



Celebrating 35 Years of Supporting the Arts

Check out our website www.societyforthearts.org

President's Message

Dear SFA Friends,

Your SFA Board of Directors met on April 11, 2022 in the home of one of our Board members. A major portion of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of SFA's future, in view of my resignation as President effective June 30, 2022. I think it's important that you know where things stand at this time. Therefore, I am including the portion of the Minutes from that meeting where the future of SFA was discussed:

"DISCUSSION OF SFA'S FUTURE – WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?"

"Joanne started the discussion by asking if anyone present was willing to step up to the presidency after her resignation becomes effective on June 30, 2022. There were no volunteers and the discussion proceeded from there. Questions brought up included how much could we deviate from our mission and Bylaws and still be in compliance with our 501(3)c status: e.g., do we have to more actively raise funds for the arts; do we need to have four officers; could we have a Praesidium instead of a single President? Bob Hurni responded that we must adhere to Federal rules to continue as a 501(3)c organization. He believes that our theater program satisfies the supporting the arts requirement. Insofar as changing officer positions, such as the President to a Praesidium, the Bylaws would have to be changed to reflect this and any changes to the Bylaws must be sent to the IRS for approval.

"A major point of discussion was in regards to dissolving as a non-profit but continuing in core social groups. In this configuration, there would be no president or other officers. There would be a coordinator for each interest group; e.g., theater, socials, book club, movies, culinary lunches, close encounters. Communication could be by email; the newsletter would be discontinued. We could retain the name, Society for the Arts. Most of the members present indicated by a show of hands that they would be in favor of going in this direction. The possibility of opening our activities to married couples was mentioned. Some members are opposed to this idea. It was suggested that we start small and possibly evolve into a Meetup group.

"No final decision was made. The matter will be on the Board's agenda for the May 9 meeting. We will also be prepared to identify non-profit organizations to receive our funds if the decision is to dissolve as a non-profit."

Once again, SFA members are encouraged to attend the May Board meeting. We had some non-Board members at our April 11 meeting and their input was valuable. The meeting will be held at the Scottsdale Granite Reef Senior Center in Room 5 starting at 1:30 PM. Please see details on page 3 of this newsletter.

Despite this period of uncertainty, we do have activities planned for both May and June. I hope you will come out and enjoy the camaraderie of our group. You won't easily find another singles group that offers such a variety of activities.

Joanne Handlong

Society for the Arts

Active Singles 50+

Administration



Officers

President Joanne Handlong
justjo34@gmail.com

Vice President Jerry Crow
jerry.crow@computer.org

Secretary Vacant

Treasurer Vacant

Board Members / Chairs

****Denotes non-Board members**

Book Club
**Barbara Rosen, babeandkit@aol.com

Close Encounters With the Arts
Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com

Culinary Lunch Various Hosts

Financials, Data Base
**Bob Hurni, bhurni@aol.com

Marketing
Sue Ruttenberg, sue.ruttenberg@gmail.com

Membership
Judith Brooks, jabrooks49@yahoo.com

Movies & Dinner
Bill Plank, bill.408@hotmail.com
Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com

Website/SFA Express
**Betty Sayers, bsayers@cox.net

Socials/Happy Hour Coordinator
Julie Taylor, azjutay@aol.com

Special Assignment
Marcia Weinroth, thenewme3210@aol.com



Happy Birthday
to these SFA Members
born in May

Gene Bonnett
Deborah McNeill
Jane Morrissey
Barbara Rosen

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.

MAY 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, May 6, 12:30 PM

RSVP BY 5/3

Paul Martin's American

Grill – 6186 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, (480) 991-9342 – Paul Martin's offers classic cuisine in a sophisticated yet convivial atmosphere. Good vegan options are also available. It is located in the old Borgata center. Please **RSVP** to Marcia at theneuwe3210@aol.com or call (480) 415-7729 by **Tuesday, May 3.**

www.paulmartinsamericangrill.com

Note that we are meeting on the first Friday of the month.



SOCIAL

Thursday, May 12, 4-6 PM

RSVP BY 5/10

Campo Italian Bistro & Bar, 8260

N. Hayden Rd, Scottsdale, (480)-597-9195, in The Village of Hayden, <https://campoitalian.com/> - Campo is a modern tavern offering from-scratch dishes such as sharable antipastos, sandwiches, freshly made pastas, meatballs, calamari, and pizzas. Snacks \$3-\$11. House wines, and cocktails \$5, Sangria \$6, House Wine and Margarita pizza special \$25. Weather permitting, we will be on the lovely patio with misters and ceiling fans. **RSVP by May 10** to Julie Taylor, (480) 451-4146 or AZUTAY@aol.com.

