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President's Message

It's September--we're almost through the long, hot summer! Why is it I so often start with the weather, as if there were nothing else to talk about, when there is a lot to tell you about. Our activities are on the increase and I encourage you to read through the offerings in this newsletter and make plans to attend many of them.

New events on the calendar this month include the first meeting of the SFA Book Club, a return of the culinary lunches, a film festival, and the first show of the 2019-20 theater season—the Tony-award winning musical, “Kinky Boots”, performed by the very professional Phoenix Theatre Company. It should be a great production and we are offering tickets at a bargain price.

We're just getting started! Look for more special events in the coming months—a Luau party for the membership in October (see page 4), Save the Date box), a repeat of the Christmas at the Princess event, and other opportunities to enjoy your membership in the best singles arts-related group in the Valley of the Sun!

Unfortunately, there are times when our members are not able to join in our activities due to health issues. Right now, Andria Mori, our Culinary Arts chair and Board member, is in that category. She is convalescing from surgery at Heritage Court Post Acute of Scottsdale. I know she would enjoy

Has your Address, Email or Phone Changed?

Email the new info to dorisgreen@cox.net, and to Bob Hurni, bhurni@aol.com. If you do not have email access, send the information to our P.O. Box.

receiving your well wishes. Cards can be sent to her in Room 108, 3339 Drinkwater Boulevard, Scottsdale, AZ. 85251. Please call Heritage Court first if you want to visit, (480) 949-5400.

A big thanks to Deborah McNeill for taking over the Culinary Lunches while Andria recuperates.

Joanne Handlong

Let's Recognize these members

Welcome

New Members

Marge Metz
Rick Lintner

We are happy to welcome back Marge and Rick. They were previously active members of SFA and have decided to re-join. Please be sure to introduce yourself and give them a hearty "welcome" when you see them.

Happy Birthday to these members born in September!



Joanne Handlong
Kay Fitting
Nancy Neff
Marcia Weinroth
Jill Zeman

Did we omit listing your birthday this month? Send an email to justjo34@gmail.com so that we can update our records.

Mail your event payments to:

SFA Treasurer
P.O. Box 807
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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 on the Calendar page. You can use your credit card here.

September Activities

SOCIAL

Thursday, September 5, HH 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Live band, 7:00 to 10:00 PM

Manuel's Mexican Restaurant and Cantina



8809 E. Mountain View Rd.,
Scottsdale, (480) 661-1587 - Manuel's is a colorful local chain restaurant with good food, good prices and a fun band.

The band plays all types of music and takes requests. Hosted by Linda Dorethy. If you know you will be attending, please text Linda at (480) 773-0988 so she can have an idea of how many tables to save. www.manuelsaz.com

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

Friday, September 6, 3:00 PM

RSVP BY 9/4

The Gathering Room at The Terraces,

7550 N. 16th Street, Phoenix, (602) 371-4100

Join Carole Sobel to hear a talk by Sheila Grinell, novelist and former CEO of the Arizona Science Center, entitled "NOVEgin 1993 to build the Arizona Science Center. She opened the museum in record time. A dozen years later, in her sixties, she took on a different challenge—to begin a second career as a novelist. What was it like for Sheila to start over again? How does her experience compare to that of others facing a life transition? "If you've ever contemplated leaving a job and starting something completely new, you've probably also thought about all the good reasons not to. Even so, there may be benefit in forging straight ahead." - *Sheila Grinell*. **RSVP to cesobel@gmail.com by Wed., 9/4.**

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 11, 2:00 p.m.

RSVP BY 9/9 FOR LUNCH OPTION

The Terraces, 7550 N. 16th Street, Phoenix, 800-836-4281 - All members are invited.

We dine and meet in a private dining room (The Bordeaux Room). A portion of the meeting is reserved for guest comments. Option to come at 12:30PM and have lunch at The Terraces. Please **RSVP to Carole Sobel, cesobel@gmail.com, by Mon, 9/9**, if you choose the lunch option.



