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President's Message

Do you hear the sound of wings fluttering? Look above and you'll see it's one of our snowbirds getting ready to leave for its summer habitat. This month, we say so long to our SFA members who make this journey every summer. Most of us stay here, perhaps getting away for a few days or weeks to vacation in cooler climes. Your Governing Board takes a break too. Our Board meeting on May 6 will be the last one until August. We will continue to publish the newsletter--one issue in June and a combined issue for July/August.

Our activities don't stop during the summer. Summer is a time for our Board and committees to prepare for the Fall. The theater survey we sent out this past year was instrumental in helping us plan theater events that attracted a good turnout. We'll be working to broaden that survey this Fall to cover more aspects of Society for the Arts.

Now is a good time to step forward and let us know if you want to become more involved in SFA. We are always seeking more hosts for our Happy Hour Socials. It's a great way to get to know our members with a small time commitment. If you enjoy theater, you may want to serve on our theater committee. You'll have input into what we schedule and some opportunities to host. Is there an activity that you would like to organize and add to our calendar—onetime or on-going? Could you host an event in your home or community club house? Home-hosted game nights were popular in the past. Currently, one of our members has offered to host a Book Club in her home if we have enough interest. You'll find information on that in this newsletter.

Society for the Arts has been in existence since 1986! Our numbers have shrunk since then but I think our cohesiveness has grown! We owe a round

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of applause to all of our volunteers who have stepped forward to contribute their time and talents. Why not join that elite group?

Joanne Handlong

P.S. - Did you know that....

Social interaction is one of the great benefits of volunteering and has been shown by many studies to improve both physical and mental health. It helps to **lower** the risk of depression and anxiety while stimulating brain functions and enhancing the immune system. —*buildabroad.org*



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.

May Activities

SOCIAL

Thursday, May 2, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Hacienda's Mexican Grill,

32527 North Scottsdale Rd,
Scottsdale, (480) 488-7439

Come and celebrate "Cinco de Mayo" a few days early in this popular local spot serving your



favorite Mexican foods at great prices: chips & salsas, mini chicken tacos and tostadas, shrimp and beef empanadas and SO much more. Appetizers \$3 to \$10, Margaritas \$4 to \$6, wines starting at \$5+. There is ample parking. Hosted by "the Sisters" Carmen (480) 861-8536 and Gerry (213) 304- 6609. Please remember to tip your server. <http://www.haciendasmexicangrill.com/about.html>



THEATER

Sunday, May 5, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 4/30

Love and Money (by A.R. Gurney)

– Presented by Theatre Artists Studio

at the Studio, 12406 N. Paradise Village Parkway East, Scottsdale, (602) 765-0120. Determined to donate almost everything she owns before her life of grace and privilege ends, wealthy widow Cornelia Cunningham's plan hits a snag when an ambitious and ingratiating young man arrives to claim his alleged inheritance. Peppered with wit and warmth (and the strains of Cole Porter), A.R. Gurney's delightful play paints an incisive and charming portrait of the trials of class, family, legacy, race, and the power of a good story. It features well-known Studio Members, Patti Suarez, Judy Rollings and Jason Isaak with Jamal Peters and Shannon Clark. **Tickets: \$21.69 (Senior Rate and Group Rate). After-show Dinner: Outback Steakhouse,** 4715 E. Cactus Rd., Phoenix, 602-494-3902. Hosted by Carole Sobel. **Contact** Carole at cesobel@gmail.com, or (602) 595-4400, for tickets and dinner reservations **by Tues., 4/30.** <https://www.thestudiophx.org/>



May Activities

Thursday, BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 6, 2:00 p.m.

RSVP BY 5/4

The Terraces, 7550 N. 16th Street, Phoenix, 800-836-4281 - All

members are invited. We lunch and meet in a private dining room. A

portion of the meeting is reserved for guest comments. Option to come at 12:30 PM and have lunch at The Terraces. **You must RSVP to Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com, by 5/4 if you choose the lunch option.** For information regarding the meeting, contact Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com, (480) 491-3326.



CULINARY LUNCH

Friday, May 10, 1:00 PM

RSVP BY 5/7

Butterfield's Pancake House & Restaurant, 7388 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale, (480) 951-6002. Come join other SFA members at Butterfields, a fun spot for breakfast or lunch, serving quality food and local produce. Breakfast is served all day long. Guests are welcome. **RSVP to Andria Mori, amori@cox.net, (602) 820-5347, by Tues., 5/7.** <http://butterfieldsrestaurant.com/index.asp>

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

Wednesday, May 15

5:00 PM DINNER & 7:00 PM EVENT

RSVP BY 5/10

Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. (602) 257-1880.

We will have dinner at the Palette Restaurant followed by *The*

Storyteller Project program entitled *Stylish Stories* in the Great Hall of the Art Museum.. Fashion can be a statement of who we are and how we want the world to see us--we will enjoy a night of celebrating self-expression. You must purchase your own ticket for **\$14.00** online at <https://tickets.azcentral.com/e/arizona-storytellers-stylish-stories-1>, **RSVP to Carole Sobel at cesobel@gmail.com** (or call, if you must, 602-595-4400) for dinner reservations **by Friday, 5/10/19.**



SOCIAL

Thursday, May 16, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Flemings Steak House and Wine Bar (Patio Area), 6333 North Scottsdale Road,

Scottsdale, 480-596-8265. (Located on the SE corner of Scottsdale Rd and Lincoln Drive).

