



**Society for the Arts**  
**Active Singles 50+**  
**NEWSLETTER**



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*Celebrating 35 Years of Supporting the Arts*

**Check out our website [www.societyforthearts.org](http://www.societyforthearts.org)**



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**Special Assignments**  
Ron Webster (No email)

**Website, SFA Express** **TBD**

**President's Message**

Dear SFA Members,

I just looked back at my President's Message in the July-August edition of the newsletter where I wrote that "August will be the month we shift into a higher gear as you will see from the scheduled activities, and September should find us getting back to full throttle." That was written before the recent surge of the Covid-19 Delta variant. At that time, we thought that as long as we allowed only vaccinated people at our events, we could socialize and dine together without masks whether indoors or outdoors and we would be safe. Sadly, that is not the case. The highly contagious Delta variant has evolved to such an extent that even vaccinated people are being encouraged to wear masks in indoor settings to avoid getting a "break-through" infection or to avoid the possibility of unknowingly spreading the virus to others.

How to proceed in that environment was a topic at our August 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting. The consensus was to go forward "cautiously" and "thoughtfully" with activities, choosing outdoor venues or smaller venues when possible, making the safety of our members a priority. So you will find a slimmed down September calendar from what we usually have for this month. We will just have to go month-to-month to see what develops with this pandemic. Hopefully the situation will improve and we will be able to add more and more events.

I want to thank our activity coordinators and hosts for all they've been doing to keep SFA alive during the past year and a half. They've sought out pleasant venues and interesting activities to keep us all safe as we socialize together. I want to thank all of our members who have supported them by attending and sometimes bringing guests whom we hope will become members. There is a great spirit of friendship and camaraderie in SFA and also an interest in the arts that have carried us through the past year and a half.

I look forward to seeing you at our activities as we go forward in this "new normal".

**Has your Address, Email or Phone Changed?**

Email the new info to [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com), and to Bob Hurni, [bhurni@aol.com](mailto:bhurni@aol.com). If you do not have email access, send the information to our P.O. Box.



Happy birthday to these members  
born in **September**:

Kay Fitting

Joanne Handlong

Nancy Neff

Marcia Weinroth

Jill Zeman



Did we miss your birthday? Send an email to  
[justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com) and we'll correct our  
records.



## SFA THEATER COMMITTEE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The Theater Committee meets to choose theater productions that would be of interest to SFA members. If you are interested in live theater and other music events and want to participate in this process as a committee member, please contact Joanne Handlong, [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com) or (480) 491-3326.

In addition to collaborating to select theater/musical events, members also take turns hosting and taking reservations for these events.

**If you have been a member of this committee and wish to continue for the 2021-22 season, please let Joanne know.** We welcome your continuance on the committee.

The new committee will hold an organizational meeting on Monday, September 20, at 1:00 PM, place to be determined. The meeting will include a discussion of how to plan theater events amidst the current Covid-19 pandemic. The committee will also choose theater events for the next several months.



**Please respond to Joanne by September 15th.**

### 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.

Here we acknowledge the work done by our current and past Theater Committee members. Thank you to these committee members:

Joanne Handlong, Chair  
Nancy Crimmings  
Ellen DuBiel  
Bill Plank  
Carole Sobel  
Bernie Soricone  
Marcia Weinroth

Howard Shapiro (In memorium)

# September 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

Friday, Sept 3 - Lunch at 1:30 PM, Tour at 3:00 PM

*Culinary Dropout and ASU Art Museum*

### HARD HAT TOUR

**RSVP BY 9/1 (limited free tickets)**

We will go to lunch at the Culinary Dropout located at 149 S Farmer Ave Tempe, (480-240-1601) and it has a parking lot. From there we drive five minutes to the ASU Art Museum, which has parking directly in front of the building. It is located at the SE corner of Mill Avenue and 10th Street; the address is 51 E. 10th St. Tempe (480-965-2787). We will have the rare opportunity to partake in a behind-the-scenes **Hard Hat Tour!** An alternative to traditional visitor experiences, ASUAM Ambassadors will reveal the inner workings of museums and how they produce art exhibitions. There will also be hands-on art activities and the opportunity to meet the staff, crew and artists in person. Hard Hat Tours allow audiences to peer behind the curtain and learn about art in process! The guided tours are limited to 10 participants and free tickets have been reserved. **RSVP to [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com) by September 1st if you would like to attend.** <https://www.culinarydropout.com/locations/tempe-az/>, <https://asuartmuseum.asu.edu/>



