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TBD

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President's Message

The holiday season starts this month and I hope all of you will have good times, whether it be attending holiday events, shopping until you drop, gathering with family and friends, etc., etc. We have several holiday-related events on our December calendar that have November RSVP dates. Take note of the **Holiday Light Tour on Ollie the Trolley** planned for December 7th and the "Nun crackers: the Nonsense Christmas Musical" being performed by Desert Stages Theater in their new location in Fashion Square Mall on December 9th. Please don't overlook the November events, including a combined Social/Art Walk on November 16th, the culinary lunch, and several theater events.

The business of running Society for the Arts goes on amidst the merriment and it's time to "talk turkey". Uppermost on my mind these days is the continuing viability of Society for the Arts. We are having good turnouts at our events, especially the socials, culinary and most theater events. Many of you have stepped up to help plan and host our socials. Others have stepped up to help out with the theater and donation committees. I'm grateful to all of our volunteers for what they are doing to make SFA a unique and fun singles group. The problem is--we need MORE of you to step up!

When I first took over the Presidency two years ago, January 2016, we had 10 Board members and several vacancies. For most of this year, we have been operating with 7 Board members. We currently have no one on the Board to handle Membership or plan special activities; nor is there anyone in the Vice Presidency. In addition to serving as President, I have also been handling membership, some activities, Meetup, and still lead the theater program. That's a good prescription for burnout.

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President's Message—Continued

We offer our members a variety of events every month but it takes people to plan and administer those activities. Are you a member who could give some of YOUR time, talents, and skills to SFA in an administrative capacity so that we can continue these offerings and yes, even continue as an organization? Please contact me personally and let's discuss how you could help. Attend our Annual Membership Meeting at The Terraces on Tuesday, December 5th, and consider placing your name on the slate of candidates for the Board elections that will take place at that meeting.

Joanne Handlong, President

Ph: (480) 491-3326

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linda Dorethy
Carol Hasher
Carole Sobel

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.



Poker Anyone? Are you interested in playing small stakes poker? We're considering starting such a group within SFA. We would need 8 to 10 people. Contact Bill Plank, (602) 942-3151, bill.408@hotmail.com, or Rosemarie McGowan, (480) 994-9968, vuk-ey1@yahoo.com, if you are interested.

Mail your event payments to:

**Society for the Arts
P.O. Box 5566
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.



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL

November 2, Thursday, 4:30—7 pm

Salty Sow American Gastropub, 4801 E. Cactus Road, Scottsdale.

The Happy Hour Menu:

Signature Sips - \$5, Wines - \$5 - Craft Drafts - \$4.

Tacos - 4 varieties, \$5, Truffled deviled eggs with bacon

\$5, Honey Rosemary dipped fried chicken with biscuit \$6.

There are a few more dishes on the menu and all are in the price range of \$5-\$6. SFA hosts: Michael Jennings and

Barbara Rosen. Contact Barbara Rosen

babeandkit@aol.com or (480)816-0041

MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

November 5, 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. 2 with all the details.



CULINARY LUNCH

November 10, Friday, 1 pm

RSVP by 11/8

Buck & Rider, 4225 E. Camelback, Phoenix

SFA members are invited to experience Buck and Rider, a casual, upscale seafood eatery with options, too, for carnivores. RSVP to A. Mori (602) 667-8170 or e-mail amori@cox.net before Wednesday, November 8th.

THEATER EVENT

November 11, Saturday, 8:00 pm

RSVP by 10/26

Seven Guitars - Presented by the Black Theater Troupe at the Helen K. Mason Performing Arts Center, 1333 E. Washington St., Phoenix - *Seven Guitars* is the 5th in the ten-play cycle of August Wilson's decade-by-decade exploration of the black experience in America. It is set in 1948 as friends gather to mourn for Floyd "Schoolboy" Barton a blues guitarist and singer, who died just as his career was on the verge of taking off. Wilson's epic vision power and poetic sense lifts their stories to strange and compelling heights ending in a stunning conclusion. *No With the performance of Seven Guitars the Black Theatre Troupe becomes one of the few companies in the country to have produced the complete ten-play cycle.* **Tickets: \$32.00** (Group rate for 10 or more; \$38.00 regular rate if less than 10) **Pre-show dinner at 5:30 pm**, Alexi's Grill, 3550 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix. **Contact Carole Sobel**, cesobel@gmail.com, (602) 595-4400 for tickets and dinner reservations **by 10/26/17**. new-wp.blacktheatretroupe.org/, <http://alexisgrill.com/>

BOARD MEETING

November 14, Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Denny's, 3315 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale (just south of Osborn). All members are invited to attend the monthly SFA Board of Directors' meeting. We meet in a private room. Come to share your ideas and concerns or just to listen. We reserve a portion of the meeting for guest comments and welcome your participation. Come at 5:00 PM to order food and drink. 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.

SOCIAL AND ART WALK

November 16, Thursday

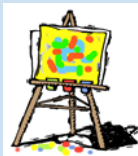
Join us for one or both of these events.

