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President's Message

I'll start this month's message with some words about Andria Mori who passed away the night of September 15. Andria joined SFA in June 2007 and was active during the 12-year span of her membership. She was the epicurean who planned our Culinary Lunches, always seeking new places to please our palettes. She served on the Board for many years, including one stint as Vice President, often contributing ideas for special events, i.e., a Wine and Paint party at Pinot's Palette, a Holiday Light Tour, a Valentine's Day Luncheon, ice cream socials, the location for last year's Annual Meeting/ Dinner at the Bluewater Grill, and more. She participated in many activities, including theater, Close Encounters, movies, and culinary events. Andria was dedicated to SFA and even when she was hospitalized for serious health issues in recent years, she was always eager to hear what was going on in SFA, eager to get back to participating. She will be remembered as a kind, generous, brave individual with a strong spirit, and she will be greatly missed.

We welcome Deborah McNeill, our Treasurer, as our new Culinary Lunch organizer. Deborah is excited about taking on this new task. I think she's going to do a great job. Please join her for lunch!

We are pleased to welcome four new members this month—two of them are former members who have rejoined. They bring our membership to 54 and growing. We've had several guests at recent events

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.



who have come back a second time. We enjoyed meeting them and hope they'll decide to join. I want to remind you how important it is for each of us to extend ourselves to make guests feel welcome. It takes courage to walk into a group of strangers. Be empathetic to that and reach out! Wear your nametags too, to help them be more comfortable.

Our October calendar is getting "back to normal" with more theater events, an arts festival, and three socials this month. The third social falls on Halloween. Rick Lintner and Marge Metz are hosting and Marge is planning a Halloween-themed party atmosphere with special treats. Costumes are optional but encouraged!

Wishing you all a happy Fall season and a scary Halloween!

Joanne Handlong

Let's Recognize these members

Welcome

New Members

- Deborah Foderaro
- Nancy Salsbury
- David Taylor
- Carol Terracciano

We are delighted to welcome these four new members in the past month. Nancy and David are actually former members who have rejoined. Please be sure to introduce yourself and give them a hearty "welcome" when you see them.

Happy Birthday to these members born in October!



- Howard Calvert
- Nancy Crimmings
- Victoria Heil
- Reva Schafer

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

SOCIAL

Thursday, October 3, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Tap House Kitchen, 6137 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale (in the Hilton Village), (480) 656-0012. Popular casual, fun meeting place for locals as well as visitors. Patio seating depending on the weather. Bar bites from \$6 to \$12 + an awesome Signature Hamburger for \$15. Beers, wines, cocktails--\$1 to \$2 off regular price. Beer lovers choose from 23 different draft & craft Beers, including six AZ beers. Hosted by "the sisters", Carmen and Gerry. Info (480) 861-8536 or <https://www.taphousekitchen.com/scottsdale-menus#menu=happy-hour>



THEATER

Sunday, October 6, 2:00 PM

"THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA"

Musical – Presented by ASU Lyric Opera, Music Building, Evelyn Smith Music Theater, 50 Gammage Parkway, Tempe. "The Light in the Piazza" takes place in Italy in the summer of 1953. Margaret Johnson, the wife of an American businessman, is touring the Tuscan countryside with her daughter, Clara. While sightseeing, Clara, a beautiful and surprisingly childish young woman, loses her hat in a sudden gust. As if guided by an unseen hand, the hat lands at the feet of a handsome Florentine named Fabrizio Naccarelli, who returns it to Clara. This brief episode, charged with coincidence and fate, sparks an immediate and intense romance between Clara and Fabrizio. Margaret, who is extremely protective of her daughter, attempts to keep Clara and Fabrizio apart. As the musical unfolds, a secret is revealed — in addition to the cultural differences between the young lovers, Clara is not quite all that she appears. **Tickets: \$12.00. After-show Dinner at Chili's Grill and Bar**, 400 W. University Dr., Tempe, (480) 967-2082, www.chilis.com. (Restaurant has its own parking lot.) Hosted by Carole Sobel. SFA ticket deadline has passed. You may contact Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com, for any last minute ticket availability.



Services for Andria Mori will be held
on
Monday, October 7, 10:00 AM
at the
Franciscan Renewal Center
5802 E. Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale
Reception to follow



BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 7, 2:00 p.m.

RSVP BY 10/4 FOR LUNCH OPTION

The Terraces, 7550 N. 16th Street, Phoenix, 800-836-4281 - All members are invited. We dine and meet in a private dining room (The Bordeaux Room). A portion of the meeting is reserved for guest comments. Option to come at 12:30PM and have lunch at The Terraces.



NOTE: If you are attending the services for Andria Mori, you are invited to come for the 12:30 PM lunch and stay for the Board meeting. It is an easy 14-minute drive from the Franciscan Renewal Center to the Terraces. Please **RSVP** to Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com, **by Fri, 10/4**, if you plan to come for lunch. Lunch prices range from \$4 to \$10 and include a glass of wine.

