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Check out our website www.societyforthearts.org



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President's Message

February heralds spring and with it a plethora of activities in the valley. Interested in golf? The Waste Management Phoenix Open runs between Feb 10-13. Like baseball? Cactus League Spring Training runs from Feb 26 thru Mar 29. Like to hike? Hiking trails abound and the weather should be perfect. It's Spring here in the valley and I encourage all of you to take advantage of its temperatures to get in some outside activities. **Would any of you be interested in leading some easy walks in parks or easy hikes?** Let me know and we will get them on our calendar before the heat of the summer sets in.

In my message last month, I told you that the Board would be having an informal gathering in January to socialize and share ideas for moving forward in 2022. We had a very pleasant gathering at a Board member's home and a brainstorm session that generated some good ideas for marketing our group. We are in the process of establishing committees to flesh out and implement some of these ideas. To date, Judith Brooks is chairing our Membership Committee and Marcia Weinroth is assisting her. I expect to have more assignments to share with you after the February 14 Board Meeting. Think about what you could contribute to the goal of increasing our membership. We would welcome your ideas and/or participation. Our membership has dropped significantly since the start of the pandemic. I anticipate it will be about 36 members by the end of January, down from about 50 at the start of the pandemic.

We still need a Secretary for the Board! Please think about whether you could help in this capacity. Call or text me if you want more information, (480) 296-8512. We are very cohesive group. You'd like working with us!

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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

We have scheduled our usual events for February and do not expect to have to cancel any due to Omicron virus fears. Most of them are either outdoors (for dining) or require patrons to wear masks and to be fully vaccinated or show proof of a negative Covid PCR test.

So come on out and socialize, watch a movie, or take in a play in environments chosen to keep you as safe as we can manage. My best wishes to all of you for a safe and fun month, and Happy Valentine's Day!

Joanne Handlong

P.S. Here's information on a non-SFA event at the Scottsdale Granite Reef Senior Center that you might want to attend on Valentine's Day:

VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON:

Grab your sweetheart (or just bring yourself) and head to Granite Reef Senior Center's annual Valentine's Day Luncheon! Enjoy food and games and dance to all your favorite love songs. M 2/14 \$7(R)/\$10(NR) **Doors open 10am.** 1700 North Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale, P: 480-312-1700



We currently have no members born in February!!

Let us know if we missed your birthday. Send an email to justjo34@gmail.com and we'll correct our records.

LOCKBOXES FOR SENIORS

The Scottsdale Area Association of REALTORS, the Scottsdale Police and Fire Departments and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office offer free emergency lockboxes to seniors whose annual income is less than \$25,000 and at a charge of \$25 for all others. The service is available to Scottsdale and Fountain Hills residents only. For additional information or to arrange delivery, please call 877-229-5042 (toll free).

This may be a life-saving feature for you. It allows the police and fire department to get into your home in the event of an emergency, using the key in your lockbox.

Source: <https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/seniors>



IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have a new address:

**Society for the Arts
P.O. Box 6171
Scottsdale, AZ 85261**

Please start using it immediately.

If you have sent something to the Mesa P.O. Box 807 it will be forwarded to the new address for a limited amount of time.

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.

FEBRUARY 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, February 11, 12:30 PM

RSVP BY 2/9

Z Tejas Southwest Grill

offers popular Mexican cuisine.

Their roots come from Austin, TX. Some call it the best of the Southwest. Their chefs strive to create fresh, authentic and memorable fare with classics like Chili Pork Verde and Chicken Chili Relleno. Z Tejas is located in Scottsdale at 8300 N. Hayden Rd, north of Via de Ventura and right next door to the PHX Beer Company. Please **RSVP** to Deborah - deborahmneill@icloud.com or call (786) 537-4618 by **Wednesday, February 9th**. <http://ztejas.com>



BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

Monday, February 14, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 2/13

The SFA Board will meet via Zoom. All members with access to Zoom are invited to attend. You must RSVP in order to receive the link and password for the Zoom meeting. **RSVP to Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com by February 13th.**



SOCIAL

Thursday, February 17, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

RSVP BY 2/15

Silverado Golf Club, 7605 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale, 480-778-0100.

Picturesque golf course setting with large patio (weather permitting) and spacious indoor seating, Happy hour pricing from 4-6 PM on great burgers, hot dogs, fries, pulled pork sandwiches, cheese quesadillas, and coconut shrimp, House wine, craft



beers, and cocktails.. Please **RSVP by February 15** to Julie Taylor, AZJUTAY@aol.com or 602-478-5286.

