheduled from June 28)

**Monday, July 26, 1:00 PM**

**RSVP BY 7/24**

We will be discussing "Turbulent Souls: A Catholic Son's Return to His Jewish Family" by Stephen J.



Dubner. Marcia Weinroth will be the

facilitator and will host the meeting at her house.

Dubner takes a searing and poignant look at his

upbringing in a large, boisterous and fiercely devout

Catholic family and his subsequent conversion to

Judaism--the faith his parents discarded in their

youth in favor of Catholicism. His parents'

conversion was a torturous affair for their families,

but Dubner, the youngest of eight children, grew up

oblivious to his religious roots. "For all I knew about

Jews," he says, "my parents might just as well have

been Baptists, or Elks, or carnival workers." His

naïveté ended when as an adult he began a spiritual

quest, seeking out his relatives, especially his mother,

for answers about religion. Dubner eventually

embraced Judaism as his own. Heartbroken, his

mother, who had devoted her life to Christ, couldn't

understand why "for whatever reason, the idea of

Jesus the Messiah had never lodged itself inside

(Dubner's heart)." He writes of his childhood, "Ours

was an existence circumscribed by Mass and

catechism, rustling hay rakes and muddy fishing

ponds, the kids you could play with (the churchgoing

Catholics) and those you couldn't." Sentences like

this bring alive all the joy, confusion, heartache and

reparation of this family. **RSVP to Marcia**

**Weinroth, [thenewme3210@aol.com](mailto:thenewme3210@aol.com), or call (480)**

**415-7729 by June 27. Directions will be given to**

**those who RSVP.**

## BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

**Monday, August 9, 2:00 PM**

**RSVP BY 8/8**

The SFA Board will meet via Zoom. All members

with access to Zoom are invited to attend the

meeting. You must RSVP if you are planning to

attend in order to receive the link and password for

the Zoom meeting. **RSVP to [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com)**

**by August 8.**

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## CULINARY LUNCH

**Friday, August 13, 1:00 PM**

**RSVP BY 8/11**



**Maggiano's Little Italy** is located at 16405 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale in the Promenade shopping center. Maggiano's serves classic Italian food. Lots of variety on their lunch menu: starters, salads, standard entrees with fish or fowl, pastas, sandwiches; or mix it up with a lunch combo of two items--soup/salad, soup/sandwich or pizza, salad/sandwich or pizza. Marcia Weinroth is hosting for Deborah this month. **RSVP to Marcia at [thenewme3210@aol.com](mailto:thenewme3210@aol.com), or call (480) 415-7729 by August 11.** <https://locations.maggianos.com/arizona/scottsdale/16405-n.-scottsdale-rd/main-menu/>

## MOVIES & DINNER W/ CAROLE & BILL

**Sunday, August 15**

Escape the summer heat and join us in a cool, air conditioned theater, with dinner afterward. The movie will be chosen the week of the event and an SFA Express emailed to all SFA members with the name of the movie, theater and time. We will meet in the lobby of the theater at a time to be specified in the email. You will be asked to RSVP to [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com) so that she and Bill may expect you.

## SOCIAL

**Thursday, August 19, 4:00-6:00 PM**

**RSVP BY 8/18**

**Gabriella's**, 10155 E. Via Linda, Scottsdale, (480) 534-7625 –

Gabriella's serves innovative and very well-prepared food in a lovely setting either on the patio or in a separate area of the restaurant. Happy Hour small bites include salmon cakes with creole sauce, flatbread, mac & cheese lollipops, petite meatballs, short rib sliders and veggies with red pepper sauce. All at Happy Hour prices from \$6 to \$7. House wines, Draft beers, and Well Drinks \$5; Crafted cocktails \$3 off. **RSVP by August 18 to Julie Taylor at [AZJUTAY@aol.com](mailto:AZJUTAY@aol.com) or call 602-478-5286**



## BOOK CLUB VIA ZOOM

**Monday, August 23, 6:30 PM**

**RSVP by 8/22**

The book club will discuss **“Waiting for the Moon”** by Kristin Hannah. Barbara Rosen will be the facilitator.



In this award-winning novel, author Kristin Hannah creates a spellbinding, compelling and passionate tale of obsession, redemption, and the magic of true love. The protagonist, Selena, doesn't remember who she is or how she came to the mansion on the isolated Maine coast. Lost in a strange world filled with even stranger faces, Selena finds comfort in a man whose eyes reflect her own aloneness. He is Ian Carrick, a brilliant physician turned recluse, hiding from life in the anonymity of this small sanctuary, haunted by a telepathic gift that has destroyed his desire to heal.