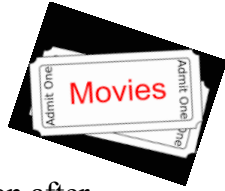
September Activities

MOVIES WITH CAROLE AND BILL

Sunday, September 15

Come to an air-conditioned movie theater and see a new film with us.

We will have dinner and a discussion after the show. You will receive an SFA Express email a few days prior with the name of the film, location and time. No need to respond; just show up. Hosted by Bill Plank, (602) 942-31151, and Carole Sobel,



SOCIAL

Thursday, September 19, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Bobby-Q BBQ Restaurant, 3154 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix, (602) 626-8856.



Bobby-Q is a cozy, vine-covered restaurant, tucked away in the corner of 32nd St. and Camelback Rd., in the Biltmore Plaza. Winner for best barbecue—Best of Our Valley 2019.

Selected beer, wine, and hand-crafted cocktails for \$3 - \$6. Food selections include fresh smoked meats and ribs, along with vegetarian and gluten-free items. Early Bird Special BBQ platter served until 5:30 PM. Happy hour and/or Early Bird Special Food from \$5 to \$15. Hosted by Linda Dorethy. Text her at (480) 773-0988 by 3:00 PM to let her know you are coming so she knows how many tables to save. <https://bobbyqbbq.com/phoenix-bbq-restaurant/>

BOOK CLUB ORGANIZATION MEETING

Monday, September 23, 3:00 PM

Private Home in McCormick Ranch Area

RSVP TO BARBARA

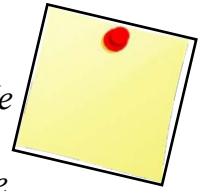
We are going forward with re-establishing an SFA Book Club. We are grateful to Barbara Rosen for offering to host the book club in her home which will be a comfortable setting for good discussions. We still have openings and invite you to join us.



Here's a personal note from Barbara to all of you:

Dear SFA Members,

*I'm very excited that we are starting an SFA Book Club. We have five members who have expressed interest now and we would love a few more of you to join us. (Men, you are invited to join us too.) We plan to have a mixed social/book discussion once a month. I will host it at my home in the Via de Ventura & Hayden Road vicinity as it's a good location for all to meet. Please join us on Monday, September 23rd at 3:00 PM for our initial organizational meeting. **RSVP to me at babeandkit@aol.com and I will email you directions and my address information.** Look forward to seeing you all.*



My best, Barbara Rosen

CULINARY LUNCH

Wednesday, September 25, 1:00 PM

RSVP BY 9/23

Agave Del Scottsdale is located at 8390 Via de Ventura and N. Hayden Rd, where Butters used to be. (480) 248-6901. Agave boasts authentic, upscale Mexican food (the chef is from Mexico City) made with fresh, original ingredients - not too spicy. Beautifully remodeled. Please RSVP to Deborah - deborahmcneill@icloud.com or call (786) 537-4618 **before Mon., Sept 23rd.** <http://agavedelscottsdale.com/>

THEATER

Saturday, September 28, 2:00 PM

Limited tickets—First Come, First Served

“KINKY BOOTS” Musical

Presented by Phoenix Theatre Company, 1825 N. Central Ave., Phoenix (Central and McDowell), (602) 254-2151 - Things look grim for Charlie Price's shoe factory until he meets Lola, cabaret performer and drag queen, whose daring ideas might just turn the failing business around.



September Activities

Kinky Boots - Continued

Together, they hatch a plan to save the company and give intolerance the boot! Based on a true story, this Tony Award® winner for Best Musical boasts music by Cyndi Lauper and a book by Broadway legend Harvey Fierstein. **Tickets: \$35.45, final price.** We have purchased a limited number of tickets in advance at the group rate to give you a firm price. (The regular price for these seats would be \$61.00.) Make your reservation NOW. **After-show Dinner at 5:00 PM at China Chili's**, 302 E. Flower St., Phoenix, (just south of Osborn & north of Thomas Rd, on Third Street) (602) 266-4463, Hosted by: Nancy Crimmings. **Contact her at nlcrimmings@gmail.com**, (602) 910-9490, for tickets and dinner reservations.



