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President's Message

This is my favorite time of year—the holidays are approaching and the summer heat has abated. Art Walks will once again be possible and happy hours and dining can now be al fresco! We have two events on the November calendar that partially take place outdoors—the 2019 Shemer Art Festival and the Fairmont Princess Dinner and Tree Lighting. I hope you'll come out and enjoy these special activities.

This is also the time of year when we have our Annual Membership Meeting to elect our Board of Directors and hear reports on the "State of SFA". Again this year, we are combining the meeting with a complimentary Holiday Dinner at the Blue Water Grill. Please hold the date of Tuesday, December 10, 5:00 PM for these festivities. You will receive your invitation in the USPS mail. We plan to mail the invitations on or about November 6.

We anticipate that there will be a few positions open on the Board of Directors. Deborah McNeill is heading a Nominating Committee to seek candidates willing to serve on the Board. Let her know if you're interested or if you have any questions about what being a Board Director entails. You can reach her at deborahmcneill@icloud.com, (786) 537-4618.

We continue to be a group of about 54—small enough to make it easy to know one another and large enough to get the group rate for some of our theater events! As President, I attend a variety of our

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.



events and I appreciate the genuine caring and camaraderie that I see among our members. I am proud to be your President!



Sincerely,
Joanne Handlong

A Note re Andria Mori

There were approximately 16 of our members who attended the services for Andria Mori on October 7 at the Franciscan Renewal Center. It was a beautiful service in a lovely setting. In his eulogy, her brother-in-law, Bill, spoke about her life and how important Society for the Arts was to her. Her family was glad she had found us and appreciated us being there. Of course, Andria was important to us too and she will be remembered and missed. *Rest in peace, Andria.*

Let's Recognize these members

Happy Birthday to these members born in November



- Linda Dorethy
- Paula Dow
- Carol Hasher
- Carole Sobel
- Julie Taylor

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

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS
Saturday, November 2, 12:45 PM - 4:00 PM
Shemer Art Center, 5005 E. Camelback Rd.,
Phoenix (602) 262-4727

ADMISSION IS FREE

RSVP BY 10/30

We are going to the Shemer Art Festival which is open from 10am to 4pm. Over 40 artists from all across Arizona will feature one-of-a-kind works of art, plus hourly artist demonstrations. The event will also feature sculpture garden tours, live music, food & beverage vendors like Black Cat Coffee House, Chef Wade's Mac &



Cheese, Leo's Ice Cream and more. We will meet at 12:45 PM at the entrance to the building. Feel free to arrive at any time that morning and explore on your own. At 4:00 PM we will gather again and discuss dinner plans. Please **RSVP** to cesobel@gmail.com **by Oct. 30** so that Carole will know you are part of the group. <https://shemerartcenter.org/>

CULINARY LUNCH

Wednesday, November 6, 1:00 PM

RSVP BY 11/04

Vincent's Market

Bistro is adjacent to Vincent on Camelback at 3930 E. Camelback Rd in Phoenix. Vincent is a



local landmark with an elegant French vibe that has been here for over 30 years. The Bistro's lunch menu features daily specials but always has Lobster Bisque, Salade Niçoise, Coq au Vin and their divine Vincent's Quiche. Please RSVP to Deborah - deborahmcneill@icloud.com or call (786) 537-4618 by November 4th. <http://vincentsoncamelback.com> (602) 224-3727.

Theater

Saturday, November 9, 7:30 PM

RSVP BY 10/24

American Psycho – The Musical – Presented by Stray Cat Theatre at the Tempe Center for the Arts,

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700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, (480) 350-2822. *American Psycho* is the sexy, ruthless and daring new musical from Duncan Sheik (Spring Awakening) and Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa (Riverdale). It is based on the controversial 1991 novel *American Psycho* by Bret Easton Ellis, which also inspired a 2000 film of the same name that starred Christian Bale. The musical tells the story of Patrick Bateman, a young and handsome Wall Street banker with impeccable taste and unquenchable desires. Patrick and his elite group of friends spend their days in chic restaurants, exclusive clubs and designer labels. But at night, Patrick takes part in a darker indulgence, and his mask of sanity is starting to slip. **Tickets: \$36.00/ Senior Rate. Pre-show Dinner: 5:00 PM** at the Keg Steakhouse+ Bar, located in Tempe Marketplace, 23 S. McClintock Dr., Tempe, (480) 557-5552. Due to inconvenient parking at the Tempe Center for the Arts at this time (due to construction), we will share a Lyft or Uber from the restaurant to the theater and back. Hosted by Carole Sobel. Contact Carole at cesobel@gmail.com for tickets and dinner reservations **by Oct. 24.**

MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

Sunday, November 10

Treat yourself to an interesting movie once a month. Join us for a film and dinner. You will receive an SFA Express email on November 7 with the name of the film, venue and time. We usually go to the Harkins Shea 14 or Camelview. Hope to see you there. Hosted by Carole, cesobel@gmail.com, and Bill, (602) 942-3151.



*******ROOM & TIME CHANGE*******

BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 11, 1:30 PM

RSVP BY 11/8 FOR LUNCH OPTION

The Terraces, 7550 N. 16th Street, Phoenix, 800-836-4281 - All members are invited. We will dine in the Bordeaux Room, as usual, but move to the Pavillion Room for the meeting. The Pavillion Room is adjacent to the lobby. These changes are necessary because the dining room will close at 1:30 PM due to the Veteran's Day holiday.



