



Society for the Arts
Active Singles 50+
NEWSLETTER



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Check out our website www.societyforthearts.org

Dear SFA Members,

At the Board Meeting on May 9, your SFA Board of Directors voted unanimously to dissolve Society for the Arts as a 501(c)3 organization effective June 30, 2022. This decision was in keeping with our discussions at the April Board meeting and is based in the reality that our numbers are too small anymore to sustain a viable singles group. We can be proud of all that we accomplished in our 36 years of existence since we were founded in 1986, especially the monies we have donated to arts organizations in the metropolitan Phoenix area which we estimate are over one hundred thousand dollars. I find it ironic that we currently have 36 members as our 36-year period of existence comes to an end.

We are now in the process of identifying 501(c)(3) organizations to receive our funds which totaled \$7,357.00 as of April 30. The Board voted to donate to arts organizations that offer programs for youths. A committee has been formed to identify and research the financial viability of prospective youth-related organizations. Of course, we must pay all of our liabilities before disbursing any funds so I expect that it will be a month or more before we actually make these donations.

Our activities calendar will end as of June 30, 2022. There is a desire among the Board members to maintain social contact through interest groups; e.g., a social/happy hour group, a movie group, a theater group, a Close Encounters With the Arts group, etc. We will be exploring the best way to continue in this fashion at our June meeting. In all likelihood, communication regarding any such events would be done through email.

This will be your last official SFA newsletter but I will be communicating with all of you via email to report the outcomes from the June Board meeting.

In closing, I value the friendships I've made in SFA and I know most of you feel the same way. I hope that we can work together to create opportunities to maintain those friendships.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our June activities--and beyond!

Best wishes,

Joanne Handlong

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Happy Birthday
to these SFA Members
born in June

Nancy Bradley
Judith Brooks
Nancy Salsbury

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



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.

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.

JUNE ACTIVITIES

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

BOOK CLUB - *Changed from May 23*

Monday, June 6, 12:30 PM

RSVP BY 6/3

Our May Book Club Meeting has been moved to June 6. We will be discussing **“Midnight Library”** by Matt Haig. The meeting will be held at Barbara’s place and she will be serving lunch at 12:30 PM. She plans to serve shrimp, pasta, veggies, fruit, and dessert—Yummy! Marcia will be the facilitator for the novel. The premise of the book is summarized as follows: "Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better?" In *“The Midnight Library,”* Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place. **RSVP** to babeandkit@aol.com **by Friday, June 3.** Directions will be given to those who RSVP.



CULINARY LUNCH

Friday, June 10, 1:00 PM

RSVP BY 6/7

Seasons 52 (in the Biltmore Shopping Center), 2502 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix, (602) 840-5252 - *Seasons 52* is an American fresh grill that offers fresh, seasonal dishes served in a casual and sophisticated atmosphere and a wine bar offering 52 wines by the glass. Their menu changes with the season to feature 100% fresh produce, and they oak-fire grill and brick oven roast (without a fryer in sight) so everything is full of flavor and naturally lighter. They have a wide variety of choices on both a lunch and an all day menu that include flatbreads, soups, salads and entrees. Save



room for dessert which are mini indulgences such as coconut cream pie, peanut butter torte, raspberry chocolate chip cannoli, key lime pie, and more. Hosted by Joanne Handlmg. Make your reservation by contacting her at

justjo34@gmail.com, or (480) 296-8512, **by Tuesday, June 7** . <https://www.seasons52.com/locations/az/phoenix/phoenix/4517>

THEATER

Saturday, June 11, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 5/23

The Curious Savage by John Patrick (Comedy) – Presented by Don Bluth Theater,* **8989 E. Via Linda, #118, Scottsdale**, (480) 314-0841 - 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. We find that the neglected virtues of kindness and affection have not been entirely lost in a world that seems motivated at times only by greed and selfishness. **Post-show dinner C** at Gabriella’s Contemporary American Cuisine,

NOTE

The June Book Club Meeting will be held on June 27. The book to be discussed is “The Happiest Man on Earth” by Eddie Jaku. The book is about 208 pages in length. Barbara Rosen will facilitate. Details on page 4 of this newsletter.

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SOCIAL - ART WALK

Thursday, June 16, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

RSVP BY 6/14

MALEE'S THAI BISTRO,

7131 Main St, Scottsdale,
480-947-6042. Long-time
favorite for authentic Thai food
in Old Town. Reduced prices on
appetizers and small plates,
beer, wine and cocktails. Happy



Hour prices in
effect until 6:00 PM. You can follow-up
the social with the Scottsdale Art Walk
which takes place year-round along Main
Street and Marshall Way. Member

galleries open their doors and show off the work of
the Southwest's outstanding artists. Weather
permitting, stroll along and enjoy scenic courtyards,
bubbling fountains and dramatic statues. Hosted by
Jerry Crow. Please **RSVP by 6/14** to Jerry Crow,
jerry.crow@computer.org.

BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 20, 1:00 PM

RSVP BY 6/18

The SFA Board of Directors will meet at **Denny's
Restaurant, 3315 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale,
(480) 946-4754**. The meeting



will be in the private room in
back of the main dining room.
We will order lunch from the
menu and start the meeting at
2:00 PM. All SFA members are

invited to attend this meeting. Topics will include the
distribution of SFA funds to 501(c)(3) youth-centered
arts organizations, and how we could continue with
social groups following the dissolution of SFA.

Please **RSVP** to Joanne Handlong,
justjo34@gmail.com, or (480) 296-8512 **by 6/18**.
The agenda for the meeting will be sent to all SFA
members by June 17.

MOVIES WITH CAROLE & BILL

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

RSVP BY 6/19



The movie group goes to the cinema
once a month on a Tuesday 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 June . The group will go to a
nearby restaurant for dinner after the show. Please
note: You must **RSVP** to cesobel@gmail.com **by
June 19 to receive the informational email.**

BOOK CLUB

Monday, June 27, 1:00 PM

RSVP BY 6/25

We will be discussing "*The Happiest Man on Earth*"
by Eddie Jaku. Barbara Rosen will be the facilitator.
Heather Morris, #1 New York Times bestselling
author of "The Tattooist of Auschwitz" had this to say
about this book: "A beautifully told, poignant story
that should become required reading. Thank you,
Eddie, for sharing your story of courage, resilience,
kindness, and love. Your book is our tonic, our
medicine, our hope for living the happiest life we
can." — Eddie Jaku, OAM, was born Abraham
Jakubowicz in Germany in 1920. In World War II.
Eddie was imprisoned in Buchenwald and Auschwitz
concentration camps. Against unbelievable odds,
Eddie found the will to survive. In 1945, he was sent
on a death march but escaped. He was rescued by
Allied soldiers at the end of World War II.
Overwhelmingly grateful, he made a promise: he
would smile every day in thanks for the precious gift
he was given and to honor the six million Jews
murdered by Hitler. In 1950 he moved with his family
to Australia, where he lived and fulfilled that promise
until his death in October 2021 at the age of 101.
RSVP to Barbara, babeandkit@aol.com for location
information **by June 25.**

June ACTIVITIES

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**JOIN IN THE FUN AT
THE LAST OFFICIAL
SFA ACTIVITY**

**CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS
Thursday, June 30 at 4:00 PM**

RSVP BY 6/13

Limited to 15 people*

**The Scottsdale Selfie Museum and
Photography Studio, 11111 North Scottsdale
Road, Suite 120A, Scottsdale, (located in the vicinity
of Scottsdale Rd. and Shea Blvd), 480-359-5474**



Our last activity as the official Society for the Arts organization will be to provide an opportunity for souvenirs for a group of 15 SFA members (the maximum allowed for a group) to participate in a one hour session at a one-of-a-kind indoor photography studio. There are interactive and immersive staged rooms and backdrops designed for you to take your most unique selfies. You may bring a few different outfits and there are private dressing rooms for you to use. Bring your phone or camera and take photos of your friends alone or in groups. SFA will cover the cost. We will go to a nearby restaurant TBD for happy hour/dinner following the event. **RSVP to Carole Sobel at cesobel@gmail.com, or (602) 595-4400 by June 13. First come-first served!** NOTE: If we have more than 15 respond, we will try to schedule another contiguous one-hour session, contingent upon availability. More info at: <https://scottsdale-selfie.com/>

President's Blog



We are so happy that Barbara Rosen has returned to us from Texas. She surprised the Board during its May 9 meeting with a “grand” entrance just as the meeting was getting started. With her new hair color and style (naturally gray and great look), some of us didn’t recognize her until she spoke. She still has that New York sound; that Texas drawl didn’t permeate it! Barbara is living in Scottsdale again and we look forward to continuing to socialize with her post-SFA. Welcome “home”, Barbara!

Six SFA members, including me, took advantage of free tickets to hear the Scottsdale Philharmonic perform on Sunday, May 15, at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts. It was a wonderful concert. The sound of the orchestra is so dynamic under the baton of Dimitry Polyakov, a young, personable, award-winning symphonic and operatic conductor from Russia. The program was classically oriented with a guest pianist but also a soprano soloist who sang “Somewhere Over the Rainbow” with an absolutely spellbinding voice. Afterwards, we enjoyed dinner at AZ 88. (See picture on page 6.)