Selena comes to him, the only person he's ever met who is immune to his psychic powers. A mesmerizing innocent, she turns his life upside down, bringing light into the darkness and laughter into the silence. For her, he begins to believe in life again, to believe in himself. And then a mysterious figure from the past arrives, threatening to destroy their glorious love and the fantasy world they have created together. **RSVP to Barbara Rosen, [babeandkit@aol.com](mailto:babeandkit@aol.com), and [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com) by August 22.** An email with the zoom link will be sent to those who RSVP.

## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

**WITH THE ARTS**

**August 25, 1:00 PM**

**Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit**



Make the Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit your summer treat. You will find yourself in 500,000 cubic feet of monumental projections animating Vincent van Gogh's oeuvre. Wander through entrancing, moving images that highlight brushstrokes, detail, and color – truly

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### Van Gogh - continued

illuminating the mind of the genius. You will be immersed in Van Gogh's works – from his sunny landscapes and night scenes to his portraits and still life paintings. The installation includes the Mangeurs de pommes de terre (The Potato Eaters, 1885), the Nuit étoilée (Starry Night, 1889), Les Tournesols (Sunflowers, 1888), and La Chambre à coucher (The Bedroom, 1889), and so much more. Astonishing in scale and breathtakingly imaginative, you will experience Van Gogh's art in a completely new and unforgettable way.

Several SFA members will be attending at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, August 25. Tickets for this date/time are \$71.00 including tax and fees. Most of the lower priced tickets are sold out or are at less popular times. Read all about the exhibit and purchase your own ticket at <https://VanGoghPHX.com>. **Email Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com, if you want to meet up for the 1:00 PM entrance time.**

### Culinary Lunch at Paul Martin's on June 11, hosted by Deborah McNeill.



L to R: Bill Plank, Deborah McNeill, Jerry Crow



L to R: Janet Hom, Julie Taylor, Doug Crandall, Nancy Salsbury, Howard Calvert, Bill Plank, Jerry Crow, Iris Wigal, Marcia Weinroth



L to R: Jerry Crow, Iris Wigal, Marcia Weinroth, Nancy Bradley, Bill Boring, Howard Calvert, Janet Hom, Julie Taylor



F to B: Janet Hom, Julie Taylor, Doug Crandall, Nancy Salsbury

## Mark your Calendar for this Early September Activity

### CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

Friday, Sept 3 - Lunch at 1:30 PM, Tour at 3:00 PM

*Culinary Dropout and ASU Art Museum*

#### **HARD HAT TOUR**

**RSVP BY 9/1 (limited free tickets)**

We will go to lunch at the Culinary Dropout located at 149 S Farmer Ave Tempe, (480-240-1601) and it has a parking lot. From there we drive five minutes to the ASU Art Museum, which has parking directly in front of the building. It is located at the SE corner of Mill Avenue and 10th Street; the address is 51 E. 10th St. Tempe (480-965-2787). We will have the rare opportunity to partake in a behind-the-scenes **Hard Hat Tour!** An alternative to traditional visitor experiences, ASUAM Ambassadors will reveal the inner workings of museums and how they produce art exhibitions. There will also be hands-on art activities and the opportunity to meet the staff, crew and artists in person. Hard Hat Tours allow audiences to peer behind the curtain and learn about art in process! The guided tours are limited to 10 participants and free tickets have been reserved.

**RSVP to [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com) by September 1st if you would like to attend.** <https://www.culinarydropout.com/locations/tempe-az/>,

<https://asuartmuseum.asu.edu/>



Happy birthday to these members  
born in **July**:

Leslie Fine  
Janet Hom  
Robert Hurni  
Geraldine Lewis

...and to these members born in  
**August**:

Betty Sayers  
Carmen Wootton  
Ron Webster

...and belated June birthday wishes  
to **Nancy Salisbury**

Did we miss your birthday? Send an email to [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com) and we'll correct our records.



### SFA Guest Policy

Guest attendance at our events is normally limited to three events before the guest must join in order to continue attending. These restrictions have been waived for 2021. We welcome guests at all our events in 2021 as long as they are fully vaccinated for Covid-19

### SFA Membership Fee

Membership fees are normally \$75.00 per year but are being waived for 2021.

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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.

# JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 Independence Day 	5	6	7	8	9	10 Close Encounters
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Movies	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Book Club	27	28	29	30	31

# AUGUST

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