



Celebrating 31 years of Supporting the Arts

Check out our website: www.societyforthearts.org

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- President** Joanne Handlong
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President's Message

With the arrival of September, some of our members are beginning to trickle back to town from their summer vacations and hideaways. Our events are also increasing in variety. Our first theater event of the season is on the calendar for September 9th at Theatre Artists Studio. We love this venue where we see really good acting by seasoned actors in plays that are not the typical Valley fare. Art Walks and other outdoor events will be added in October and November as the weather cools down more.

Following its July recess, your Board of Directors met on August 15th and passed several important motions. The Board voted to donate funds to the arts again this year. An amount of up to \$1,350.00 was approved. A committee is being formed to determine how best to allocate the monies. Over the years, SFA has donated many thousands of dollars to support the arts in the Valley. Local theaters and college arts-related scholarship programs have been the recipients of our funds. A portion of each member's annual dues is designated for this purpose as well as any money from fundraisers. We are a 501c(3) organization and our mission of supporting the arts through social activities and fundraising makes us unique among singles groups.

Looking ahead, our Bylaws call for the President to appoint a Nominating Committee by September 30 each year to begin the work of seeking candidates for the Board of Directors. Board elections are held at the Annual Meeting of the membership in early December. I am asking each of you to think about contributing to the continuing viability of Society for the Arts by serving on the Board of Directors. Directors serve two-year terms. We are currently operating with seven Board members, which is too

President's Message—continued

few to carry out the number of activities we offer our members. I would like to see the Board increase to 12 or more members to spread out the work and the fun! Toward this end, the Board voted to suspend Board meetings during the months of June and July and provide an option for the August meeting to be a planning meeting, not requiring a quorum. This schedule should allow more of our members to serve on the Board. Please consider saying **YES** if a member of the Nominating Committee contacts you. You may also contact me to let me know of your interest. I will be happy to answer any questions.

I hope you all had a great summer and that I will see you in September!

Joanne Handlong, President



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joanne Handlong
Nancy Patterson
Susan Oneal

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.



We'd like to welcome this new members to SFA:

Date Joined

Elizabeth Kiwak 8/31/2017

Please seek her out at events and chat with her. She'll appreciate your taking the time to get to know her and making her feel welcome.

**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

DINNER WITH FRIENDS

September 2, Saturday, 6:00 PM

RSVP by 8/30

Sushi Sen, 7001 N Scottsdale Rd #154, Scottsdale, 480) 483-7000 - Sushi Sen is a recently opened, casual, wallet-friendly, everyday Japanese dining restaurant that is already garnering five star ratings. It may be the Valley's most elegant restaurant serving simple Japanese fare at affordable prices. It recently opened in a space formerly occupied by Shinbay. The sleek, wood-and-glass minimalist decor of Shinbay remains, but the high price tag (\$100-plus) of Shinbay's omakase-style dinner is gone. Sushi Sen's lengthy menu features sushi and sashimi, tempura, noodle and rice bowls, ramen, katsu and Japanese curries. Most entrees are in the \$6 to \$12 range, and sushi rolls vary from \$4.50 for a California roll to \$13.50 for a deluxe dragon roll. View the menu at sushisenaz.com. Hosted by Joanne Handlong. Contact her at justjo34@gmail.com, or (480) 491-3326, to make your reservation **by 8/30/17**

SOCIAL

September 7, Thursday 5-7 pm

Don & Charlie's, 7501 E. Camelback Road, Scottsdale Longtime favorite restaurant located in Scottsdale's hot entertainment district. Decorated with celebrity photos and sports memorabilia, this steak and ribs favorite packs in locals and tourists alike, especially during Spring Training. Their ribs, burgers, onion rings, and "broasted" chicken are great. Please remember to tip the friendly wait staff. SFA hosts: Howard Calvert and Janet Hom. Contact Howard Calvert: hcalvert@me.com. or (520)975-2802. <http://donandcharlies.com/>

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

September 8, Friday, 12:30 pm

Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N . Central, Phoenix

RSVP by 9/3

We will have lunch at the Palette Restaurant in the Phoenix Art Museum at 12:30 on Friday, 9/8. At 2:00 we will meet our docent, Sandy Ryan, a long time SFA member. She will lead us on a tour of *A Tribute to James Galanos*, a retrospective dedicated to the iconic American fashion designer. Featuring more than 40 couture-quality, ready-to-wear ensembles and accessories, including an ensemble worn and donated by former First Lady Nancy Reagan. Galanos dressed some of the most famous women in the world, including the Duchess of Windsor, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Marilyn Monroe, Marlene Dietrich and Grace Kelly. The exhibition will illuminate the designer's influence and legacy with objects from the 1950s through the 1990s. Reservations are required and the deadline is Sept. 3. Please email Carole Sobel cesobel@gmail.com to reserve your place.