A portion of the meeting is reserved for guest comments. Option to come at 12:00 PM and have lunch at The Terraces. Please **RSVP** to Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com, **by Fri, 11/8**, if you plan to come for lunch.

SOCIAL

Thursday, November 14, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Lincoln Restaurant and Bar 1936 at the

Camelback Inn, 5402 E. Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale, (480) 905-7979. Bar 1936 represents Camelback Inn's 80-year history. Visitors have included celebrities, athletes, presidents and dignitaries from around the world. It offers breathtaking views of Camelback Mountain and the Sonoran Desert. Small plates, Bar Bites \$5-8, burgers, steak sandwiches \$10-15. Wines - \$7, signature cocktails \$8, specialty beers \$5. Happy Hour prices in effect from 4-7 pm. Music on the back patio after 7pm. Hosted by Julie Taylor, azjutay@aol.com, 480-451-4146.

Theater

Sunday, November 24, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 11/10

The Trip to Bountiful - Presented by Theatre Artists Studio, 12406 N. Paradise Parkway East, Scottsdale, (602) 765-0120. Horton Foote's moving play tells the story of Carrie Watts, an elderly woman, who longs to escape the cramped Houston apartment where she lives with her protective son, Ludie, and her authoritarian daughter-in-law, Jessie Mae. Carrie wants to return to her beloved hometown of Bountiful, Texas, one final time before she dies. While Ludie is at work and Jessie Mae is at the drugstore, Carrie escapes to the bus station and befriends a young woman named Thelma. The new friends travel toward Bountiful together, but when Carrie arrives in nearby Harrison, Texas, she begins to learn that her beloved town isn't the same as she remembered it. **Tickets: \$21.99/Senior Rate. After-show Dinner: Olive Garden Italian Restaurant**, 4868 E. Cactus Road, Scottsdale, (602) 494-4327. **Contact** Marcia Weinroth, thenewme3210@aol.com, or (480) 415-7729, for tickets and dinner reservations **by Nov. 10** <http://www.thestudiophx.org/>, www.olivegarden.com



November Activities

BOOK CLUB

Monday, November 25, 1:00 PM

RSVP REQUIRED

The SFA Book Club will meet at Barbara Rosen's. Book Club members will be selecting a book for November and future months at their October 28 meeting. An SFA Express will be sent out with the name of the November selection. The novel chosen for October 28 is "Sing, Unburied, Sing" by Jesmyn Ward. You still have time to read it and join us on the 28th. **RSVP** to Barbara Rosen, babeandkit@aol.com to let her know you'll be attending and for directions to her house.



FAIRMONT SCOTTSDALE PRINCESS DINNER AND TREE LIGHTING

Tuesday, November 26, 4:30 PM

Resort located at 7575 East Princess Drive, Scottsdale, (480) 585-4848

RSVP BY NOON, 11/21

Back by popular demand. Meet in the resort lobby at 4:30 PM instead of Marietta's home. Complimentary valet parking, but please car pool together as much as possible. If you prefer parking at Marietta's home (because the valet lines are fairly long when leaving), let Marietta know when you RSVP and she will give you the gate code. The dinner reservation is for 5:00 PM in the Ironwood American Kitchen for 24 people at 3 tables of 8 each. Separate checks. (The Princess is making an exception again for SFA because no reservations are available in that restaurant for Nov., Dec., and Jan.) We'll receive the wrist bands again to ride the two trains to see more than 4.5 million holiday lights and enjoy all of the other activities free. This year everyone will go at their own pace since many of you attended last year. Entertainment is approximately at 6:30 PM and tree lighting at 7:00 PM. **RSVP** to Marietta Huston,



602-363-8034 or mbhinaz@gmail.com **by**

11/21/19. More details at www.scottsdaleprincess.com.

HOLD THE DATE



SFA ANNUAL MEETING and HOLIDAY DINNER

**December 10, 2019
5:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

We're returning to the Blue Water Grill in Phoenix for our Annual Meeting and Holiday Dinner. This is a Members Only event with complimentary dinner. There will be a cash bar with extended happy hour prices through 8:00 PM. Mark your calendars and watch for an invitation coming to you via U.S. post office mail in early mid-November. You will need to RSVP to reserve your spot at the table! Come and socialize with your Society for the Arts friends. This was a successful event last year—wonderful food, great service, and lots of holiday spirit. It's an opportunity for all of us to be together at one time.



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.

HAPPY FACES AT OUR HAPPY HOURS



At Lon's at the Hermosa Inn on October 17, we enjoyed sitting outside on the patio and celebrating Howard Calvert's birthday.



At the Tap House Kitchen on October 3, we enjoyed good food and drinks in a comfortable setting. The waitress was tops too!



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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 501(c)(3) organization.

NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Close Encounters
3	4	5 <i>Election Day</i>	6 Culinary Lunch	7	8	9 Theater
10 Movies	 11 Board Meeting <i>Veterans' Day</i>	12	13	14 Social	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Theater	25 Book Club	26 Fairmont Princess Event	27	28  THANKSGIVING	29	30

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