



Society for the Arts
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NEWSLETTER



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Check out our website www.societyforthearts.org

President's Message

Dear SFA Members,

With Halloween behind us, we enter that fast-paced time of the year when holidays seem to be too close together. Coming up next is Thanksgiving, to be followed quickly by Hanukkah and Christmas. It's also that time of the year when we hold our Annual Meeting of the membership and elections for our Board of Directors. That will take place on December 7 at Maggiano's Little Italy in Scottsdale. The meeting will be preceded by a complimentary holiday dinner for our members.

There are two provisos for attending: First, you must pay your 2022 dues of \$75.00 a month early, by December 1st, to confirm your continuing membership in SFA. Per our ByLaws, only members can vote in the Board elections that will take place at the meeting..

The second proviso is that you must be fully vaccinated for Covid-19—the same requirement we have for all our events. Covid-19 is still with us but we will be in a private room with a high ceiling which will provide better air circulation.

I hope to see all of you there on December 7th. It will be a festive event and a time to renew acquaintances with other SFA members. You'll also get updates on the state of SFA and some of our plans for the future. You'll find more information on page 2 of this newsletter.

I want to thank Deborah McNeill, Jerry Crow and Marcia Weinroth who worked together to check out possible restaurants for this event. I think you'll be happy with their choice.

I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving, and as much delicious turkey as you can eat!

Joanne Handlong



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****Denotes non-Board members**

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Special Assignments
Ron Webster (No email)

Has your Address, Email or Phone Changed?

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

Let's recognize these SFA Members.

We welcome new member, Gari Dillon. Gari was introduced to SFA by Carole Sobel.



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

Paula Dow

Carole Sobel

Julie Taylor



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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Society for the Arts
Annual Meeting and Holiday Dinner
December 7, 2021
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

Maggiano's Little Italy

Located in The Promenade
16405 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

SFA members will be treated to a complimentary four-course Italian dinner plus dessert. The dinner will be served family style. Courses will include choices of two salads, two appetizers, two pastas, two entrees and two desserts. There will be a no-host bar but waiters will take your drink orders at the table and present you with an individual bill at the end of the dinner.

The Annual Meeting and election of Board Directors will follow the dinner. If you would like to be a candidate for the Board, let me or another Board member know. We would welcome your help.

We will be emailing Membership Renewal forms to all of our members soon, asking you to return them along with your membership dues of \$75.00 **no later than December 1** to reserve your seat at the Holiday Dinner.

If you choose not to attend the Annual Meeting/Holiday Dinner, simply return the renewal form with your dues payment by January 1 and no later than January 15. Instructions will be on the form.

As a reminder, we have changed to a January 1 due date for collecting membership dues, rather than the anniversary date of joining SFA.

Joanne Handlong

We were saddened to learn of the death of Rick Lintner, who was a member of SFA from 2006 to 2013 and again from 2019 to 2020. Rick served as Vice President of SFA for several years. He passed away recently in Minnesota where he had relocated to be near family.

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.

November Activities

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BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

Monday, November 8, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 11/7

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 Jerry Crow, jerry.crow@computer.org, by **November 7**.

CULINARY LUNCH

Friday, November 12, 12:30 PM

RSVP BY 11/10

Wally's American Gastropub is a family-owned restaurant and bar with warm Irish Pub decor inside and a spacious patio outside. The menu features hearty, from-scratch foods such as house-made pastas, classic meatloaf and chicken piccata. Salads are on the menu, too. Wally's is located at 7704 E. Doubletree Ranch Rd in Scottsdale midway between Scottsdale Rd and Hayden Rd. Please RSVP to Deborah - deborahmceill@icloud.com or call (786) 537-4618 by **Wednesday, November 10th**. Remember that we meet on Friday. <http://wallysgastropub.com>

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

Sunday, November 14, 1:00 PM

RSVP by 11/11

Camelback Studio Tour

Free Admission to all Studios

We will visit artists' studios, see artists at work and have the opportunity to purchase works of art and jewelry directly from the artists. There will be artists distributed between 9 studios in the Sherwood Heights Neighborhood of Scottsdale, 56th St. to 60th St. between Oak and Thomas.