<http://www.phxart.org/>

THEATER EVENT

September 9, Saturday, 7:30 PM

RSVP by 8/31

The Cemetery Club (Dramedy) - Presented by Theatre Artists Studio at The Studio, 4848 E. Cactus Road, Suite 406, Scottsdale - Three Jewish widows meet once a month for tea before going to visit their husband's graves. Ida is sweet tempered and ready to begin a new life. Lucille is the feisty embodiment of a girl who just wants to have fun, and Doris, priggish and judgmental, particularly when Sam the butcher enters the scene, just can't curb her sensibilities. It's a heartwarming and sometimes drolly humorous look at life and the testaments of true friendship.

Tickets: \$21.69 (Senior rate over 65 or group rate for 10 or more). **Pre-show Dinner at 5:00 PM**, Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 4868 E. Cactus Rd., Scottsdale, (602) 494-4327. **Contact** host, Ellen DuBiel, ellndub@aol.com, (602) 526-7652, for tickets and dinner reservations **by 8/31/17**.



MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

September 10, Sunday

We will go to our monthly movie on Sunday, September 10 in the afternoon. The time, title and location of film will be emailed on September 7 to all members on the email list. Following the movie we will go to a nearby restaurant for dinner and a discussion. To join this group, please email Carole Sobel at cesobel@gmail.com to be put on the list.



BOARD MEETING

September 11, Monday, 6:30 pm

NOTE CHANGE TO MONDAY

Denny's, 3315 N Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale (Just south of Osborn). All members welcome at the SFA Board of Directors' meeting. We meet in a private room. Come to share thoughts, ideas and concerns. We welcome your participation. Come at 5:00 pm to order your own food and drink. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Contact Joanne Handlong, president@societyforthearts.org, (480) 491-3326, for information.

CULINARY LUNCH

September 14, Thursday, 1 pm

RSVP by 9/22

Brio Tuscan Grill, located in the Scottsdale Quarter, 15301 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale is the site for this month's culinary lunch. Brio's atmosphere is "polished casual", and, serves a variety of well-prepared dishes. Note: September 14 is a Thursday. RSVP to A. Mori (602) 667-8170 or email amori@cox.net. <https://www.brioitalian.com/>

SOCIAL

September 21, Thursday 4-6 pm

El Chorro, 5550 E. Lincoln Dr. Paradise Valley, (480) 948-5170. A Valley touchstone for 60 years, El Chorro is a peerless patio and welcoming dining room. Please note the Happy Hour menu and prices are in effect from 4-6 pm and include old favorites such as sliders, fish tacos, chicken livers and a great selection of drinks. On their regular menu they have fabulous mid-century classics such as beef

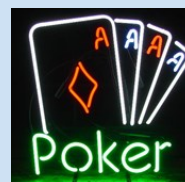
stroganoff, trout almondine, rack of lamb and their famous sticky buns! Please remember to tip the friendly wait staff. SFA host: Julie Taylor. Contact Julie Taylor: azjutay@aol.com or (480) 451-4146 <http://elchorro.com/>

THEATER EVENT

September 30, Saturday, 7:30 PM

RSVP by 9/14

The Bartered Bride (Opera) - Presented by ASU Lyric Opera Theater, Evelyn Smith Music Theater, 50 E. Gamme Parkway, Tempe. Bedřich Smetana's "The Bartered Bride" is one of the most beloved operas of all time, and remains to this day a pivotal work in the history of Czech language and musical history. Overflowing with beautiful melodies, lively dancing, colorful costumes, and a comedic circus scene, this delightful comedy pits the machinations of an old-world matchmaker against two young lovers, with results that are both touching, hilarious and fun for audiences of all ages. The production will be sung in English with projected surtitles. **Tickets: \$14.00** (Senior Rate). **Pre-show Dinner at 5:00 PM**, Tasty Kabob Persian Bistro, 1250 E. Apache Blvd., Ste. 116, Tempe, (480) 966-0260. **Contact** Joanne Handlong, justjo34@gmail.com, (480) 491-3326, for ticket and dinner reservations **by 9/14/17**. <https://music.asu.edu/opera-musical-theatre/current-season>, <http://tastykabobaz.com/>



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, vukey1@yahoo.com, if you are interested.

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September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Dinner w/ Friends
3		5	6	7 Social	8 Close Encoun- ters	9 Theater
10 Movie	11 Board Mtg	12	13	14 Culinary Lunch	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Social	 22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Theater

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