



Society for the Arts
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NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

I am pleased to say that SFA ended the year 2021 on a positive note. Twenty-six of our members gathered together for a Holiday Dinner and our Annual Meeting at Maggiano's Little Italy on December 7. It was our first full membership gathering since the 2019 Holiday Dinner/Annual Meeting. Not everyone attended but those who did appeared to enjoy socializing with fellow SFA members whom they may not have seen for a long time due to Covid. The restaurant did an excellent job. We had a private room which was nicely decorated for the holidays and just the right size for our group; the waiters were attentive; and the food was delicious and plentiful.

The Annual Meeting with Board elections followed the dinner and culminated in the re-election of most of our Board Members and the addition of one new alternate Board member, Julie Taylor. Julie is also our Happy Hour coordinator. We appreciate her stepping up to this additional position. Ellen DuBiel stepped down as a long-time Board member and we already miss her and her excellent secretarial support.

The new Board met on December 13 and elected officers for the 2022 calendar year. I accepted the Presidency for the 7th year with the stipulation that this will be my last year as President; others must step up. Jerry Crow accepted the position of Vice President and will also work to update our technology systems. Deborah McNeill will continue as Treasurer. The position of Secretary remains unfilled at this time. We are seeking a person willing to become a Board member and be our Secretary. The Secretary's primary responsibility is to take notes at the Board meetings and distribute them to the Board and activity chairs. If you can help with this position, please contact me. The continuing viability of SFA depends on our member volunteers.

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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

Here is a list of the current Board:

Officers

Joanne Handlong, President
Jerry Crow, Vice President
Deborah McNeill, Treasurer
Secretary – Vacant

Regular Board Members

Judith Brooks
Carole Sobel
Marcia Weinroth

Alternate Board Members

Nancy Crimmings
Bill Plank
Julie Taylor

The new Board will have an informal get-together in January to socialize and share ideas for moving forward in 2022. The results of this sharing will be formalized, as appropriate, at our February Board meeting and shared with you, the membership.

Let's all step out and up in 2022 to both help with and enjoy the activities of SFA.

Joanne Handlong

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.



Happy Birthday to these members

Louise Gallo-Crouzet
Ellen DuBiel
Deb Foderaro

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

REVISION TO MEMBERSHIP FEES POLICY

At their November 8, 2021 meeting, the Board refined the new policy regarding the timeline for collecting annual membership fees. Instead of January 1st being the due date for membership fees, the due date will be December 1st for the succeeding calendar year. There will be a 30-day grace period until December 31; if dues are not paid by then, the individual's membership will be considered terminated.

This change will go into effect December 1, 2022 for CY 2023 membership fees. Members will receive a renewal notice in advance of the December 1st deadline.

Reminder: If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2022, the deadline is January 1.

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.

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

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

BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, January 11, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 1/10



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 January 10.

NOTE: For this month, the meeting will be on a Tuesday rather than the usual Monday.

CULINARY LUNCH

Friday, January 14, 12:30 PM

RSVP BY 1/12



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 - deborahmcneill@icloud.com or call (786) 537-4618 by **Wednesday, January 12th**. <http://ztejas.com>

THEATER

Saturday, January 15, 3:00 PM

RSVP BY 1/5



The Hello Girls - Presented by Phoenix Theatre Company, 1825 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, (602) 254-2151- Based on a true story, *The Hello Girls* is a jazzy new musical about the unsung heroines of World War I. Fighting in France, the U.S. Army was having trouble with the phones. With speed essential in the dispatch of information, calls weren't getting through fast enough. Bilingual telephone operators volunteered for the front lines to help turn the tide of World War I, then returned home to fight a decades-long battle for equality and recognition. *The Hello Girls* tells a powerful war story you only thought you knew. **Tickets: \$39.00 (group rate for 10 or more)**. This show will be performed in the smaller Hormel Theater which has stadium-style seating (with chairs). Our seats will be

on Tiers 1 and 2 —only one step up at most.

After-show Dinner: Alexi's Grill, 3550 N. Central Ave., #120, Phoenix, (602) 270-0982. Hosted by Marcia Weinroth. Please RSVP to thenewme321@aol.com, or call (480) 415-7729 by **January 5th**. <https://www.phoenixtheatre.com>, <https://www.alexisgrill.com/>

COVID-19 Protocols: Phoenix Theatre recommends patrons be vaccinated and wear masks inside the theater and lobby. Temps will be taken at the door.

MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

Wednesday, January 19

RSVP BY 1/15



At long last we are restarting the movie group. But there are new conditions in light of the pandemic. We will go on a different day of the week, 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 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 Jan. 16. We will go to a nearby restaurant for dinner after the show. Please note: You must **RSVP to cesobel@gmail.com before 1/16 for the informational email.**

SOCIAL

Thursday, January 20, 4-6 pm

RSVP BY 1/18



Malee's Thai Bistro, 7131 E. Main Street, Scottsdale (480) 947-6042 A longtime favorite serving classic Thai food such as Chicken Satay, Crispy Mango Fish, Pad Thai Noodles, Spring Rolls, Appetizers and many house specialties. Wine and cocktails also served in the art adorned space along the Old Town Art Walk route. **Please RSVP by January 18th to Julie Taylor AZJUTAY@aol.com or 602-4785286.**