<https://www.scottsdaleilveradogolfclub.com/bar-and-grill/>

THEATER

Saturday, February 19, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 2/6

Women in Jeopardy (Comedy) – Presented by Arizona Theatre Company at the Herberger Theater Center, (Center Stage), 222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix, (480) 254-7399. Liz's best friends want her to be



happy, but the dentist she's smitten with is just plain creepy. And they can't help but wonder if he may be a serial killer. When he is linked to a mysterious disappearance, they turn their

book club into a mash-up of *Nancy Drew*, *Murder She Wrote* and *Sex and the City*. This hilarious comedy reminds us about the value of friendship and the potential value of trading in wine glasses for spy glasses when the mid-life crisis just isn't your speed. **Tickets: \$42.00 special group rate. After-show dinner at Province Urban Kitchen and Bar**, in the Westin Phoenix Downtown, 333 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, (602) 429-3600. **RSVP** to Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com or call (480) 491-3326 **by Sunday, Feb 6**

<https://www.herbergertheater.org/events/women-in-jeopardy/>, <https://www.provincephx.com/>

Covid Protocols: All ATC patrons, staff, and volunteers are required to wear face masks in indoor common areas and during performances.

•All adults (18+) attending ATC shows are expected to be fully vaccinated, and proof of vaccinations or a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of your show time will be required.

MOVIES WITH CAROLE & BILL

Wednesday, February 23

RSVP BY 2/20

We have restarted the movie group. But there are new conditions in light of the pandemic. We are now going on Wednesday, and only to movie theaters with reserved seating: Camelview at Fashion Square; Esplanade at the Biltmore; Roadhouse Cinema at



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Talking Stick. The theater will be chosen based on the movie selected. On the morning of our event we 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 Feb. 21. We will go to a nearby restaurant for dinner after the show. Please note: You must **RSVP** to cesobel@gmail.com by **Feb. 20** to receive the **informational email**.



Monday, February 28, 1 PM

RSVP BY 2/27

The book club will meet via Zoom to discuss the novel "**Of Women and Salt**" by Gabriela Garcia. Joanne Handlong will be the facilitator.

This award-winning novel is a sweeping, masterful debut about a daughter's fateful choice, a mother motivated by her own past, and a family legacy that begins in Cuba before either of them were born. From 19th-century cigar factories to present-day detention centers, from Cuba to Mexico, "Of Women and Salt" is a kaleidoscopic portrait of betrayals--personal and political, self-inflicted and those done by others--that have shaped the lives of these extraordinary women. A haunting meditation on the choices of mothers, the legacy of the memories they carry, and the tenacity of women who choose to tell their stories despite those who wish to silence them, this is more than diaspora story; it is a story of America's most tangled, honest, human roots.

Please RSVP by February 27 to Barbara Rosen, babeandkit@aol.com, and to Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com in order to receive the zoom link for the meeting, which will be sent out the morning of February 28.

Upcoming Book Club Selections

March - "Never Let Me Go" by Kazuo Ishiguro

April - "One Italian Summer" by Rebecca Serle

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS Friday, February 25

LUNCH 12:30 PM — EXHIBIT 2:00 PM

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

Generation Paper: Fast Fashion of the 1960's - *This exhibit explores the whimsical and experimental trend of paper garments.*



We will meet at the Palette Restaurant at 12:30 PM. If you are a member, museum admission will be free, if not I will attempt to pair you with a member. After lunch we will reconvene in the lobby and receive our admission badges. Then on to a self-guided tour of **Generation Paper: Fast Fashion of the 1960s**. It explores this phenomenon through more than 80 rare garments and accessories, selected entirely from the Museum's comprehensive fashion-design collection. The exhibition showcases dresses, bikinis, skirts, hats, jumpsuits, rompers, beach cover-ups, and more made from paper, plastic, laminate, and other disposable materials, many of which were highly flammable although coated in flame-retardant. **RSVP to Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com, by Monday, February 20.** <https://phxart.org/>



When you wear a mask you are saying, I respect my neighbors.
When you wear a mask you are saying I respect nurses and doctors.

When you wear a mask you are saying
I respect other people
Thank you for wearing a mask!

THIS MARCH THEATER EVENT HAS A
FEBRUARY 19 RSVP DATE

THEATER

Sunday, March 6, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 2/19

A Little Night Music - Presented by Arizona Opera at Symphony Hall, 75 N.

