



Society for the Arts
Active Singles 50+
NEWSLETTER



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Check out our website www.societyforthearts.org

President's Message

Wow! Hasn't it been a cold winter for we Phoenicians? We've had it all: freezing temps, rainy days, snow in Scottsdale. Personally, I love it—more opportunities to wear my warmer winter clothes, to use my cozy throws while I watch TV, to snuggle under a warm comforter at night. However, I think we're all ready for some Spring-like weather, especially with the start of the Cactus League's Spring Training season on February 21.

We don't have any Spring training games on our schedule but we have lots of other fun activities planned. Nadeen Berger will be hosting our socials this month and she encourages you to come and bring a guest. We welcome Andria Mori back as our Culinary Lunch coordinator. She's hosting a lunch at Starfire Grille on March 13. The ever-curious Carole Sobel has planned a science-oriented event at ASU for Close Encounters that you'll want to check out. It's your chance to venture into "space" while keeping your feet firmly planted on terra firma. Check out the upcoming theater events too, chosen based on the theater survey results. The mix includes a musical, dance, and drama. The bottom line is, you'll find a variety of interesting, social, and entertaining activities on our calendar.

We have been having good turnouts for our activities and that makes for more fun for everyone. Those who plan and host the events appreciate good participation. Let me know if there's an event you'd like to put on the calendar.

To all the Irish and the would-be Irish in our group—Happy St. Patrick's Day! The luck of the Irish be with you!

Joanne Handlong



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March Activities



Let's recognize these members



New Member John Cotugno

John was introduced to SFA by Marilyn Rawlinson. He lists his current interest as "fun". We look forward to sharing our fun with you, John.



Happy birthday to these members born in March!

Jerry Crow
Doris Green
Michael Jennings
Marilyn Rawlinson

Did we omit listing your birthday this month? Let us know so that we can update our records and recognize you in the future. Just send an email to: justjo34@gmail.com.

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.

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.



SOCIAL

March 7, Thursday, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

P. F. Chang's on the Waterfront

7135 E Camelback Rd, Scottsdale, (480) 949-2610. Friendly chain offering creative takes on Chinese fare, located along the canal at Scottsdale and Camelback Roads. Happy Hour menu features selected wine and cocktails for \$6.00, any craft beer for \$4.00, \$6 Street Fare and \$5 dim sum items. Free parking is available under the restaurant. Please be sure to tip the wait staff. Hosted by Nadeen Berger. For information: www.pfchangs.com, or (480) 659-4814.

THEATER

March 9, Saturday, 2:00 PM

An American In Paris (Musical) - Presented by Herberger Theater and Arizona Broadway Theatre, at Herberger Theater Center (Center Stage), 222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix, (602) 254-7399. A musical adaptation of the Academy Award-winning film featuring some of George and Ira Gershwin's most beloved music, including *I Got Rhythm*, *The Man I Love*, and *You Can't Take That Away from Me*.

Tickets: \$50.00. After-show Dinner: Canyon Cafe (Arizona Center), 455 N. 3rd St., Suite #114, Phoenix, (602) 252-3545. **SFA Deadline has passed. Contact** Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com, 480-491-3326, for information. www.herbergertheater.org/calendar/, www.canyoncafe.com/phoenix-az.

BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 11, 1:30 PM (*New time*)

RSVP BY 3/8

The Terraces, 7550 N. 16th Street, Phoenix, 800-836-4281 - All members are invited. We 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, March 8 if you choose the lunch option.** For information regarding the meetings, contact Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com, (480) 491-3326.





March Activities

CULINARY LUNCH

March 13, Wednesday, 1:00 PM

Starfire Grille, 11500 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale, (Cholla and Hayden) (480) 948-6000

RSVP BY 3/10

The Starfire serves tasty food in a relaxed atmosphere. It is located at the Starfire Golf Club. The Grille supports local farmers, producers and artisans. Dressings and sauces are made in-house.

RSVP to Andria Mori, amori@cox.net, (602)

820-5347 **by March 10.**

www.starfiregolfclub.com/starfire-grille

SOCIAL

March 21, Thursday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Bar Six40 in Scottsdale Resort at McCormack Ranch, 7700 E. McCormack Parkway, Scottsdale (480) 991-9000. One of our favorite



locations. Menu features appetizers for \$6.00, wine selections for \$7.00, and a wide selection of beers for \$5.00.

PLEASE remember to tip the wait staff.

Hosted by Nadeen Berger. She hopes to see you there and encourages you to bring a guest.