Another six of us were disappointed when Ballet Arizona had to cancel its May 18-22 performances of “An Evening at Desert Botanical Garden” due to an outbreak of COVID among the dancers. We had tickets for the May 18 performance. We will get a refund as we chose not to reschedule for various reasons. COVID is still with us, unfortunately, and we hope the dancers will recover quickly.

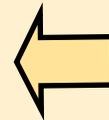
You might want to head to Old Town Scottsdale on Thursday evening, June 9, for the “June Days” ArtWalk. We weren’t aware of this Golden Palette ArtWalk event when we planned the calendar for June so didn’t include it. You can still take advantage of the opportunity to stroll and savor the art and the refreshments being served up at the various galleries that night. See page 8 of this newsletter for a full description of this non-SFA event.

The End

Photo Gallery

Looking good ladies!

An enjoyable dinner at AZ 88 on the Civic Center mall followed the Scottsdale Philharmonic concert on May 15. From left: Paula Dow, Joanne Handlong, Linda Dorethy, Marcia Weinroth, and Ellen DuBiel. Nancy Crimmings also attended the concert but could not stay for the post-show dinner.



Couldn't help but share this great picture of Ellen DuBiel and Marcia Weinroth at the AZ 88 dinner on May 15—Two very photogenic ladies enjoying an evening of music, food, and friendship.

Culinary Lunch at Paul Martin's American Grill

We had our own private alcove and a very attentive waiter for our Culinary Lunch at Paul Martin's on May 6. Marcia Weinroth chose the venue and hosted the event. Nine of us enjoyed the ambiance and the good food. From left: Joanne Handlong, Marcia Weinroth, Gene Bonnett, Julie Taylor, Nancy Salsbury, Linda Dorethy, Sheila (guest of Marcia), and Jerry Crow. Bill Boring took the picture.



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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.

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6 Book Club	7	8	9	10 Culinary Lunch	11 Theater
12	13		15	16 Social	17	18
	20 Board Meeting	21 Movies	22	23	24	25
26	27 Book Club	28	29	30 Close Encounters	1	2

THE END



FYI - NOT AN OFFICIAL SFA EVENT

Scottsdale June Days - ARTWALK
Thursday, June 9, 2022 | 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

<https://scottsdalegalleries.com/>

This summer, the Scottsdale Gallery Association is pleased to announce the return of its specially themed **June Days Gold Palette ArtWalk. From 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday**, guests can enjoy a cool experience that coincides with the City of Scottsdale's June Days summer spectacular, which celebrates the season and all there is to see and do throughout Old Town. The event takes place throughout the Scottsdale Arts District — along Main Street from Scottsdale Road to Goldwater Boulevard and north of Indian School on Marshall Way to 5th Avenue — and features refreshments and live entertainment designed to celebrate summer in Arizona while evoking a cool vacation getaway experience.

“Our June Days Gold Palette ArtWalk celebrates all things summer...and all things Scottsdale, especially our vibrant art community,” says Scottsdale Gallery Association President French Thompson. “We are cooling things off with great entertainment, refreshing libations and bites so our guests can simply chill out, stroll about and enjoy a beautiful Scottsdale evening at the onset of summertime.”

In addition to live entertainment and refreshing surprises along the Scottsdale Arts District, participating galleries will host their own in-gallery event: One of eight annual Gold Palette ArtWalks hosted by the Scottsdale Gallery Association with participation of member art studios and galleries, the June Days ArtWalk will be set to the tunes of a live steel drum band designed to get guests into the summertime spirit. Participating galleries will present special exhibits that pay homage to an Arizona summer and offer refreshing sips to keep guests cool. Participating galleries include:

Bonner David Galleries

7040 E. Main St.

Figurative artist Ron Hicks' latest exhibit *The Heart of the Matter* will be highlighted during the ArtWalk. Exploring the core of who people are, the way they react and the way they respond to what's in their hearts, the exhibit showcases Hicks' ability to find beauty in little things.

Carstens Fine Art Studio & Gallery

7100 E. Main St., #B

Artist and gallery owner Cyndy Carstens will host several local artists during the ArtWalk and will be featuring live music inside the gallery for guests to enjoy.

The Marshall Gallery

7106 E. Main St.

During the ArtWalk, guests can observe featured artists Elena Golberg, Harper Henry and Joseph Maruska in their creative element, live painting, while enjoying complimentary beverages. This is an ideal opportunity for guests to meet and greet with the artists and learn about their processes.

On the Edge Gallery

7045 E. Main St.

As a nod to Arizona's summer, On the Edge is presenting some of its “hottest” artwork (within its cool gallery). Guests can meet and mingle with artists Bruce Boyce, Jonathan Harmon and Susanne Moore during the event.

Wilde Meyer Gallery

4142 N. Marshall Way

During the ArtWalk, Wilde Meyer Gallery will present a group show of gallery artists including Timothy