



**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*

During these hot summer months, we take a little break and that means fewer events and a joint newsletter for July/August.

It may be necessary to add an event or two for August and if so, we will send out an SFA Express. In fact, you will see a request for July-August event ideas in the newsletter, something indoors, in air-conditioned comfort, that one of you might want to host. Your ideas are always welcomed for any month! I encourage you to speak up! Getting involved with SFA results in meeting more people and will contribute to your enjoyment of our group.

I've been enjoying our relatively "cooler" summer this year and have also made a few out-of-state trips to cooler climes. I find getting away for just a long weekend helps to mitigate the heat of our summers. It's also a learning experience; e.g., ask me how I learned I'm not good amusement park material anymore on one of my trips!

Hope you are enjoying YOUR summer and hope to see you at some of our upcoming activities.

*Joanne Handlong*

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

Email the new info to [dorisgreen@cox.net](mailto:dorisgreen@cox.net), 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.

Let's Recognize these members

# Welcome

### New Members

Ms. Linn Russell  
Mr. Somers White

Linn found us through Meet up and has attended happy hours and a Close Encounter event to date. Somers was referred to us by a former member. He has an extensive background in management consulting, and as a professional speaker. We look forward to meeting you, Somers.

**Happy birthday wishes to these members born in July or August!**

Bob Hurni  
Gerry Lewis  
Janet Hom



Carmen Wootten  
Betty Sayers  
Linn Russell  
Ron Webster

Did we omit listing your birthday this month? Send an email to [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com) so that we can update our records.

**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](http://www.societyforthearts.org), and click on the PayPal link on the Calendar page. You can use your credit card here.

### SOCIAL + ART WALK

**Thursday, July 11, 4:30 -**

**MALEE'S THAI BISTRO**, 7131 Main Street, Scottsdale, 480-947-6042



Long time favorite for authentic Thai food in Old Town. Reduced prices on appetizers and small plates, beer, wine and cocktails. Happy Hour pricing in effect until 6pm. The Art Walk starts at 6:30pm and continues until 9:30pm. Stroll along Main Street, hear some local musicians, and visit the galleries that stay open especially for this event. many offer snacks and beverages. It's a great way to see new and creative art and show support for the artisans and shop owners who participate. Hope to see many of you there! Hosted by: Julie Taylor [AZJUTAY@aol.com](mailto:AZJUTAY@aol.com).

**THEATER \*\*\*RSVP BY JUNE 27\*\*\***

**Saturday, July 13, 7:30 PM**

***Pajama Game (Musical)*** - Presented by Scottsdale Musical Theater at Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe. Retro is in and so are the songs from this 1954 Tony-award winning musical, which include "Hey There", "Hernando's Hideaway", and "Steam Heat". The setting is the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where romance is blooming between the supertinent (Sid) and the feisty union rep (Babe). Politics enters the picture and their challenge is to figure out how to love when the principles they value are tearing them apart. **Tickets: \$45.00**, orchestra center, Rows E and F. **Pre-show dinner: 5:00 PM, Thirsty Lion Gastropub**, Tempe Marketplace, 2000 E. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe. Contact Joanne Handlong, [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com), (480) 491-3326 for tickets and dinner reservations **by 6/27/19**.

### MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

**Sunday, July 14**

Come to an air-conditioned movie theater and see a new film with us. We will have dinner and a discussion after the show. You will receive an SFA Express email on a few days prior with the name of the film, location and time. No need to respond; just show up. Hosted by Bill Plank, (602) 942-31151, and Carole Sobel, [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com).

# July/August Activities

## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

**Thursday, July 18 - 2:00PM**

**RSVP BY 7/14**

**ASU Art Museum** at Nelson Fine Arts Center,  
51 E. 10th St, Tempe, (480) 965-2787.

We are going to the art museum to see the *Clayblazers: Women Artists of the '50s, '60s and '70s* Exhibit. With close to 100 artworks, "Clayblazers" celebrates women in the ceramic field during the mid-20th century. Legendary artists like Maija Grotell, Susan Peterson and Marguerite Wildenhain were educators, mentors and masters of their craft and inspired future generations. All of the works in the exhibition are drawn from the ASU Art Museum's ceramics collection of 3,800 objects, representing the full range of technique, aesthetic approaches and possibilities within the field. The exhibition also includes photographs and materials from the ASU Art Museum Ceramics Research Center's Susan Harnly Peterson and Studio Potter archives. Hosted by Carole Sobel. Please email [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com) for reservations **by July 14**. <https://asuartmuseum.asu.edu/visit/parking-and-directions>

## SOCIAL

**Thursday, July 25, 4:00PM to 6:00 PM**

**Paul Martin's American Grill**, 6186 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, (480) 991-9342. Paul Martin's offers classic American fare in a sophisticated and convivial setting. Small plates range from \$7 to \$10; cocktails, wines, and beer range from \$6 to \$7. We have a long table reserved for 15 people inside along the window overlooking the patio. Hosted by Barbara Rosen, [babeandkit@aol.com](mailto:babeandkit@aol.com).