Note that we are meeting on the second Thursday of the month.



BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 9

1:30 PM

RSVP BY 5/5

The SFA Board will meet at the **Granite Reef Senior Center in Room 5. The Center is located at 1700 N. Granite Reef Rd., Scottsdale**, just north of McDowell. In addition to regular business, the Board will review the input from the April 11 Board meeting and vote on the future direction of SFA. You are encouraged to attend and participate in this important discussion. However, space is limited, so RSVP promptly. **RSVP** to Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com, or 480-491-3326, **by Thurs, May 5.** <https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/seniors>.



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS
Sunday, May 15, 4:00 PM

RSVP BY 5/8

Scottsdale Philharmonic at Scottsdale Center for the Arts, 7380 E Second Street

Scottsdale, (480) 499-8587 - We are going to the Scottsdale Philharmonic whose program includes *Beethoven's Symphony No. 4*; *Franck's Les Djinnes* with a guest piano soloist; *Mussorgsky's Night on Bald Mountain*, *Arlen/Harburg's Over the Rainbow* (Melissa Solomon, Soloist), and *Meyerbeer's Les Patineurs*. **Tickets** for all seats are \$15 plus \$2.75 in fees, \$17.75 total. Hosted by Joanne Handlong. If you wish to sit with other SFA members you must **RSVP by Sunday, May 8** to Joanne at justjo34@gmail.com, or call (480) 491-3326. Or you may purchase your own ticket and choose your own seat. <https://tickets.scottsdalearts.org>. <https://scottsdaleperformingarts.org/event/scottsdale-philharmonic/2022-05-15/>



MAY ACTIVITIES

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

BALLET IN THE GARDEN

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

6:00 PM Dinner/8:00 PM Performance

Reservations closed

Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 W. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix - Presented by **Ballet Arizona** under the direction of Ib Anderson whose choreography is designed to embrace and showcase the natural backdrop of the desert. Six of us will be attending this event with dinner beforehand at Gertrude's Restaurant. Final ticket price for the performance was \$70.00 since we did not have the 10 required for the group rate. Marcia Weinroth is hosting this event. Her contact information is thenewme3210@aol.com or (480) 415-7729. <https://balletaz.org/performance/an-evening-at-desert-botanical-garden-2022/>, <https://dbg.org/>, <https://dbg.org/visit/dining/gertrudes-restaurant/>

BOOK CLUB

Monday, May 23, 1:00 PM (ZOOM)

RSVP BY 5/22

We will be discussing ***The Midnight Library*** by ***Matt Haig*** - Marcia Weinroth will be the facilitator - Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there 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. Please **RSVP by Sunday, May 22** to babeandkit@aol.com and justjo34@gmail.com. The Zoom link will be emailed to those who RSVP.

MOVIES WITH CAROLE & BILL

Wednesday, May 25



RSVP BY 5/22

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 May 23. The group will go to a nearby restaurant for dinner after the show. Please note: You must **RSVP to cesobel@gmail.com by May 22 to receive the informational email.**

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 at Gabriella's, 10155 E. Via Linda, H134, Scottsdale, (480) 534-7625. **Tickets:** \$25.00 (Senior rate). **RSVP to** Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com, (602) 594-4400 for tickets and dinner reservations **by May 23**. <https://www.donbluthfrontrowtheatre.com/contact.html>, gabriellascottsdale.com, *NOTE: Don Bluth theater has moved to a new location at Via Linda and 90th Street. This production will be done as theater-in-the-round. Our reserved seats are in a front row.



Photo Gallery

The Culinary Lunch at The Lure Fish House on April 8 was a scrumptious experience, enjoyed by: (L to R) Bill Boring, Marcia Weinroth, Gene Bonnett, Julie Taylor, Janet Hom, Howard Calvert, Linda Dorethy, and Nancy Salsbury plus Jerry Crow (captured below, 2nd from left)



L'Amore Italian Restaurant's patio was the setting for the April 21 social. Seated, L to R, Gene Bonnett, Julie Taylor, Janet Hom, Howard Calvert, Jerry Crow. Standing, L to R, Nancy Bradley, Marcia Weinroth, Nancy Salsbury, Joanne Handlong, and Bill Boring



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

Society for the Arts





Active Singles 50+

Website:
www.societyforthearts.org

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.

MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	 5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Culinary Lunch	7
8  <i>Mother's Day</i>	9 Board Meeting	10	11	12 Social	13	14
15 Close Encounters	16	17	18 Ballet @ DBG	19	20	21 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
22	23 Book Club	24	25 Movies	26	27	28
29  <i>Memorial Day</i>	30	31	1	2	3	4

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