SOCIAL

Thursday, October 17, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM
Lon's Last Drop Lounge at the Hermosa Inn,



5532 N. Palo Cristi Rd., Paradise Valley, (844) 267-8738. Located in one of the oldest adobe haciendas in Arizona with a stunning outdoor patio and sweeping

views of Camelback Mountain. Enjoy \$6 craft beers, wines and cocktails. Salads, small plates, burgers, sliders and other specialty items. Happy Hours prices from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Hosted by Howard Calvert and Janet Hom. Info (520) 975-28032. <https://www.hermosainn.com/dining/lons-last-drop>

THEATER

Saturday, October 19, 8:00 PM

RSVP BY 10/5

Edward Albee's Three Tall Women – Presented by iTheatre Collaborative, at the Herberger Theater Center, in the Kax Theater, 222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix. A woman more than 90 years old, simply called 'A,' reflects on her life; shame, pleasure, regret, and satisfaction. But most of all, the estrangement of her gay son. Winner of the 1994 Pulitzer Prize, **THREE TALL WOMEN**, a semi-autobiographical view of the playwright's mother, is often seen as Albee's most personal and compelling play. **Tickets: \$19.80 Senior Rate Pre-show Dinner: 5:30 PM** at the Canyon Cafe in the Arizona Center, 455 N. 3rd St., Suite #114, Phoenix, 602.252.3545. Hosted by Joanne Handlong. Contact Joanne for tickets and dinner reservations **by Oct. 5.** Park in the Arizona Center garage and purchase a parking voucher at the Herberger box office for \$6.00, to save half the regular parking rate. a <https://itheatreaz.org/>, <https://www.canyoncafe.com/arizona-center-phoenix-az-2>

MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

Sunday, October 20

Treat yourself to an interesting movie once a month. Join us for a film and dinner. You will receive an SFA Express email on October 17 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.



CULINARY LUNCH

Wednesday, October 23, 1:00 PM

RSVP BY 10/21

Houston's, 6113 N. Scottsdale Rd (at McDonald Dr), Scottsdale, (480) 922-7775. Houston's is an upscale restaurant located in the Hilton Village. They feature American cuisine. Some say they have the best ribs in town but the menu is varied and the food quality is very good. Please **RSVP** to Deborah - deborahmneill@icloud.com or call (786) 537-4618 **by Mon., Oct.21.** <http://houstons.com>



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

Saturday, October 26 - 11:30AM - 5:00PM

10th Annual Herberger Festival of the Arts

—FREE Admission—

Herberger Theater Center, 222 E. Monroe, Phoenix, (602) 254-7399.

There will be performances by more than 25 arts groups, dance, live music, aerial performances, short films, food, craft beer and wine tasting and more! **We will meet in the rotunda in the lobby of the Herberger at 1:30 PM to touch base and decide on the afternoon's events.** You may arrive at any time before joining the group. If the group wishes to go out for dinner, we will go to China Chili's, located ten minutes away. Hosted by Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com. No RSVP needed—just show up at 1:30 PM in the rotunda. **NOTE:** Parking at the Arizona Center is \$6 for the day.

Coupons must be purchased at the Herberger box office. <https://www.herbergertheater.org/>



BOOK CLUB

Monday, October 28, 1:00 PM

RSVP REQUIRED

The new SFA Book Club met for the first time on a rainy Monday, September 23, at Barbara Rosen's. Unfortunately, the rain put a damper on attendance but those who were there decided that the book club will meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 1:00 PM. Books will be chosen six months in advance. Attendees are to bring two suggestions of novels to the October 28 meeting. One of the two will be chosen for future months and the person suggesting each book chosen will be the facilitator. The novel chosen for October 28 is **"Sing, Unburied, Sing"** by Jesmyn Ward. It is about a family's dynamics in the fictional town of Bois Sauvage, Mississippi. The author won her second National Book Award for it. Please read it and join us on October 28 to discuss the book. **RSVP** to Barbara Rosen, babeandkit@aol.com to let her know you'll be attending and for directions to her house.



Thursday October 31, 4:00 PM to ?

HAPPY HOUR AND HALLOWEEN PARTY

Thirsty Lion Gastropub & Grill, 7014 E. Camelback Road, #1423, Scottsdale. Located in Scottsdale Fashion Square on the Main Floor

below the Harkins

Camelview theater, (480) 284-7292.



Hello all SFA Goblins! This is our night to party. The Thirsty Lion has given SFA their private Lion's Den to

have a **Fun Spooky Party** to

celebrate Halloween. Enjoy classic American food, craft cocktails, beer and wine at discounted prices; Halloween treats and decorations. Come party with us and bring a guest—plenty of room for all. Costumes welcome (and add to the fun) but optional. Hosted by Marge Metz and Rick Lintner. Info (480) 220-2852 or <https://www.thirstyliongastropub.com/arizona>.



SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
3:00 PM to 7:00 PM



The Luau-themed membership party/fundraiser that we were planning for October 27 has been postponed. We are looking into holding this party at a future date in Spring of 2020. We apologize to all of you who have been practicing your hula and making those grass skirts!

**THIS NOVEMBER EVENT HAS
AN OCTOBER DEADLINE**

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, 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. The Stray Cat production will star local superstar Toby Yatso as Patrick Bateman. **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 (because of construction), we will use rideshare (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**

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.

**REMEMBERING
ANDRIA MORI IN PHOTOS**

**Culinary Lunch at Brio’s
September 14, 2018**



L.-R. Jerry Crow, Joanne Handlong, Paula Dow, Linda Dorethy, Maggie Griswald, Andria, Julie Taylor



**SFA Santa Fe
Opera Trip -
August 2014**

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P. O. Box 807
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Information
(480) 491-3326

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Active Singles 50+

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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.



OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Social	4	5
6 Theater	7 Andria's Services + Board Meeting	8	9 <i>Yom Kippur</i>	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17 Social	18	19 Theater
20 Movies	21	22	23 Culinary Lunch	24	25	26 Close Encounters
27	28 Book Club	29	30	31 Halloween Social 		

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