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Monday January 24th @ 1pm

RSVP BY 1/23

The book "New York The Novel" by Edward Rutherfurd will be discussed. Sue Ruttenberg will be the facilitator. This novel won the David J. Langum, Sr., Prize in

American Historical Fiction; was named one of the best books of the year by The Washington Post and "Required Reading" by The New York Post. In it, Edward Rutherfurd celebrates America's greatest city in a rich, engrossing saga, weaving together tales of families rich and poor, native-born and immigrant--a cast of fictional and true characters whose fates rise and fall and rise again with the city's fortunes. From this intimate perspective we see New York's humble beginnings as a tiny Indian fishing village, the arrival of Dutch and British merchants, the Revolutionary War, the emergence of the city as a great trading and financial center, the convulsions of the Civil War, the excesses of the Gilded Age, the explosion of immigration in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the trials of World War II, the near demise of New York in the 1970's, its roaring rebirth in the 1990's, and the attack on the World Trade Center.

Please RSVP by January 23 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 January 24.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

Wednesday, January 26th at 12:30 pm

RSVP BY 1/21



Museum of the West Tour + Free Lunch at Hilton's Rooftop Lounge - Meet at 12:30 PM in the museum lobby, 3830 N Marshall Way, Scottsdale - Howard Calvert, our

host and docent, will greet us and escort us to the Hilton's Rooftop Lounge for lunch, for which Howard has generously offered to pay. Then we will walk back to the museum, which is ranked the #1 western art museum in the USA. Howard has arranged a reduced admission fee of \$14. We will decide which of

the three tours interest us and Howard will accommodate our choices. **You must make a reservation by emailing cesobel@gmail.com by January 21.**

NOTE: There is free parking under the museum (Northside) and the Hilton is across the street.

This early February event has a January 15th RSVP date.

THEATER

Wednesday, February 2, 1:00 PM

OPERA IN HD: Rigoletto by Verdi

RSVP BY 1/15

Being shown at the Cinemark Mesa 16, 1051 N. Dobson Rd., Mesa, in the Riverview Shopping Center. The Metropolitan Opera broadcasts selected Saturday matinee performances of their operas live in HD to theaters nationwide. This will be an Encore performance (a rebroadcast) of their January 29 performance. These broadcasts are like being there and in some ways, better; the sound is terrific, the luxury reserved seats very comfortable; there are subtitles; and you can munch on popcorn or other snacks! This opera is two hours and 45 minutes in length and includes an intermission. The theater is easily accessed from the Loop 202 Red Mountain Freeway just off the Dobson Rd exit. **Tickets: \$27.08 senior rate.** Joanne Handlong will host and purchase the tickets so that we can sit together. **RSVP to Joanne by January 15** to reserve your seat. After the opera, we will go to dinner at a nearby restaurant selected by the group. For a Synopsis, go to: <https://www.metopera.org/discover/synopses/rigoletto/>.



See Map at: <https://www.google.com/maps/@33.4362079,-111.8629457,16.42z>

Mask Policy

Face masks are required for non-vaccinated guests and strongly encouraged for all other guests, except where required by local mandates. Masks may be removed when eating and drinking inside the auditorium.

Photo Gallery

December was a busy month for SFA.

Let's welcome this new member:

Donna Brooks



Donna learned about SFA through Deborah McNeill. We look forward to meeting you at our events, Donna.



Dec. 4th
Theater Event

L to R: Gene Bonnett, Judith Brooks, Julie Taylor, Marcia Weinroth, Nancy Neff, Micki McDonald (guest), and Nancy Salisbury.



SFA Recognized for Its Support of Ballet Arizona's Nutcracker Angel Night

Society for the Arts recently donated \$180.00 to Ballet Arizona for their Community Angel Night. Our donation gave six individuals the opportunity to enjoy a special performance of *The Nutcracker*. SFA has a history of supporting Ballet Arizona's Angel Night and our cumulative donations have helped over 40 children and family members experience the magic of *The Nutcracker* since 2006.

Ballet Arizona partners with community service organizations in underserved neighborhoods that focus on supporting at-risk youths and families. One of their core beliefs is that the arts are an essential part of life and over the past year, they have become a cause for joy and reprieve from the world. Through their Angel Night program, thousands of children and family members are introduced to the inspiring beauty of ballet and it is all made possible by donations like ours.

We will be recognized as *Society for the Arts, Active Singles 50+* on their Angel Night Tree at Symphony Hall.

This was the first donation to the arts that we have made since 2019. Supporting the arts is our mission and our goal is to expand our donations to benefit more organizations in 2021.



L to R: Janet Hom, Dorothy Sydnor, Howard Calvert, Carole Sobel, Bill Plank, Bill Boring, Joanne Handlong

L to R: Mary Zedick, Paula Dow, Bernie Soricone, Betty Sayers, Nancy Neff

Oops! We only have photos of 2 of the 4 tables at the Holiday



HH @ Macayo's
Dec. 17th



L to R: Linda Dorethy, Carol Terracciano, Nancy Bradley, Jerry Crow, Marcia Weinroth, Julie Taylor, Sue Rutttenberg, Jane Morrissey, Bill Boring

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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.

JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Board Meeting	12	13	14 Culinary Lunch	15 Theater
16	 M.L. King Day	18	19 Movies	20 Social	21	22
23	24 Book Club	25	26 Close Encounters with the Arts	27	28	29
30	31	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: jabrooks@juno.com

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