Second St., Phoenix

(entrance at Second St. and Adams) – *A Little Night Music*

is a Tony Award and Drama Desk-winning Best Musical with music and

lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by Hugh Wheeler, with production and costume design by American fashion icon, Isaac Mizrahi. Inspired by the Ingmar Bergman film, *Smiles of a Summer Night*, *A Little Night Music* focuses on a deliciously tangled web of affairs, all ripe with the possibility of new love and second chances. A comedy of manners with rapturous music, it is moving, witty, heartbreaking, and—most of all—a celebration of love. Among the songs in this groundbreaking theatrical piece is *Send in the Clowns*, one of the most recorded songs of all time. Arizona Opera's production of *A Little Night Music* will feature the internationally acclaimed American soprano, Patricia Racette. **Tickets:**

Choice of 2 prices: \$53.00 or \$37.00 (group rates)

– All seats are together on orchestra level, Sec. B, Row 24. Ten required for group rate; if less than 10, prices will be \$65.00 or \$45.00. **Specify price level when you RSVP. After-show dinner at Mancuso's** in the Collier Center, 201 E Washington St, Suite 201, Phoenix (outside dining available). **RSVP to Nancy Crimmings, nlcrimmings@gmail.com, (602) 910-9490, by Saturday, February 19.**

www.mancusosrestaurant.com, <https://azopera.org/performances/little-night-music>

Parking is available in the garage of the Collier Center (enter from Washington St.) and Mancuso's will validate parking tickets for a discount on garage fee. It's a short walk from the Collier Center to Symphony Hall.

Covid Protocols: Arizona Opera requires all attendees to provide a negative **COVID-19 PCR test** taken within 72 hours of the event date. Attendees providing Arizona Opera with proof of full COVID-19 vaccination will be granted an exception to this requirement. Photo ID and masks will be required for all attendees.

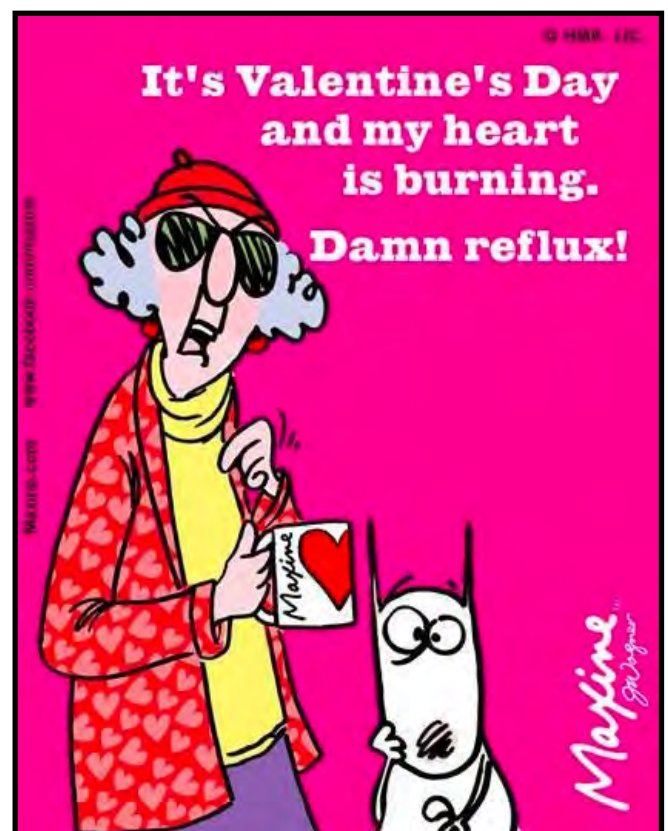


MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING THEATER EVENTS

Sat., April 23, 7:30 PM - *Bright Star* at the ASU Evelyn Smith Music Hall -*Bright Star* is a musical written and composed by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell. It is set in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina in 1945–46 with flashbacks to 1923.

Wed., May 18, 8:00 PM - An Evening at Desert Botanical Garden (Ballet Arizona) - We have purchased 3 tables of 4 seats each for this event. We'll have dinner before the show at Gertrude's Restaurant at the Garden.

Sat., Jun 11, 2:00 PM - *The Curious Savage*, Don Bluth Front Row Theater - In this heartwarming comedy, Mrs. Savage, an elderly widow, inherits a fortune which she intends to give away to people who wish to pursue their "foolish dreams," but her stepchildren strongly object. In an effort to secure the money, they commit her to a sanatorium where she befriends a lovely group of misfits. It is among the gentle residents there that she finds her true family.



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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.

FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2  Groundhog Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Culinary Lunch	12
13  Super Bowl	14  Board Meeting	15	16	17 Social	18	19 Theater
20	 Presidents' Day	22	23 Movies	24	25 Close Encounters with the Arts	26
27	28 Book Club	1	2	3	4	5

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