We will meet at 1:00 PM at "Studio 9" which is located at 5831 N. 46th Pl. Phoenix 85018. This is the home/studio of Kevin Caron's metal and 3D-printed sculpture. Kevin will have his 8-foot-tall Cerberus 3D Gigante printer running. Anyone who

hasn't seen a 3D printer in action will get an eye-ful. Hand sanitizer will be available at every booth, All artist and visitors are required to wear masks. The group will then decide which other studios to visit, together or individually. We will determine what time to meet again at a local restaurant for dinner. **RSVP** to Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com, by **November 11**. <https://camelbackstudiotour.com/>

SOCIAL

Thursday November 18, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

RSVP BY 11/16

Campo Italian Bistro and Bar- The Village of Hayden, 8260 N. Hayden Rd, Scottsdale, (480) 597-9195. Campo is a modern Italian tavern offering from-scratch dishes such as sharable antipastos, sandwiches, fresh made pastas and



pizzas along side craft beers, wines and cocktails. House wines, beers, cocktails - \$5, Sangria - \$6, Snacks \$3-\$11, Margarita Pizza & bottle of House Wine \$25. Weather permitting, we will be on the lovely patio. **RSVP** to Julie Taylor AZJUTAY@aol.com or 480-451-4146 by **November 16**.

<https://campoitalian.com/>

BOOK CLUB - VIA ZOOM

Monday November 29 @ 1:00 PM

RSVP BY 11/28

The SFA Book Club novel for November is "*The Girl Who Wrote in Silk*" by Kelli Estes. Joanne Handlong will be the facilitator.

A historical novel inspired by true events, Kelli Estes's debut is a poignant tale of two women determined to do the right thing and the power of our own stories. The smallest items can hold centuries of secrets...Inara Erickson is exploring her deceased aunt's island estate when she finds an elaborately stitched piece of fabric hidden in the house. As she peels back layer upon layer of the

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secrets it holds, Inara's life becomes interwoven with that of Mei Lein, a young Chinese girl mysteriously driven from her home a century before. Through the stories Mei Lein tells in silk, Inara uncovers a tragic truth that will shake her family to its core--and force her to make an impossible choice.

Please **RSVP by November 28** to Barbara Rosen, babeandkit@aol.com, and to Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com. You must RSVP in order to receive the zoom link for the meeting, which will be sent out the morning of November 29.

THEATER EVENT

Sunday, November 21, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 11/14

We are going to Theatre Artists Studio, located one and a half blocks north of Cactus at 12406 North Paradise Parkway East (602) 765-0120.

We will see *The Mysterious Disappearance* by Kirt Shineman. Synopsis: In her old age, will the queen of fiction mysteries, Agatha Christie, decide to do the one thing she's never done: commit a real murder? This



is a suspenseful, tantalizing play with plot twists that reach a surprising yet logical climax.

After the performance we will go to dinner at **Marigold Maison**, whose menu purports to represent the finest examples of Indian cuisine in Phoenix. It is mile from the theater, at 4720 Cactus Rd, Ste D118.

RSVP to Carole at cesobel@gmail.com by November 14. <https://www.thestudiophx.org/>
<https://marigoldmaison.com/>

COVID PROTOCOLS: Considering the present surge of the Covid-19 Delta Variant primarily among the unvaccinated, the intimacy of our space, and our genuine concern for the health and safety of everyone, The Studio will now extend required COVID Vaccinations, already in effect for our performers and staff, to include our audience members as well. **PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIRED.** Per CDC guidelines, masks are recommended indoors for vaccinated people in high areas of transmission which includes Maricopa County at this time.

This December theater event has a November 27th RSVP date.

THEATER EVENT

Saturday, December 4, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 11/27

The Million Dollar Quartet Christmas - Presented by Phoenix Theatre Company, 1825 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. **The boys are back to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year!** Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley come together



again to celebrate the holidays! Sun Records, now festively decorated with a Christmas tree, garland, and mistletoe, rings with sounds of the season and the chart toppers that made the "Million Dollar Quartet" famous. The gang is up to their usual antics as we journey through stories of Christmas past, present, and future. It's a jam-packed evening of holiday hits. **Tickets: \$55.00 After Show Dinner at Fez, 105 W Portland St, Phoenix, (602) 287-8700.** Free parking available in the garage directly behind Fez. **Hosted by Judith Brooks. RSVP jabrooks49@yahoo.com, or call (623) 810-5790 by November 27.** <https://www.phoenixtheatre.com/tickets>, fezoncentral.com
COVID-19 Protocols: Phoenix Theatre recommends patrons be vaccinated and wear masks inside the theater and lobby. Temps will be taken at the door.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING THEATER EVENTS

Saturday, January 15, 3 PM, *The Hello Girls*, at Phoenix Theater (Hormel Theater)

Saturday, February 19, 2 PM, *Women in Jeopardy*, at Arizona Theatre Company*

Sunday, March 6, 2 PM, *A Little Night Music*; Arizona Opera at Symphony Hall*

*Pending arrangements with box office

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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.

 <h1>NOVEMBER</h1>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Board Meeting	9	10	11 	12 Culinary Lunch	13
14 Close Encounters	15	16	17	18 Social	19	20
21 Theater	22	23	24	25  Thanksgiving	26	27
28	 29 Hanukkah begins Book Club	30	1	2	3	4 Theater