## DINNER WITH FRIENDS

**Tuesday, July 30, 6:00 PM**

**RSVP BY 7/25**

**RigaTony's Italian Restaurant**, 1850 E. Warner Road, Tempe, (480) 899-1111. RigaTony's is a family-friendly, family-owned Italian restaurant serving the Valley for 20+ years. It is an authentic Italian restaurant reminiscent of New York's Little Italy. The atmosphere is convivial and the food is great.



Hope you'll join us! Hosted by Joanne Handlong. RSVP to [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com), (480) 491-3326 **by July 25**. <https://rigatonys.com>.

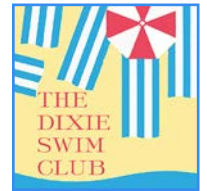
## THEATER

**Saturday, August 3, 7:30 PM**

**RSVP BY 7/19**

**The Dixie Swim Club (Comedy)** - Presented by Desert Stages Theatre inside Fashion Square Mall, 7014 E. Camelback Rd, Suite 0586,

Scottsdale, (480) 483-1664. Five Southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team, set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships. Free from husbands, kids and jobs, they meet at the same beach cottage on North Carolina's Outer Banks to catch up, laugh and meddle in each other's lives. **Tickets: \$22.00 Senior Rate. Pre-show Dinner: 5:00 PM** at Roaring Fork, 4800 N. Scottsdale Rd., #1700, Scottsdale. (480) 947-0795. Hosted by: Joanne Handlong. RSVP to [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com), (480) 491-3326 for tickets and dinner reservations **by July 19**. <http://www.roaringfork.com/#/locations>



## SOCIAL

**Thursday, August 8, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

**The Cheesecake Factory**, in Kierland Commons, 15205 N. Kierland Blvd., Scottsdale, 480-607-0083.



We have reserved tables so come join us for happy hour and perhaps a little cheesecake too. Beer \$3.50, draft beer \$4.50, wine and cocktails \$6.50. Happy hour menu \$5.95 to \$8.95. Hosted by Marietta Huston, 602-363-8034, [mbhinaz@gmail.com](mailto:mbhinaz@gmail.com). [thecheesecakefactory.com](http://thecheesecakefactory.com).

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## July/August Activities

### BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 12, 2:00 p.m.

**RSVP BY 8/9 FOR LUNCH OPTION**



The Terraces, 7550 N. 16th Street, Phoenix  
800-836-4281 - All members are invited. We dine and meet in a private dining room (The Bordeaux Room). A portion of the meeting is reserved for guest comments. Option to come at 12:30PM and have lunch at The Terraces. **Please RSVP to Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com, by Fri, August 9 if you choose the lunch option.** For information regarding the meeting, contact Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com, (480) 491-3326.

### SOCIAL

Thursday, August 22, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Living Room at Gainey Ranch, 8977 N Scottsdale Road, Ste. 500, Scottsdale, 480-634-6709. One of our favorite places where we always feel welcome. Wine and beer at happy hour prices; \$4 off signature cocktails. Happy hour menu \$3.50 to \$9.50. Hosted by Marietta Huston 602-363-8034, mbhinaz@gmail.com, www.livingroomwinebar.com



We're open to suggestions for additional July-August events. If you have an idea for an indoor event, in an air-conditioned venue, please let me know. If you are willing to host it, that's a plus!

Contact me by email or phone:  
justjo34@gmail.com or (480) 491-3326.



### Still Looking for Book Lovers!

Would you be interested in joining an SFA book club? One of our members has offered her house in the McCormick Ranch area for a meeting place. Our first meeting would be an organizational one when we would discuss meeting day, time, genre's, etc. Contact Joanne Handlong, [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com), (480) 491-3326, if you are interested. So far, five people have expressed an interest—we would like to have at least eight participants. Join now and have input into the organization of the club.

Be on the alert for this



As you know, the internet has opened the door for scammers who prey on unsuspecting people—like us! Recently, several of our members received an email—purportedly from me (Joanne Handlong)—asking them to purchase a quantity of \$100 gift cards from eBay, Amazon or Apple iTunes on my behalf with the promise that I would reimburse them for the cost. One scammer said they were for Veterans. The scammers asked the recipients to scratch the back of the gift cards, take a snapshot of the PIN and send it to them in an email. At first glance, these emails appear to come from me **but** if you will click on the **sender's** address you will see that it is not from [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com) but some variant of my gmail address.

If you receive any of these, don't respond or act on it! Call me (480) 491-3326 or forward the email to my correct address, [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com). I think these scams come through our website and I am looking into ways to prevent that in the future.



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# JULY 2019

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
	1	2	3		5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Social+Art Walk	12	13 Theater
14 Movies	15	16	17	18 Close Encounters	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Social	26	27
28	29	30 Dinner With Friends	31			

### 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

\$75.00 per year

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## AUGUST 2019

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
				1 <i>National Girlfriend Day</i>	2	3 Theater
4 Movies	5	6	7	8 Social	9	10
11	12 Board Meeting	13	14	15	16	17
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