



Society for the Arts
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NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

Dear SFA Members,

Sometimes I think that many of you are staying home instead of coming out to enjoy our SFA activities, but in looking at the current membership roster, I see that almost all of you are attending but just not at the same activities. That's the advantage of SFA—we offer a variety of activities for you to choose from and you are doing that. However, if I could have one wish, it would be that each of you would step outside of your familiar circle and try a different SFA activity periodically. All of our activities could use more people—new faces add spark to the old familiar.

Here's the good and not so good news from the recent past. We lost our Treasurer/Board member/Culinary Lunch Chair, Deborah McNeill. Deborah wants to move on to other things. She was a smart, spirited Board member and a Culinary Lunch chair who was always looking for new places to dine. The good news is that she is not dropping her membership in SFA so we hope to see her at some of our events.

Another piece of good news is that we have a new Board member, Sue Ruttenberg, appointed at our February meeting. Sue is our new Marketing Chair. She has an extensive and varied background in business and the arts. We are very pleased that she has taken on this new role. She will work closely with Judith Brooks who is our new Membership Chair towards the goal of increasing our membership. We are down to 36 members, quite a drop from our pre-pandemic count of 50 members.

The not so good news is that we now have another vacancy on the Board—a Treasurer position. This is in addition to the Secretary position. We also need someone to plan and host our Culinary Lunches. Please think about stepping up to fill one of these

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President Joanne Handlong
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Treasurer **Vacant**

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****Denotes non-Board members**

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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

positions which are key to our functioning. We need your help.

In the fun department, we have a nice calendar of events for you this month, including a dinner/dance at the American Legion, hosted by Howard Calvert. This will be our first dance since the pandemic lock down. There's also a tour of Cosanti in Paradise Valley—a chance to see Pablo Soleri's home and perhaps buy a bronze cast bell. Again, I encourage you to step outside your familiar circle and participate in some "new" events.

In closing, I wish you all a happy St. Patrick's Day. There's a bit o' the Irish in all of us on March 17th.

*Best wishes,
Joanne Handlong*

A graphic with the words "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" in large, colorful, bubbly letters. The letters are in various colors: H (red), A (orange), P (yellow), P (green), Y (blue), B (purple), I (red), R (orange), T (yellow), H (green), D (blue), A (purple), Y (red).

**Happy Birthday to these SFA
Members born in March**

**Dena Cameron
Doug Crandall
Jerry Crow
Michael Jennings
Dorothy Sydnor**



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



If you can help with one of these vacancies,
please contact Joanne Handlong,
justjo34@gmail.com, or call (480) 296-8512

Board Secretary

The primary responsibility of the Secretary is to record and distribute minutes from each meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board meets monthly except in the month of July when they are on hiatus. The President may call a special meeting from time to time. Minutes are distributed by email to Directors and activity chairs. Other duties may include giving notice of meetings of the Board and any other notices required by law or the Bylaws.



Treasurer

The primary responsibility of the Treasurer is the safekeeping of the funds of the organization. The Treasurer picks up the mail from the P. O. Box located at 8790 E. Via Ventura, Scottsdale, deposits all monies received into the SFA bank account, and disburses funds from that account as authorized by the Board. The Treasurer gives an account of all transactions and the financial condition of SFA at the monthly Board meeting and at other times as may be requested by the Board. The Treasurer coordinates with the SFA accountant as needed in reconciling income and expenditures and may assist in preparing an annual budget.



Culinary Lunch Chair

The primary responsibility of the Culinary Lunch chair is to identify appropriate restaurants for the Culinary Lunch and to host the monthly lunch. Variety is key here as well as the ability of the restaurant to accommodate a group of approximately 8 – 12. The Chair makes a reservation for the lunch, arranges for separate checks, and establishes a date with the restaurant for a final count. The date of the luncheon is coordinated with the SFA activity calendar and published in the newsletter. The Chair prepares the newsletter article.



MARCH ACTIVITIES

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

THEATER

Sunday, March 6, 2:00 PM

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. 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 together on orchestra level, Sec. B, Row 24, right side. **After show dinner at Mancuso's** in the Collier Center, 201 E Washington St, Suite 201, Phoenix.

Reservations are now closed. Hosted by Nancy Crimmings, nlcrimmings@gmail.com, (602) 910-9490. 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.



CULINARY LUNCH

Friday, March 11, 12:30 PM

RSVP BY 3/9

Persian Room - 17040 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, 480-614-1414. Left at first signal north of Bell on Scottsdale Rd., then first left into parking area. Amidst an atmosphere of plush elegance, enjoy the exotic aroma and flavor of carefully blended herbs and prime quality fresh meats and vegetables. Wide menu of taste treats, from fresh clay oven baked bread and award-winning appetizers to rich traditional desserts. An array of delicately marinated prime beef, filet mignon, lamb, chicken, fish and seafoods are grilled to perfection and served perfectly prepared with saffron scented basmati rice. Please **RSVP** to Jerry – jerry.crow@computer.org by **Wednesday, March 9** persianroom.com

BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

Monday, March 14, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 3/13

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, 480-491-3326, **by Sunday, March 13.**



SOCIAL

Thursday, March 17, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

RSVP BY 3/15

Fogo de Chao, 6300 N Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, (480) 609-8866

This signature, upscale steakhouse has welcomed guests from all over the world to enjoy memorable dining experiences. Weather permitting, we will be on the Bar Fogo patio. The menu features \$4 Brazilian Bites and Beers, \$6 South American wines, and \$8.00 Brazilian inspired cocktails. The selection of Bites includes empanadas, sliders, small plates featuring lamb chops as well as a fabulous salad bar. Hosted by Julie Taylor and Gene Bonnett. Please **RSVP by March 15** to AZJUTAY@aol.com or 480-451-4146. <https://fogodechao.com/location/scottsdale/>

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MOVIES WITH CAROLE & BILL

Wednesday, March 23

RSVP BY 3/20

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 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 Mar 21. We will go to a nearby restaurant for dinner after the show. Please note: You must **RSVP** to cesobel@gmail.com by **March 20** to receive the **informational email**.

