



Society for the Arts
Active Singles 50+
NEWSLETTER



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Website, SFA Express **TBD**

President's Message

Comfortable temperatures are here at last! I'm sitting on my patio to write this message, enjoying the cool morning breezes.

At our September Board meeting, we discussed how we would approach our Annual Meeting and Board elections this year, which are held in December per our Bylaws. If you recall, we did not have an Annual Meeting or Board elections in 2020 due to Covid-19. Instead, Board members' terms were extended through 2021. Covid-19 is still with us but now we have vaccines and booster shots for those 65 and older. Therefore, we decided to go forward with an Annual Meeting and Board elections this December.

In conjunction with the Annual Meeting, we want to have a complimentary dinner for our members, as we did in 2018 and 2019. This complimentary dinner would be offered to those who commit to membership in 2022 by paying dues **in advance** of the Annual Meeting.

Remember, we stopped collecting dues in 2020 with the intent of resuming collection in January 2022 for all members, thereby ending the year-round collection of dues by anniversary date. All members will now pay their annual dues at the beginning of the calendar year. However, we need to make an exception to the January date for this year because we need to know who our members are **prior** to the Annual Meeting/Dinner. Only members can vote for board directors and only members can be a candidate for the Board.

I just wanted to give you a heads up on this. We are still in the planning stage. A committee is currently looking for a location for this event. Once we have firmed up our plans, we will communicate them to you.

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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.

President's Message - continued

In other Board news, we accepted Marietta Huston's resignation as an Alternate Board member, with regret, at our September meeting. Marcia Weinroth has agreed to replace her on the Board and her appointment will be on the agenda for the October meeting.

Enough of business matters. Have you looked at our scheduled activities for this month? I encourage you to come join us. We are trying to schedule as many as possible outdoors, and we still require attendees to be fully vaccinated for Covid-19.

Wishing you each a month of fresh air, fun and a spooky Halloween!

Joanne Handlong



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

Howard Calvert

Nancy Crimmings

Victoria J. Heil



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



Members of the Theater Committee for 2021-22

The Theater Committee meets to choose theater productions that would be of interest to SFA members. Committee members for 2021-2022 are:

Judith Brooks
Nancy Crimmings
Ellen DuBiel
Joanne Handlong*
Carole Sobel
Marcia Weinroth

*Ad Hoc Member

In addition to collaborating to select theater/musical events, members also take turns hosting and taking reservations for these events.

The new committee will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, October 19, at 1:30 PM, at Marcia Weinroth's house.



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.

October Activities

NOTE: All members and guests must be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 in order to attend Society for the Arts in-person activities.

CULINARY LUNCH

Friday, October 8, 12:30 PM

RSVP BY 10/6

Herb Box, 7051 E. Fifth Avenue in Old Town Scottsdale, (480) 289-6160

The **Herb Box's** origin was as a catering company. Their mission remains to serve fresh, seasonal ingredients with imagination and sophistication. The menu includes sharing plates, salads and sandwiches. Short rib enchiladas from the grill are popular. A favorite vegan option is their crisp brussel sprout chips. This month's selection was dictated in part by their lovely and quiet outdoor seating area in the back. **Please RSVP to Deborah - deborahmcneill@icloud.com or call (786) 537-4618 by Wednesday, October 6th.** (Note that we are meeting on Friday.) <http://theherbbox.com>

BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

Monday, October 11, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 10/10

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 October 10.**



THEATER EVENT

Saturday, October 16, 2:00 PM

RSVP REQUESTED

Bell, Book, and Candle - at Don Bluth Front Row Theater - We will meet at the theater, located in the Village at Via Linda at 8989 E Via Linda #118, Scottsdale (south of Shea). Their phone number is (480) 314-0841. After the show we will go to dinner in a nearby restaurant. **Tickets** are currently available on the Goldstar.com website for \$18 (including tax & fees). The theater has open seating, is a small venue and requires the audience to wear masks. **Please purchase your own ticket and email Carole at cesobel@gmail.com to inform her you will be attending.**

Synopsis: Before there was *Bewitched*, before *Wicked* and *Harry Potter*, there was *BELL, BOOK AND CANDLE*. Gillian is a beautiful witch living in 1950s New York City who is smitten with her handsome upstairs neighbor Shep Henderson. She casts a little spell, and Shep is immediately and completely captivated by her. But Gillian must be careful -- if she falls in love with him, she could lose her magical powers forever. Will she be undone by her own mischief? A frothy and spellbinding romantic comedy, *BELL, BOOK, AND CANDLE* shows that love might be the most bewitching spell of all.

