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President's Message

For me and I suspect for many of you, the upcoming holidays take the temperature of our year. Did we have good experiences, sad experiences, difficult times, happy times, fun times? It's a time of reflection and also of hope as we prepare to say goodbye to 2017 and move forward into 2018.

Looking back from an SFA perspective, it's been a mix for me as your President but mostly a good mix. I've enjoyed attending our activities and getting to know our members better. I've been disappointed about the lack of new volunteers to serve on the Board, but grateful for the ones who are serving--all of whom have a keen interest in keeping SFA alive and healthy! We'll be welcoming a few new Board members at the Annual Membership Meeting on December 5th. I hope you are planning to attend. We meet in a relaxed environment and share camaraderie as well as the business of SFA. Remember to RSVP to Carole Sobel by 11/28 to reserve your spot.

A big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who've hosted our activities in 2017. Our reputation has become one of being welcoming and friendly to guests and that is due to YOUR efforts. We've gained 17 new members this year, some of whom have commented on this and I personally can feel the camaraderie when I attend events.

I hope you will enjoy our activities this month. We're having a great turnout for the Holiday Light Tour. There may still be seats available. Use the enclosed flyer insert to sign-up. You'll also have an opportunity to enjoy some whimsical sculptures amidst the cacti of the Desert Botanical Garden, laugh at the always hilarious antics of the Nuns in Nuncrackers, enjoy a culinary lunch in a naturally beautiful setting amidst seasonal decorations, see a movie, and of course socialize at happy hours. I hope you will enjoy the holidays in any way that you celebrate!

Joanne M. Handlong, President

Supporting the Arts through Gifts

On November 1, the SFA donations committee met and selected two local art groups to receive a combined total of \$1,000.00 in donations toward their artistic endeavors.

Arizona ProArte has developed the “Music Explorers Guide” Series, an innovative concept in live music. Each program in the series leads an exploration for musical adventurers. In October there was a program at the University Club of Phoenix on Mozart, and another program is scheduled in January. The committee appreciated having Laura Strickland, the organization’s executive director, and Eric Sandmeyer, a member of its board of directors, join us at the meeting to share their vision and enthusiasm for the new series. The committee awarded Arizona ProArte \$500.00

The other recipient was the Southwest Shakespeare Company, which had a fire ravage its production warehouse. Twenty-three years of costumes, props and production equipment were lost, not to mention the damage to the warehouse. Because SFA members have supported and enjoyed their performances over the years, the committee voted to award the Company \$500.00.

Another \$350.00 has been set aside for other opportunities that may arise.

Thanks to my committee members Carole Sobel, Mary Zedick, Julie Taylor and Andria Mori for their work.

By Sandy Ryan
Donations Committee Chair

Note from President

My thanks to Sandy Ryan for a job well done as Chair of the Donations Committee!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marietta Huston
Linda Ashley
Andria Mori

Did we omit listing your birthday this month? Please let our newsletter editor know so that we can update our records and recognize you in the future. Just send an email to:

dorisgreen@cox.net.

Welcome

We’d like to welcome these new members to SFA:

	<u>Date Joined</u>
Nancy Neff	November 14
Jill Zeman	November 14
Nancy Bradley	November 15
Bill Boring	November 15

Please seek them out at events and chat with them. They’ll appreciate your taking the time to get to know them and making them feel welcome.



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

December 3, Sunday

Please join us at the movies. We will see a film and go to dinner at a nearby restaurant for a discussion. If you are not on the list, to receive the specifics please send your information to Carole Sobel cesobel@gmail.com and you will be emailed on Thursday, Nov. 30 with all the details.

ANNUAL MEETING WITH DINNER OPTION

December 5, Tuesday, 7:00 pm

The Terraces, 7550 N. 16th Street,

Phoenix

RSVP by 11/28

All SFA Members are **invited and encouraged** to attend this important meeting. Agenda items will include nominations and election to the Board of Directors, the President's report, financial and committee reports. **Come and learn about the "state of SFA"**. Coffee and cookies will be served. You must RSVP to Carole Sobel, (602) 595-4400, cesobel@gmail.com, by November 28 if you plan on attending the meeting and/or having dinner at The Terraces at 5:00 PM prior to the meeting. For \$10.00 (tax and tip included) you get a complete meal including soup, salad bar, choice of three entrees, wine or other beverages and coffee. We'll have a private dining room all to ourselves. Directions and a menu will be emailed to those who RSVP. Please bring cash and pay the \$10.00 directly to Carole Sobel at the dinner.