Social, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The Beverly on Main, [7018 E. Main Street, Scottsdale](#), Luxe, vintage-inspired lounge, featuring an innovative variety of food items and beverages at discounted prices. These include \$2 off specialty cocktails, beer, wine and well drinks; \$4 Mac & Cheese, Truffle Fries, \$5 Deviled Eggs, Wedge Salad, \$6 Margarita Flatbread, & Main Street Wings. Please remember to tip your server. Hosts: Bill Plank, bill.408@hotmail.com - (602) 942-3151, and Bernie Soricone, bernicone@yahoo.com - (480) 396-9299.

Art Walk, 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Following the social at the Beverly on Main, we'll be at a perfect starting point for the Scottsdale Gallery Association's 2017-2018 Gold Palette Art Walk Series kick off event. It will be a return of last year's popular "DEMONSTRATE!" art walk which allows patrons to observe the artisans' creative process in person as many galleries feature live demonstrations. Guests are encouraged to watch, ask questions, and maybe even participate! Your Art Walk host will be Joanne Handlong, (480) 296-8512, justjo34@gmail.com. No need to RSVP; just be ready to leave from The Beverly on Main by 7 PM and we'll set out together. You can stroll as long as your feet allow. We typically break up into small groups with like interests.



THEATER EVENT

November 25, Saturday, 8:00 pm

RSVP by 11/2

Capitol Steps - Presented by the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts in the Virginia G. Piper Theater, 7380 East Second Street, Scottsdale. The Capitol Steps return for their annual Thanksgiving pilgrimage to Scottsdale, and plan to bring down the House ... and Senate ... with their unique blend of sharp political satire set to popular music. The irreverent D.C.-based troupe pokes fun at all sides of the issues, from left to right, with fresh, up-to-the-minute material inspired by the latest headlines, scandals and more. The Steps' performances include songs from their latest album and possible "guest appearances" by many of your favorite (or least-favorite, as the case may be) celebrity politicians. Bring your sense of humor and enjoy an evening of bipartisan fun. **Tickets: \$46.00** (Group rate for 10 or more; \$52.00 if less than 10); **Option**

to upgrade to \$56.00 group rate (\$62.00 if less than 10). **Pre-show dinner at 5:30 PM** at The Blue Moose, 7373 E. Scottsdale Mall, Scottsdale, 480-949-7959. **Contact Joanne Handlong, (480) 491-3326, justjo34@gmail.com**, for tickets and dinner reservations **by 11/9/17**. ****Ticket availability is limited so an early RSVP is required. Tickets are not being held by SCA but will be purchased based on reservations****

www.Thebluemoosescottsdale.com, <https://scottsdaleperformingarts.org/event/the-capitol-steps-2017/>

SOCIAL

November 30, Thursday, 4-7 pm

Totties Asian Fusion, 6204 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale Between My Sisters Closet and Trader Joes Featuring Thai, Chinese, and Vietnamese food. The waitresses are lovely and they do not mind a little noise. There are tables that are large enough for our group. Please remember to tip your server. Hosts: Karen Grant and Betty Kiwak. Contact Karen Grant kgrant14@cox.net or (480) 657-0184.

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. 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. Directions and a menu will be emailed to those who RSVP.



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

'Tis the season to be jolly and what better way to start it than with a holiday light tour on Ollie the Trolley! Ollie is a comfortable, enclosed, single-decker trolley that seats up to 30 people. The drivers are experienced and knowledgeable about the areas of the tour so they can take us to see spectacular lights and provide historical facts. There will be opportunities to get out and walk at some stops and yes, there will be a restroom stop! You can bring your own beverages, including alcohol, and food on the tour.

GLASS CONTAINERS ARE NOT ALLOWED. We can sing along to holiday music CD's too! The tour **pickup point** will be at **Barro's Pizza in the Pavilions Shopping Center. Meet there between 5:00 PM and 6:00 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.**

Please send payment with the Sign-up Remittance Form



THEATER EVENT

December 9, Saturday, 7:30 pm

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. This NUNSENSE Christmas Show will make you laugh, and maybe tug at your heartstrings. **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.) **Pre-show Dinner: 5:00 PM, Z'Tejas Southwestern Grill, inside Scottsdale Fashion Square just off the food court, 7014 E. Camelback Road, Scottsdale.** **Contact** Bernie Soricone, bernicone@yahoo.com, (480) 396-9299, for tickets and dinner reservations, **by 11/22/17.** <http://www.desertstages.org/>, <http://ztejas.com/>

Holiday Light Tour Payment

Name of Person Completing form (please print):

SFA Member

Former Member

Guest

Email _____ Phone _____

Are you bringing any guests? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, how many? _____

List name(s) below:

Are you including payment for your guests with this form? ___ Yes ___ No, guest is sending their own payment(s) to the Treasurer.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

**Send with payment to:
SFA Treasurer
P.O. Box 5566
Scottsdale, AZ 85261
Must be received by 12/1/17**

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November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Social	3	4
5 Movies	6	7	8	9	10 Culinary Lunch	11 Theater
12	13	14 Board Mtg	15	16 Social	17	18
19	20	21	22		24	25 Theater
26	27	28	29	30 Social		

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