DINNER + DANCING

Saturday, March 26

5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

RSVP BY 3/23

American Legion Post 44 -

7145 E. Second St., Scottsdale, (480) 941-9053 – Dust off those dancing shoes and join Howard Calvert and other SFA friends for a great night of delicious food, live music, and happy people. Dinner choices include steak and seafood and more for \$15 - \$20. Live music starts at 7:00 PM. There is a \$10.00 cover charge which is applied to your food and beverage bill. **RSVP to Howard, hwcalvert@me.com, or (520) 975-2802 by Wed, March 23. www.post44.com**



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

Sunday, March 27, 12:45 PM

RSVP BY 3/22

Cosanti Cultural Site - 6433 E Doubletree Ranch Rd, Paradise Valley, (480) 948-6145

We will meet in the Gallery on the premises, 15 minutes before the 1:00 PM tour. This one-hour tour will allow us to see the site which



launched the movement to promote the creation of alternative urban landscapes sustainably integrated with the natural world. The tour includes pioneering architect Paolo Soleri's design studio, residential structures, the bronze foundry and ceramics apses, all hand-made with the iconic silt-cast concrete method. Today, the site is home to Cosanti Originals, where the world-renowned bronze and ceramic wind bells are made of Soleri's design. Guided tours are limited to 12 people. While there will be strategic stopping and resting points during the indoor/outdoor tour, you should be aware that the experience involves a good deal of walking and standing, sometimes in the sun. Please be sure to plan accordingly, bringing water and using sun protection. Tours are offered without a fee, but donations are encouraged and \$15 is the suggested donation. Please **RSVP** to Carole Sobel at cesobel@gmail.com by **March 22** to make your reservation. <https://cosanti.com/pages/visit>

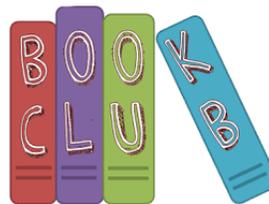


BOOK CLUB

Monday, March 28, 1:00 PM (Via Zoom)

RSVP BY 3/27

Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro. Joanne Handlong will be the discussion leader. In this highly acclaimed novel, published in 2005, Kazuo Ishiguro created a remarkable story of love, loss and hidden truths. Kathy, Tommy, and Ruth live in a world and a time that feel familiar to us, but are not quite like anything we know. They spend their childhood at Hailsham, a seemingly idyllic boarding school in the English countryside where they are well-tended and supported, and trained in art and literature. Yet curiously, they are sheltered from the outside world and allowed little contact with it. When they leave the shelter of the school, the terrible truth of their childhood and fate is revealed to them and they must confront the deep feelings of love, jealousy and betrayal that threaten to pull them apart. *Never Let Me Go* is a riveting and thought-provoking



BOOK CLUB - CONTINUED

read from beginning to end that works as coming-of-age, a beautiful love story, and as dystopian science fiction. Ishiguro has received many awards for his writing, including the Man Booker Prize for “The Remains of the Day” in 1989, and the Nobel Prize for literature in 2017. The novel was made into a movie in 2010, starring Carey Mulligan, Andrew Garfield and Kara Knightley and is available on Apple TV (iTunes), HBO Max, and Hulu. Please **RSVP by Sunday, March 27** to babeandkit@aol.com and justjo34@gmail.com. The Zoom link will be emailed to those who RSVP.

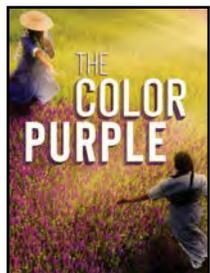
THIS APRIL THEATER EVENT HAS A MARCH 23 RSVP DATE

THEATER EVENT

Saturday, April 2, 3:00 PM

RSVP BY 3/23 – Limited tickets 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.** Six seats have been reserved at this price from a flex package. 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. **RSVP to ellndub@aol.com, (602) 526-7652, by Wed., March 23.** <https://phoenixtheatre.com/>, <https://www.alexisgrill.com/>

Photo Gallery

**Tour of Western Spirit Museum, Scottsdale
January 26, 2022**



L to R: Nancy Bradley, Bernie Soricone, Joanne Handlong, Gene Bonnett, (Horse), Bill Boring, Bill Plank Carole Sobel, Julie Taylor, Ellen DuBiel, Gari Dillon, Howard Calvert (Docent)

Our own Howard Calvert gave us a tour of the museum and treated us to lunch beforehand at a nearby restaurant. The tour focused on a wonderful exhibit of Edward Curtis’ photographs of Native Americans from the early 20th Century.

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.

MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
6 AZ Opera	7	8	9	10	11 Culinary Lunch	12
13	14 Board Meeting	15	16	17 Social 	18	19
20	21	22	23 Movies	24	25	26 Dinner & Dance
27 Close Encounters	28 Book Club	29	30	31	1	2

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