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President's Message

Dear SFA friends,

I regret to tell you that I have decided to resign as President of Society for the Arts effective June 30, 2022. When I accepted the Presidency for the 2022 calendar year, I made known that this—my seventh year as President—would be my last year in the position. I said that others would have to step up.

I fully intended to complete the year with the hope that someone willing and able to be President would step up, but recent events have caused me to change my mind. Simply put--members are not stepping up even into lesser positions. We currently do not have a Board Secretary or a Treasurer. The Secretary position has been unfilled since January. I myself am covering that position by playing back Zoom recordings of the meeting to "take and transcribe minutes". Thankfully, Ellen DuBiel, who is no longer on the Board, volunteered to pick up the mail from the P. O. Box and deposit any checks, which covers part of the Treasurer duties. We have also been without a Culinary Lunch organizer for several months. Board members who have other responsibilities are covering the Culinary Lunches.

The bottom line is this: SFA has been successful for 35 years because its members have made it so. They've done this with their leadership skills, ideas, enthusiasm, conviviality, dedication, and willingness to pitch in to make it all happen.

Most of us are now in our GOLDEN YEARS, our careers behind us, and we want to make those years as carefree and relaxing as possible. We may have health issues that limit what we can devote our time and energy to. And we are fewer in number--14 fewer since the pandemic lockdown in March 2020. We are not the same group we were ten or even five years ago.

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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



APRIL ACTIVITIES

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How do we move forward? That will be the focus of our next Board meeting on April 11. The meeting will be held at 2:00 PM in the home of one of our Board members and is open to all SFA members. I encourage you to attend and participate in an important discussion about SFA's future. You'll find information about this meeting on page 3 of this newsletter.

In closing, SFA has been a big part of my life for almost twenty years. I treasure the friends I have made and the social and arts-related activities I have enjoyed as a member. It's been the perfect social group for me and I know many of you feel the same way. Come to the Board meeting on April 11 and give your input as to how we go forward.

Joanne Handlong

THEATER EVENT

Saturday, April 2, 3:00 PM

Two tickets still available

The Color Purple (Musical) – Presented by Phoenix Theatre Company in the Hormel Theater, 1825 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, (602) 254-2151.

Based on Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Color Purple* tells the uplifting story of Celie, a woman who struggles through adversity to find strength, love and the power of her own voice. With a joyous score featuring jazz, ragtime, gospel, African music and blues, *The*



Color Purple is a story of hope, a testament to the healing power of love, and a celebration of life. A powerful cast of performers will take you on a life changing, emotional journey in this Tony award-winning musical. **Tickets: \$55.00.** Two seats are still available at this price. Normal price for these seats is \$166.00. The seats are in the second row, center, of the Hormel Theater. This performance requires patrons to wear a mask and to show proof of Covid-19 vaccination. **Post-show Dinner** at Alexi's Grill, 3550 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, (602) 279-0892. Hosted by Ellen DuBiel. **Contact Ellen** at ellindub@aol.com, (602) 526-7652. <https://phoenixtheatre.com/>, <https://www.alexisgrill.com/>

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

Wednesday, April 5 at 4:00 PM

RSVP BY 4/2

Chihuly in the Desert at Desert Botanical Gardens 1201 N Galvin Pkwy, Phoenix, 480-941-1225 dbg.org



This exhibit showcases Dale Chihuly's stunning, large-scale installations nestled among the Garden's world-class collection of desert plants. Featuring installations on the Garden's trails complemented by a major

indoor gallery in Dorrance Hall, the dynamic exhibition includes never-before-seen installations. We will meet at the entrance and stroll through the



Happy Birthday
to these SFA Members
born in April

William (Bill) Boring
Bill Plank
Bernie Soricone

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



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gardens to see the sculptures in the sunlight. We have 5:30 PM dinner reservations at Gertrude's in the Garden, after which we may revisit the grounds to see the glassworks illuminated by lights. **Please RSVP by April 2 to Carole Sobel cesobel@gmail.com or 602-595-4400.** Tickets are \$39.99 for non-Garden members. Several members have guest passes that will be given out first-come, first served. Otherwise, you must purchase your own ticket for \$39.99 at the website for the 4:00 PM time slot.