Happy Hour specials: 9 popular Signature Bites \$6 - \$12, Blue Moon beer \$5, 6 different wines, cocktails \$8. Complimentary parking. Hosted by "the Sisters", Carmen (480) 861-8536 and Gerry (213) 304-6609. Please remember to tip your server. <https://www.flemingssteakhouse.com/menu/prime-happy-hour>

DINNER WITH FRIENDS + TALK CINEMA

Tuesday, May 21

RSVP BY 5/18 (Email preferred)

Dinner at 5:00 PM -- AZ 88 The Bar, 7353 Scottsdale Mall, Scottsdale, (480) 994-5576



AZ/88's website bills itself as a modern saloon with award-winning cocktails and consistent cuisine with an ambience that is often as artistic as its two neighboring museums. Check out the menu: <http://www.az88.com/>.

Now taking reservations for groups of 8 or more.

Talk Cinema No. 8 at 7:00 PM. --Virginia Piper Theater, Scottsdale Center for the Arts, 7380 E.

Second St., Scottsdale (a short

walk across the mall from AZ

88). Mixing Hollywood flair

with the element of surprise,

Talk Cinema offers sneak

previews of new independent

and foreign films from Cannes,

Sundance, Toronto and other internationally

ranked film festivals, personally selected by

nationally recognized film critic Harlan Jacobson.

His selections may include an award-winning

drama, an outrageous indie comedy, a provocative

documentary or the next breakout hit. Audiences

are among the first to see new movies and then

engage in critical discussions led by film scholars

and special guests. **The title of the cinema is**

announced approximately one week in advance.

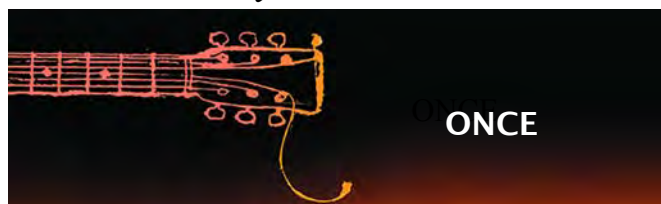


May - June Activities

Tickets are \$14.00 and can be purchased at the door. Hosted by Joanne Handlong. RSVP to Joanne, justjo34@gmail.com, (480) 296-8512, for dinner reservations by Sat., 5/18 (email preferred). <https://www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org/events-calendar/may-2019/>



*This June Theater Event Has A
May 7th Deadline!*



THEATER

Saturday, June 8, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 5/7

Once (Musical) – Presented by Phoenix Theatre Company, 1825 N. Central Ave., Phoenix (McDowell and Central). This emotionally captivating musical is the only show to have music that won an Academy Award, a Grammy Award, an Olivier Award and a Tony Award. On the streets of Dublin, an Irish musician and a Czech immigrant are drawn together by their shared love of music. Over the course of one fateful week, an unexpected friendship and collaboration quickly evolves into a powerful but complicated love story, underscored by emotionally charged music. The cast also serves as the orchestra. The set includes a bar in center stage with chairs lining stage left and right. Exiting cast members simply step to the side of the stage and sit down where they serve as the orchestra. Presumably, as in other productions, the bar will be used before the show and at intermission as a working bar for theater patrons. **Tickets: \$37.00 (Group rate for 10 or more; price for less than 10 TBD) After-show Dinner** at Alexi's Grill, 3550 N. Central Ave., #120, Phoenix, (602) 279-0982. Hosted by Joanne Handlong. **Contact** Joanne at justjo34@gmail.com, or (480) 491-3326 for tickets and dinner reservations **by Tues., 5/7/19.** www.phoenixtheatre.com/

Calling All 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, (480) 491-3326, if you are interested. We would like to have at least eight participants.

Let's recognize these members



New Member

Marcia Weinroth

Marcia was introduced to SFA by Julie Taylor and joined after attending one of our theater events. A warm welcome, Marcia!



Happy Birthday to these members born in May!

Gene Bonnett
Vivian Hangaris
Rosemarie McGowan
Jane Morrissey
Barbara Rosen

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

Photo Gallery

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS EVENT AT BOTANICAL GARDENS

On Tuesday, April 9, a group of seven SFA members enjoyed a pleasant afternoon at the Desert Botanical Garden. The garden offered free admission on this date. The group met at Gertrude's Restaurant for lunch and then strolled through the garden. Not only were there wildflowers galore, in fantastic colors, but many of the cacti were blooming. The group also went into the butterfly pavilion where hundreds of colorful butterflies fluttered about and landed on a few delighted members. The event was hosted by Carole Sobel.



Pictured at left, Gene Bonnett and Julie Taylor enjoying lunch at Gertrude's Restaurant.

The winter rains this year produced an abundance of wildflowers. The group had a delightful afternoon walking along the paths to view them.



Photos furnished by Bill Boring and Carole Sobel

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Society for the Arts is on



Find us at www.meetup.com as
Active Singles 50+ Enjoying the Arts

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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sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
			1	2 Social	3	4
5 Theater	6 Board Meeting	7	8	9	10 Culinary Lunch	11
12 <i>Mother's Day</i>	13	14	15 Close Encounters	16 Social	17	18 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
19 Movies	20	21 Dinner With Friends + Talk Cinema	22	23	24	25
26	 27 <i>Memorial Day</i>	28	29	30	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

Contact: membership@societyforthearts.org

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