It's always nice to meet new people. For information: www.destinationhotels.com or (480) 659-4814.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

March 23, Saturday, 2:30 PM

3-D Astronomy Show: "To the Edge of the Universe and Everything in Between"

RSVP BY 3/19

We are going to the Marston Exploration Theater, on the ASU Tempe campus in the Interdisciplinary Science and Technology Building IV. The



theater employs Definiti SkySkan Planetarium technology utilizing 4K projection systems that render Earth and Space Science themes in 3D stereographic vision. "To the Edge of the Universe and Everything in Between" is a 60-minute, live, narrated journey from earth to the cosmic background radiation. Stops along the way include current, topical space, science and news

explorations. As the stars race towards you, you will be reaching up to touch them. Admission is \$7.50, which includes a 90-minute tour of the building.

RSVP to Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com, (602) 595-4400 **by March 19.** Dinner will follow the tour at a nearby restaurant (with its own parking lot).

<https://sese.asu.edu/public-engagement/3-d-astronomy>.

THEATER

March 30, Saturday, 8:00 PM

RSVP BY 3/7

Alvin Ailey American Dance

Theater – Mesa Arts Center (Ikeda Theater), 1 E. Main Street, Mesa (located at Center and Main Streets). The Alvin Ailey



American Dance Theater grew from a now-fabled performance in March 1958 at the 92nd Street Y in New York City. Led by Alvin Ailey and a group of young African-American modern dancers, that performance changed forever the perception of American dance. The Ailey company has gone on to perform for an estimated 25 million people at theaters in 48 states and 71 countries on six continents – as well as millions more through television broadcasts, film screenings, **Tickets:** Estimated price range from \$32.50 - \$40.00 based on number who sign up. No minimum number required to get a discounted price. Regular price for these tickets would be \$64.00. **Pre-show Dinner: 5:30 PM, Il Vinaio Restaurant**, 270 W. Main St., Mesa, (480) 649-6476. Hosted by Bernie Soricone. Contact Bernie at 480-396-9299, berniecone@yahoo.com for tickets and dinner reservations **by March 7.** www.mesaartscenter.com.

MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

March 31, Sunday



We will see a film in the afternoon and then go to dinner. You will receive an SFA Express email on Friday, March 29, with the name of the film, location and time. Join us for an interesting afternoon and discussion. Hosted by Bill Plank, (602) 942-3151, and Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com.



**THESE APRIL THEATER EVENTS HAVE
RSVP DEADLINES IN MARCH**



THEATER

April 7, Sunday, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 3/20

Frost/Nixon (Drama) – Presented by iTheatre Collaborative, in the Kax Theatre (behind the Herberger Theater Center) 222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix. Determined to resurrect his talk-show career, David Frost risks everything on a series of in-depth interviews in order to extract an apology from Nixon. The cagey Nixon, however, is equally bent on redeeming himself in his nation's eyes. In the television age, image is king, and both men are desperate to out-talk and upstage each other as the cameras roll. The result is the interview that sealed a president's legacy. **Tickets: \$19.80 Senior rate.** After-show dinner at 1130 Restaurant in the Arizona Center, 455 N. Third St., Ste. 1130, Phoenix, (602) 368-3046. Hosted by Carole Sobel. **Contact** Carole at cesobel@gmail.com or (602) 595-4400, for tickets and dinner reservations **by March 20.** <https://www.itheatreaz.org/location>

THEATER

April 27, Saturday, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 3/25

Sisters In Law (Drama) – Presented by Phoenix Theatre Company, 1824 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. (602) 254-215. Based on the 2015 best-selling book of the same name, this keen portrayal of legends Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg tells the story of two polar opposites who just happen to be the first and second women on the US Supreme Court. As they grapple with big questions, the gloves come off, revealing two very different people with a great deal in common. Join us for this stunning world premiere! **Tickets: \$37.00** (Group rate for 10 or more; \$56.00 if less than 10). **After-show Dinner:** Restaurant TBD. Hosted by Ellen DuBiel. **Contact** Ellen at (602) 526-7652 or ellndub@aol.com for tickets and dinner reservations **by March 25.** <https://www.phoenixtheatre.com/the-season/sisters-law>

Photo Gallery

Those who attended the February 15 dance at the American Legion in Scottsdale had a good time, as evidenced by these pictures. Howard Calvert hosted this event. Word is the music and the food were both great.



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Society for the Arts is on



Find us at www.meetup.com as
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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.

MARCH 2019

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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

\$75.00 per year

Contact: membership@societyforthearts.org

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