



Society for the Arts
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NEWSLETTER



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Check out our website www.societyforthearts.org



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Dear SFA Members,

This month, I am happy to begin my message on a positive note:

After a year-long shut down of our activities, Society for the Arts will resume some in-person activities this month!

We're proceeding cautiously, just dipping our toes into the water so to speak, and starting with three OUTDOOR activities: 1) a Close Encounters event; 2) a Culinary Lunch, and 3) a Happy Hour/Social. Please check out the dates and details in this newsletter and join us for these functions. **Note that all of them require RSVP's to the hosts, including the Happy Hour/Social.**

We hope that you've all been well and are now fully vaccinated for Covid-19. At our April Board meeting, we voted to make Covid-19 vaccination a **pre-requisite** for all members and guests who attend our functions, whether indoor or outdoor, until further notice. This is for your own safety and the safety of others. Of course, we'll also be following mask requirements as set by the CDC and the venue.

It's been a long year for all of us and I hope you've found ways to spend your time whether it be creatively, productively, or just watching Netflix shows! Now it's time to start up our social lives again! Let's all get our RSVP's in to the event hosts and get together to renew friendships and enjoy some camaraderie.

In member news, Barbara Rosen is moving to the Houston, Texas area at the end of April. She will continue as Book Club Coordinator for now since we are meeting via Zoom. She has been an active and well-liked SFA member for a long time and we will miss her. Best of luck in your new location, Barbara. Come see us anytime!

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers!

Joanne Handlong

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.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

Saturday, May 8, 11:30 AM

RSVP BY 5/5

RSVP to: Carole Sobel cesobel@gmail.com

We will meet at the Shemer Art Center which is located at 5005 E Camelback Rd, Phoenix, on the southeast corner of Camelback Road and East Arcadia Drive (48th Street). There is a free exhibition of playful **outdoor** sculpture which combines color and motion. After we tour the pieces, we will have lunch outdoors at Seasons 52 in the Biltmore Fashion Park, 2502 E Camelback Rd Suite 140, Phoenix. <https://shemerartcenter.org/>

BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

Monday, May 10, 2:00 PM.

RSVP BY 5/9



RSVP to: Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com

The SFA Board will meet via Zoom. All members with access to Zoom are invited to attend the meeting. You must RSVP if you are planning to attend in order to receive the link and password for the Zoom meeting.

CULINARY LUNCH

Thursday, May 13, 12:30 PM



RSVP BY 5/11

RSVP to: Deborah - deborahmcneill@icloud.com or call (786) 537-4618

Grassroots Kitchen is located at 8120 Via de Ventura and N. Hayden Rd, (480) 699-0699. *Grassroots* is a family-run restaurant with classic Southern-influenced American cuisine and a lovely atmosphere. Everything is made from scratch. We will be dining **outdoors** on the patio. <http://grassrootsaz.com>.

SOCIAL

Thursday, May 20, 4:30 - 6:30 PM

RSVP by 5/18

RSVP to: Julie Taylor at AZJUTAY@aol.com or call 602-478-5286

Fogo de Chao, 6300 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, (480) 609-8866. We are delighted to invite you to the first

Happy Hour of 2021 on the **patio** of Bar Fogo which features Brazilian Bites and Beers, South American wines and Brazilian-inspired cocktails at reduced prices. The selection of Bites includes empanadas, sliders, small plates featuring many of their specialty items. Remember to tip your server.



Looking forward to seeing you!

BOOK CLUB VIA ZOOM

Monday, May 24 @ 6:30 PM

RSVP by 5/23

RSVP to: Joanne @ justjo34@gmail.com, (480) 491-3326

"Never Tell" by Lisa Gardner (a Murder Mystery)

Carole Sobel will be the facilitator.

A man is dead, shot three times in his home office. But his computer has been shot twelve times, and when the cops arrive, his pregnant wife is holding the gun...D.D. Warren arrives on the scene and recognizes the woman - Evie Carter - from a case many years back. Evie's father was killed in a shooting that was ruled an accident. But for D.D., two coincidental murders is too many...Flora Dane sees the murder of Conrad Carter on the TV news and immediately knows his face. She remembers a night when she was still a victim - a hostage - and her captor knew this man. Overcome with guilt that she never tracked him down, Flora is now determined to learn the truth of Conrad's murder. **The Zoom link will be sent on May 24 to those who RSVP.**

Let's Recognize these members

Happy Birthday to these members born in May

Happy Birthday



Gene Bonnett

Barbara Rosen

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

News from SFA April Board Meeting

- * The Board will continue to meet via Zoom for now.
- * We were delighted to have five member guests at our meeting of April 13. It is always nice to have non-Board member input in our discussions. Thank you Doris Green, Bernie Soricone, Julie Taylor, Marcia Weinroth, Mary Zedick for joining us via Zoom.
- * With the return of in-person activities, we are resuming publishing a monthly newsletter. However, the months of June-July are typically a combined issue.
- *We are resuming monthly Board meetings.
- *We will not resume theater activities until later in the year. Only a few theater/dance companies have published a 2021-22 season at this time.
- *Members and guests must be vaccinated for Covid-19 to attend our activities, until further notice.

Upcoming Book Club Selections

The SFA Book Club meets on the 4th Monday of the month, at 6:30 PM. The meetings are currently being held via Zoom.

Barbara Rosen is the book club coordinator.

Book Club members choose books for six months in advance and take turns facilitating the discussions. The facilitator also emails discussion questions to the book club members in advance of the meeting.



Following are book club selections for the upcoming summer months:

June - "Turbulent Souls" by Stephen J. Dubner - Marcia Weinroth will facilitate & host at her home.

July - No Book Club this month

August - "Waiting for the Moon" by Kristin Hannah - Barbara Rosen will facilitate via Zoom.

HOW TO PEOPLE again:



Fully vaccinated? – Remember having friends? Do ya, punk? But no, you can't boop the nose of the lady at the DMV. She's not your cat. Introverts: start over, you're behind again, already. Grandma needs a hug and a stiff drink too.




Be Sociable, You Made It
Remember how to talk.

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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.

MAY 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	6	7	8 Close Encounters
9 <i>Mother's Day</i>	10 Board Meeting	11	12	13 Culinary Lunch	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Social	21	22
23	24 Book Club	25	26	27	28	29
30	31  MEMORIAL DAY	1	2	3	4	5

SFA Guest Policy

Guest attendance at our events is normally limited to three events before the guest must join in order to continue attending. These restrictions have been waived for 2021. We welcome guests at all our events in 2021 as long as they are fully vaccinated for Covid-19.

SFA Membership Fee

Membership fees are normally \$75.00 per year but are being waived for 2021.