CULINARY LUNCH

Friday, April 8, 12:30 PM

RSVP BY 4/6



Lure Fish House, 8877 N. Scottsdale Road, #402, Scottsdale, (480) 676-3323. Lure Fish House is a celebration of all things seafood. Their goal is to provide their guests with a fun and exciting seafood experience full of healthy, environmentally sound, and delicious options. Their menu is seasonally focused and features classics like mussels, shrimp, fish tacos, chowder, ceviche, organic salads, and simply seared fish served with delicious side dishes. They also serve unique daily specials. Hosted by Julie Taylor . **RSVP to Julie at AZJUTAY@aol.com or (480) 480-451-4146 by Wednesday, April 6. www.lurefishhouse.com/**



Flashback to the 1960s, when young people with disposable incomes embraced the cult of the new, informal and fast-changing trends. This appetite for novelty fueled one of the decade's most frivolous fashion crazes: the paper dress. SFA members enjoyed the Paper Fashion Exhibit and lunch at the Phoenix Art Museum on February 26.

IMPORTANT

*****BOARD MEETING*****

Monday, April 11, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 4/8

The SFA Board will meet in a private home. In addition to regular business, the Board will discuss the future of SFA. We have reached a fork in the road. Where do we go from here?

All members are invited to attend and participate in this important discussion. **You must RSVP in order to receive directions to the private home.** **RSVP to Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com, or 480-491-3326, by Friday, April 8.**

SOCIAL

Thursday, April 21, 4-6 PM

RSVP BY 4/19

L'AMORE - Italian Restaurant, 3159 East Lincoln Drive. Phoenix, (602) 381-3159
Weather permitting, we will be on the lovely tree-lined patio overlooking the Phoenix Mountain Preserve.

Happy Hour special prices on wine, cocktails and beer ranging in price from \$7 for wine and beer to \$9 for Specialty Martinis and Manhattans. Appetizers such as mussels, calamari, carpaccio, antipasto and specialty pizzas.



Hosted by Julie Taylor. **RSVP to Julie at AZJUTAY@aol.com or (480) 480-451-4146 by Monday, April 19. lamoreitalianrestaurant.com**

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MOVIES WITH CAROLE & BILL

Wednesday, April 27

RSVP BY 4/24

The movie group goes to the cinema once a month on a Wednesday and only to movie theaters with



reserved seating: Camelview at Fashion Square; Esplanade at the Biltmore; Roadhouse Cinema at Talking Stick. The theater will be chosen based on the movie selected. On the morning of the event our host, Carole Sobel, will check the theater website. If more than half the seats have been sold, the event will be canceled. All information will be emailed to members on April 25. The group will go to a nearby restaurant for dinner after the show. Please note: You must **RSVP** to cesobel@gmail.com by **April 24** to receive the informational email.

Good Food, Good Music, Good Company



SFA members always appreciate it when Howard Calvert hosts a dinner-dance event at the American Legion in Scottsdale. Pictured here are members and a guest who attended the March 26 event. Left-front to back: Howard Calvert, Janet Hom, Jerry Crow; Right-front to back: Bill Plank, Carol Terracciano, and Sharon (guest of Carol).

**THIS MAY EVENT HAS AN
APRIL 16 RSVP DEADLINE.**

BALLET + DINNER

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

6:00 PM Dinner/8:00 PM Performance

RSVP BY 4/16 – LIMITED SEATING

An Evening at Desert Botanical Garden,

1201 W. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix.

Join us for what promises to be a delightful evening under the stars and be mesmerized by form and movement as Ballet Arizona's dancers perform Ib Anderson's re-imagined work, *Round*, with choreography that embraces and showcases the natural backdrop of the desert. We have pre-purchased three tables that



will seat four each, a total of 12 seats. We have also made reservations for 12 at Gertrude's Restaurant in the garden for 6:00 PM. The **ticket price** for table seating is **\$60.00** (group rate). Dinner at Gertrude's is an additional cost. Another option for dinner is to purchase food and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) from the caterer and eat at the reserved tables. The gates to the seating area usually open at 6:00 PM. This event is being hosted by Marcia Weinroth. **RSVP to Marcia by Sat., April 16** at thenewme3210@aol.com or call (480) 415-7729. <https://balletaz.org/performance/an-evening-at-desert-botanical-garden-2022>, <https://dbg.org/>

Mail your event payments to:

SFA Treasurer

P.O. Box 6171

Scottsdale, AZ 85261

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.

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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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31		2 Theater
3	4	5	6 Close Encounters	7	8 Culinary Lunch	9
10	11 Board Meeting	12	13	14	15 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Passover begins</i>	16
17 <i>Easter</i> 	18	19	20	21 Social	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23
24	25	26	27 Movies	28	29 <i>Arbor Day</i>	30

SFA Guest Policy

We welcome guests to attend up to 3 of our events but after the 3rd visit, they must join SFA in order to continue attending. This includes theater, culinary lunches, happy hours and all other events except those which are open to the public. Guests must be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 and may be asked to show proof of vaccination.

SFA Membership Fee

Membership fees are \$75.00 per year.
Contact: jabrooks49@yahoo.com

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