NOTE: We are still seeking candidates to serve on the Board of Directors. It's a rewarding opportunity to get involved and in the process get to know other members. We need to spread out the work to spread out the fun! Contact Joanne Handlong, (480) 491-3326, president@societyforthearts.org for more information. It's not too late to add your name to the slate of candidates as nominations may be made from the floor.

HOLIDAY LIGHT TOUR - OLLIE THE TROLLEY

December 7, Thursday, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Pre-tour Dinner Option at Barro's

Pizza in the Pavilions Shopping Center, 9175 E. Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale (*Barro's is located in the NW quadrant of the center, near Target.*)

RSVP and payment to SFA Treasurer by 12/1 (See insert for Sign-up/Payment form.)



We've had a great response to this activity! There are still seats available as of the publication date of this newsletter but act quickly to reserve your spot. See instructions on the insert to this newsletter. The tour **pickup point** will be at **Barro's Pizza in the Pavilions Shopping Center. Meet there between 5:00 PM and 5:45 PM to eat or perhaps order take-out for the trolley.** The tour will begin promptly at 6:00 PM. **This event is open to members and their families, guests, and former members and will not count towards an event on our 3x guest policy. The more the merrier!** Cost is \$25.00 (gratuity included) for members and \$28.00 (gratuity included) for guests and former members. **Contact Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com, (480) 491-3326 to reserve your seat (s). Your payment--BY CHECK OR CASH ONLY-- must be received by the SFA Treasurer by Friday, Dec 1st to reserve your spot.**

THEATER EVENT—CHANGE TO RESTAURANT

December 9, Saturday, 7:30 PM

RSVP by 11/22

Nuncrackers: the Nonsense Christmas Musical - Presented by Desert Stages Theater in their intimate Actor's Café theater, at their **new location** inside Fashion Square, 7014 E. Camelback Road, Suite 0586, Scottsdale (inside the mall, by the food court). The Nonsense Christmas Musical, NUNCRACKERS, is presented as the first TV special taped in the Cable Access Studio built by Reverend Mother in the convent basement. It stars the nuns you love, plus Father Virgil, and four of Mount Saint Helen's most talented students. Featuring all new songs including Twelve Days Prior to Christmas, Santa Ain't Comin' to Our House, We Three Kings of Orient Are Us and It's Better to Give than to Receive, this show is filled with typical NUNSENSE humor, some of your favorite carols, and a "Secret Santa" audience participation. **Tickets: \$20.00** (Group rate for 10 or more -- If less than 10 sign up, the rate will either be the Senior rate of \$22.00 [age 60+] or

the regular rate of \$28.00.) Note: Desert Stages Theater is holding a limited number of seats for SFA. They have advised us that this performance is SOLD OUT. Make your reservation now to secure your seat. Once the seats being held are reserved, we won't be able to add any additional. **Pre-show Dinner: 5:00 PM**, NOTE: We are changing the pre-show dinner location to the Roaring fork, 4800 N Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, (480)947-0745. View menu and directions: www.roaringfork.com. **Contact** Bernie Soricone, bernicone@yahoo.com, (480) 396-9299, for tickets and dinner reservations, **by 11/22/17**. <http://www.desertstages.org/>.

BOARD MEETING

December 11, Monday, 6:30 pm

Denny's, 3315 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale (just south of Osborn). **This will be an organizational meeting of the new board elected at the annual meeting.** However, **ALL SFA** members are invited to attend the meeting. We like having guests! We meet in a private room. We reserve a portion of the meeting for guest comments and welcome your participation. Come at 5:00 PM to order food and drink and socialize. Bring your AARP Membership card and receive a discount on your bill. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM. For information, contact Joanne Handlong, president@societyforthearts.org, (480) 491-3326.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

December 12, Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 pm

Desert Botanical Gardens, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix

FREE ADMISSION

We will meet at the ticket booth at the entrance to the Desert Botanical Gardens to see the special sculpture exhibit. Experience the bold, monumental sculptures of Japanese American artist Jun Kaneko. Uncover Kaneko's colorfully glazed ceramic and bronze forms in the rich backdrop of the Garden's desert flora. Immerse yourself in imaginative color palettes, stand tall with the whimsical Tanuki raccoon-dogs and take a mindful moment among the intimate installation of Kaneko's iconic Dangos, or round form series. Jun Kaneko is an internationally renowned artist who specializes in large-scale, hand-built, ceramic sculptures. His work is featured in more than 40 major museum collections and can be seen in high-profile exhibitions and public art installations around the world. Admittance to the garden is free on this date. Please email Carole Sobel [cesob-](mailto:cesob@desertstages.org)

bel@gmail.com to notify her of your plan to attend. [Www.dbg.com](http://www.dbg.com)

SOCIAL

December 14, Thursday, 5—7 pm

Seasons 52, Located in Biltmore Fashion Park, 2502 E. Camelback Rd., Suite 140, Bldg. J, Phoenix, 602-840-5252