**NOTE: The date for the Van Gogh Exhibit has been changed from August 25 to September 15.**

## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

**September 15, 1:00 PM**

### Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit



Make the Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit your summer treat. You will find yourself in 500,000 cubic feet of monumental projections animating Vincent van

Gogh's oeuvre. Wander through entrancing, moving images that highlight brushstrokes, detail, and color – truly illuminating the mind of the genius. You will be immersed in Van Gogh's works – from his sunny landscapes and night scenes to his portraits and still life paintings.

Several SFA members will be attending at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, September 15. Read all about the exhibit and purchase your own ticket at <https://VanGoghPHX.com>. **Email Carole Sobel, [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com), if you want to meet up for the 1:00 PM entrance time.**

## BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

Monday, September 13, 2:00 PM

**RSVP BY 9/12**

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. **RSVP to [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com) by September 12.**



## SOCIAL (Outside)

Thursday, September 16, 3:00-6:00 PM

**RSVP by 9/14**

**Rita's Cantina and Bar at Camelback Inn,**

5402 E. Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale, (480) 948-1700 Beautiful courtyard setting with stunning views of the desert landscape, custom



water features and Camelback Mountain. Serving regional food and drinks. House Margaritas, wine, draft beers, special Happy Hour prices from \$5. Daily food specials including the Salsa Tree with 4 kinds of salsa, guacamole, enchiladas, quesadillas, from \$5 to \$9. Music begins at 6 p.m. on the Patio. Happy Hour prices from 3:00 -5:00 p.m. **Please RSVP by September 14** to Julie Taylor, 480-451-4146 or [AZJUTAY@aol.com](mailto:AZJUTAY@aol.com). Hosted by Howard Calvert.

Make it a  
*september*  
TO REMEMBER

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Monday, September 27, 1:00 PM

**RSVP BY 9/24**

We will have a brief discussion of "**Turbulent Souls: A Catholic Son's Return to His Jewish Family**" by Stephen J. Dubner. See synopsis next paragraph. Marcia Weinroth will be the facilitator and will host the meeting at her house. Following the book discussion, we will choose new novels for the forthcoming months. **Please bring one or two suggested novels that we can choose from.**

"Turbulent Souls" is Dubner's personal account of his family's tumultuous journey from Judaism to Catholicism -- and in his own case, back to Judaism -- and the effects, some tragic, some comic, of this spiritual transformations. His parents were Jews, born in Brooklyn to immigrant parents, but -- independent of each other and, indeed, before they met -- each converted to Christianity, only to be shunned by their families. Stephen Dubner's is a story about discovery: of relatives he never knew existed, of family history he'd never learned, and of a faith he'd never thought of as his own and, in fact, knew nothing about. It's a fascinating, thoughtful, and thought-provoking exploration of a subject of intense interest to spiritually-minded men and women everywhere.

**RSVP to Marcia Weinroth, (480) 415-7729 or [thenewme3210@aol.com](mailto:thenewme3210@aol.com) by 9/24. Directions will be given to those who RSVP.**

Happy Birthday

Carmen  
Wootten!

Celebrating at  
the 8/19 social  
at Gabriela's



## Photo Gallery

Culinary Lunch - August 13, 2021  
Maggiano's Little Italy, Scottsdale



Eight SFA members and four guests enjoyed a taste of Italy at the August Culinary Lunch. Marcia Weinroth was our gracious hostess. Howard Calvert took these photos. The Culinary Lunches are a great opportunity to converse with others in a more intimate setting.



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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.

# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3 Close Encounters ASU Art Museum	4
5	6  Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Board Meeting	14	15 Close Encounters Van Gogh Exhibit	16 Social	17	18
19	20 Theater Committee Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Book Club	28	29	30	1	2