FILM FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 29, 2:00 PM

Phoenix Art Museum, Whiteman Hall, 1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, (602) 257-1880

RSVP TO CAROLE SOBEL

Join Carole Sobel for *The 22nd Annual Manhattan Short Film Festival* and become part of a global event taking place in over 300 cities across six continents. You will have a chance to view and vote on the best short films and actors at the conclusion of the show. Votes will be tallied at Manhattan Short Headquarters in NYC and the winners will be announced on their website, ManhattanShort.com, on Monday, October 7. The Festival's mission is to unite audiences across the globe for one week via the most compelling short films submitted each year. **Tickets:** \$9.00 for members; \$12.00 for general public. Price does not include general admission of \$15.00 but those attending with museum memberships can take in one non-member as a guest for the \$9.00 price. Carole will coordinate tickets on a first come, first served basis. **RSVP to Carole at (602) 595-4400, cesobel@gmail.com**, for information regarding obtaining a ticket. www.phxart.org

**THIS OCTOBER EVENT HAS A
SEPTEMBER 19 DEADLINE.**

THEATER

Sunday, October 6, 2:00 PM

RSVP BY 9/19

"THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA"

Musical – Presented by ASU Lyric Opera, Music Building, Evelyn Smith Music Theater, 50 Gammage Parkway, Tempe. "The Light in the Piazza" takes place in Italy in the summer of 1953. Margaret Johnson, the wife of an American businessman, is touring the Tuscan countryside with her daughter, Clara. While sightseeing, Clara, a beautiful and surprisingly childish young woman, loses her hat in a sudden gust. As if guided by an unseen hand, the hat lands at the feet of a handsome Florentine named Fabrizio Naccarelli, who returns it to Clara. This brief episode, charged with coincidence and fate, sparks an immediate and intense romance between Clara and Fabrizio. Margaret, who is extremely protective of her daughter, attempts to keep Clara and Fabrizio apart. As the musical unfolds, a secret is revealed — in addition to the cultural differences between the young lovers, Clara is not quite all that she appears. Unable to suppress the truth about her daughter, Margaret is forced to reconsider not only Clara's future, but her own hopes as well. Contains mild adult themes. Parental discretion advised.

Tickets: \$12.00. After-show Dinner at Chili's Grill and Bar, 400 W. University Dr., Tempe, (480) 967-2082, www.chilis.com. (Restaurant has its own parking lot.) Hosted by: Carole Sobel. **Contact her at cesobel@gmail.com** for tickets and dinner reservations **by September 19.**



SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
3:00 PM to 7:00 PM



We are planning a Luau-themed membership party/fundraiser, hosted by our "hostess with the mostest", Carol Hasher, at her house. Members are invited to bring guests who could potentially become members. Dig out your Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts and maybe practice your hula! Look for details in the October newsletter.

Photo Gallery

Our bi-weekly happy hour/socials are one of our most popular events. SFA member, Howard Calvert, captured these pictures of members and guests at our August socials. Both of these were hosted by Marietta Huston and both were well-attended by both members and guests, including some from Meetup. Thank you, Howard for capturing these moments of people enjoying each other's company and to Marietta for a wonderful job of hosting.



The two photos above are from the August 8th social at The Cheesecake Factory in Kierland Commons. The couple on the right of the first photo are new members, Marge Metz and Rick Lintner.



These three photos are from our August 22nd social at The Living Room in Gainey Ranch. You can spot our Hostess, Marietta, standing in the above picture and chatting with one of our guests in the picture at the right. We appreciate all of our hosts who do a terrific job of making everyone feel welcome.



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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 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5 Social	6 Close Encounters	7
8	9	10	11 Board Meeting	12	13	14
15 Movies	16	17	18	19 Social	20	21
22	23 Book Club	24	25 Culinary Lunch	26	27	28 Theater
29 Film Festival	30					

SFA Guest Policy

We welcome guests to attend up to three SFA events, but after the 3rd visit they must join SFA 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