

Idol Talk

In the last quarter of a century, Spirit of the Senses has created more than 4,000 salon discussions (about 15 per month) with provocative speakers and performers of all kind.

A typical line-up includes such luminaries as architect Paolo Soleri, Grammy nominee musician William Eaton, music critic Dimitri Drobatschewsky, Pulitzer Prize winning ant specialist Bert Hoelldobler, cosmologist Paul Davies, British biologist Aubrey deGrey, retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, legal scholar Paul Bender, neuroscientist Katalin Gothard, philosopher Jennifer Michael Hecht, psychiatrist Carl Hammerschlag, fiction writer Ron Carlson, anthropologist William Kimbel, and baseball executive Joe Gargiola, Jr. You get the picture, everyone you've always wanted to meet but didn't have the phone number.

Topics include the evolution of the universe, the origin of life, the nature of human consciousness, the evolution of the Earth's climate, the history of ideas, civilizations, and personalities, philosophical inquiries, classical and jazz performances, architecture tours of contemporary homes and unique buildings, medical advances in health and aging, issues of The Supreme Court, political perspectives, and surveys of the contemporary world. In short, stuff that you might not have even thought you were interested in.

"We use private homes, corporate spaces, architecturally stimulating locations, and gardens for our settings," says Thomas Houlon, who founded Spirit of the Senses with wife Patty Barnes 25 years ago. "The topics are generated by our own research, reading, and discussions. One idea leads to the next, and after twenty-five years the directions of the salons have evolved and developed. There is always more to be discovered."

This Fall, Spirit of the Senses annual trip to the New York City area will also highlight Princeton University, where two days of the trip will be devoted to meeting some of the world renown professors and thinkers in their academic environments. The New York salon tour price is \$550 for members of Spirit of the Senses, and does not include accommodations, transportation, or meals.

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SOME OF SEPTEMBER'S SALONS

The Reality of the Perception of Reality

Richard Nilsen, arts and cultural critic for The Arizona Republic, will discuss the reality of our perception and sense of knowing.

The Novel Self

Dan Bivona, PhD, will discuss how the novel reflects the changing models of the self as people increasingly come to envision their own lives in "novelistic" terms.

Music for Guitar

At an architect's workspace, Blythe Elmer and other guitarists will perform classical works for guitar.

What is Green?

Mick Dalrymple and Jeff Frost, co-founders of a.k.a. green, a leading supplier of eco-friendly building materials, will discuss green products, building and remodeling.

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark

Susan Gray, PhD, a professor of North American history at ASU, will discuss the explorers Lewis and Clark who under the direction of Thomas Jefferson searched for the Northwest Passage and opened The West for the United States.

Propaganda Vs Critical Thought

Roderick Hindery, PhD, professor emeritus at ASU, will discuss how to recognize propaganda, indoctrination, self-deception, and ideology as driving forces within terrorism, warfare, corporate greed, and political and religious fundamentalism.

Photographing the Governor

Mark Butler, the photographer for Governor Janet Napolitano, will present a candid look through photographs into the day-to-day social and governmental activities of Governor Napolitano, providing insight into public life.