<http://donbluthfrontrowtheatre.com/>

SOCIAL

Thursday, October 21, 4:00 -6:00 PM

RSVP BY 10/19

L'amore Italian Restaurant- 3159 East Lincoln Drive, Phoenix, (602) 381-3159.

Weather permitting we will be on the lovely tree-lined patio overlooking Phoenix Mountain Preserve. Wine, cocktail and beer specials as well as Happy Hour prices for appetizers such as mussels, calamari, carpaccio, pizzas and antipasto. Music begins about 7pm. in the bar area..



Please RSVP by 10/19 to Julie Taylor AZJUTAY@aol.com or 480-451-4146.

<http://>

lamoreitalianrestaurant.com/

BOOK CLUB

Monday, October 25

RSVP BY 10/23

At the September meeting, the Book Club chose books for the next three months. For October, we will read "Cooking for Picasso" by Camille Aubray. Here is a link to a description of the novel: <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/27876293-cooking-for-picasso>. RSVP to Barbara Rosen, babeandkit@aol.com **by 10/23**. This will be a hybrid meeting, both on zoom and at a private home. **State your preference when you RSVP.**



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CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

Friday, October 29

LUNCH 12:30 PM — EXHIBIT 2:00 PM

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

RSVP BY 10/23

We will meet at the entrance to the Palette Restaurant in the Phoenix Art Museum at 12:30 PM for lunch. Then we will purchase/pick up admission tickets. There is a new pricing policy at the museum. If you are not a member there is a \$2.00 surcharge for buying your ticket at the museum, rather than online. As I have done in the past, I will match up members with non-members so they do not have to pay for admission. This will be done in the order that I receive reservations.

We will be seeing *Fashion's Subversives*, an exhibit that spans the 19th century through today. *Fashion's Subversives* presents nearly 40 examples of garments and accessories—from the humble denim jean to the scandalous bikini—that broke from culturally-accepted norms and forever changed popular fashion and the fashion industry. Featured designers include Yves St. Laurent, Geoffrey Beene, Giorgio di Sant' Angelo, Balenciaga, Rudi Gernreich, Diane von Furstenburger and Paco Rabanne. **Reservation deadline is October 23. Please email cesobel@gmail.com and indicate whether or not you are a member of the museum.**

Van Gogh Immersion Exhibit

Some SFA members attended the Van Gogh Immersion Exhibit in Scottsdale on September 15. They gave it excellent reviews! Pictured at right, L to R are Julie Taylor, Gene Bonnett, Carole Sobel, and Bill Plank.

PHOTOS FROM SEPTEMBER CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS EVENTS

Five members and one guest enjoyed seeing the inner workings of the ASU Art Museum via a **Hard Hat** tour on September 3. The group ate lunch beforehand at Culinary Dropout.

L to R:
Carole Sobel,
Victoria Heil,
Howard Calvert
Guest of Csrole,
Janet Hom



Joanne Handlong skipped the lunch and met up with the group for the tour



Photo Gallery

Our September 16 Social was held at Rita's Cantina and Bar at Camelback Inn



Howard Calvert has become our SFA photographer,. It's hard to catch him in a photo so thanks to whoever captured this one!



Above, L to R: Linda Dorethy, Carmen Wootten, Gerry Lewis, Bill Boring, Judy Havens, Bob Hurni, Jerry Crow, Nancy Salsbury, Janet Hom



Above, the triple threat of Carmen Wootten, Gerry Lewis, and Bill Boring enjoying some good food,.



Pictured above are Bob Hurni and Judy Havens, who attended as a guest. Bob, you're looking good in that red shirt!

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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.

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26	27	28	29	30	1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8 Culinary Lunch	9	
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17	18	19 Theater Committee Meeting	20	21 Social	22	23	
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