Seasonal menu featuring special \$5 small plates, \$4 beers, \$6 and \$7 cocktails. Sophisticated, comfortable atmosphere. Music after 7pm in the lounge area. Hosted by Rita Muller and Howard Calvert. No RSVP needed. You may contact Howard at hwcalvert@me.com for info. View menu at: <http://www.seasons52.com/happy-hour/az/phoenix-restaurant/>

CULINARY LUNCH

December 15, Friday, 1 pm

RSVP by 12/12

SWB, a southwest bistro in the Hyatt Regency at Gainey Ranch, 7500 E. Doubletree Ranch Rd., Scottsdale - Set amidst flowering cactus, framed by the McDowell Mountains, SWB crafts creative American cuisine with a southwestern flair. Lunch menu includes soups, salads, sandwiches and SWB Specialties such as fajitas, and House Tacos with a choice of southwestern fillings. **RSVP to host, Julie Taylor**, azjutay@aol.com, **480-451-4146**, **by 12/12**, to reserve your place. <https://scottsdale.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/dining/SWBsouthwestbistro>

SOCIAL

December 28, Thursday, 5-7 pm

Buck & Rider

4225 E. Camelback Rd, Phoenix, 602-346-0110
Great selection of fresh fish and seafood at Abby's Oyster Bar, salads, sandwiches and bowls. \$6.00 house pours, draft beers, featured wines and well highballs ; \$7 specialty cocktails, HH food specials include 1/2 price oysters; 1/2 lobster for \$12; \$9.00 for Steak Tartare, White Fish Ceviche, Crispy Brussel Sprouts, Crab and Macadamia Roll, Dixie Chicken Snack, Voodoo Fried Rice. Special area reserved for our group. No RSVP needed. Hosts not yet assigned. SFA members contact Julie Taylor, azjutay@aol.com, if you can host/co-host. <http://www.buckandrider.com/>

FUTURE EVENT WITH DECEMBER RSVP DATE

THEATER

January 13, Saturday, 2 pm

RSVP by 12/28

Infinite Canary (Comedy) - Presented by the Southwest Shakespeare Company at the Mesa Arts Center, in the Virginia Piper Repertory Theater, 1 E. Main Street, Mesa. A couple of months into her stint as a Teach For America teacher in Appalachia, Miss R's dreams of being an inspirational teacher are as blown up as a coal-rich mountain top. As she gears up to quit, a strange Robin Williams prototype called St. Robin, who dubs himself the "Patron Saint of Inspirational Teachers" appears and offers to help Miss R get her narrative back on track. This is a limited release play and a new work development, written by Annie Pulsipher, Winner of the Sloan Grand Jury Prize, TriBeCa Film Festival. Advertised as "Fanciful... Relevant and Screamingly Funny". This new work is a MUST SEE! **Tickets: \$14.25. After-show Dinner:** Il Vinaio Restaurant and Wine Bar, 270 W. Main Street, Mesa, (480) 649-6476, view menu at: www.ilvinaio.net. **Contact:** Howard Shapiro, (480) 962-9321, howardmesa2@gmail.com for tickets and dinner reservations **by 12/28**. <http://swshakespeare.org/show/the-infinite-canary/>. *The Southwest Shakespeare Company is a recipient of Society for the Arts donation monies.*

NOTE: This play is being done in repertory with "Romeo and Juliet" which will be performed at 7:30 PM on January 13th in the same theater. Tickets for that production may be purchased separately.

We welcomed these 17 new members in 2017

Lin Ashley
Bill Boring
Nancy Bradley
Carole Fine
Cheryl Frier
Karen Kelly
Elizabeth (Betty) Kiwak
James Kroening
Karen Martin
Rita Muller
Nancy Neff
Jean Roberts
Caroline Rucker
Eric Sandmeyer
Betty Sayers
Tuula Sumpter
Jill Zeman

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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. You can use your credit card here.

Has Your Address, Phone or Email Changed? SFA maintains a member database that includes your home address, mailing address if different from home, home phone number, work or cell phone number and email address. When your info changes, be sure to let us know so that we can update our records. Just email the information to both membership@societyforthearts.org, and to Bob Hurni at bhurni@aol.com. If you do not have email access, you may call Bob at (602) 993-8840. Bob maintains the database.

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December 2017

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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.

SFA Guest Policy

We welcome guests to attend up to three SFA events but after the 3rd visit, they must join before attending any more events. This includes theater, culinary lunches, happy hours and all other events except those which are open to the public.

SFA Membership Fee

\$75.00 per year

Contact Membership@societyforthearts.org

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