

Letter Perfect

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The Button Alphabet with Louis Lemoine

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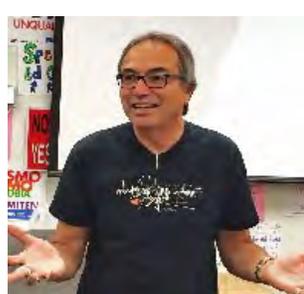
By Candy Ammons

What a fun and interesting workshop we had with the multitalented Louis Lemoine. Whether he was teaching us the button alphabet, sharing meaningful quotes or doing magic tricks we were educated and entertained. While working to learn the playful letters of the button alphabet he shared the importance of enjoying what we were doing and to relax while we worked. He walked around as we practiced and offered advice to keep our letters on track.

He encouraged us to stretch our creativity and add our own touch to the lettering project at the end of the day. Practice, practice, practice was his mantra while we strived to make the perfect letter. He must have seen me holding my pen tightly while concentrating on a letter and his reminder to “breathe” probably saved me from hand cramps! Thank you, Louis, for taking the time to share your joyful spirit and amazing talent with us in this very enjoyable workshop.



Left: sample of button alphabet letters. **Other photos:** Louie and various class members: Annette Brooking, Everett Brooking, Verna Grant, Diane Reiter, Fran Welk, Ellen Mott-Jablonski, Jeanen Monteleone, Katie Searcy, Yvonne Perez-Collins
Photos: Diane Reiter and Candy Ammons



June Meeting and Presentation

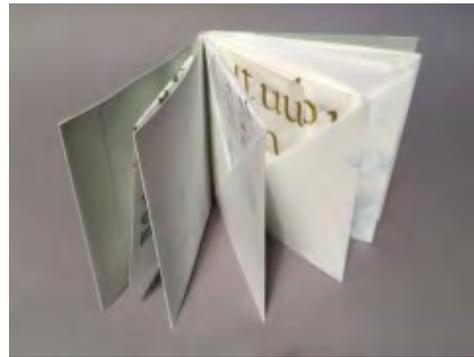
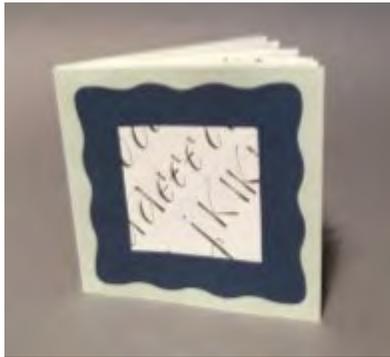
Be sure your calendar is marked for Saturday, June 10th, at 9:00 a.m. At the June general meeting there will be a hands-on presentation by Yvonne Perez-Collins, elections and announcements and several prizes and surprises to kick off SDFC's 40th anniversary celebration. You don't want to miss it!

The 2017-2018 calendar will be presented, outlining the programs and workshops scheduled for the coming year. (Our year begins with the September through November Members' Exhibit at the Point Loma Library and culminates with the 40th Anniversary Party in June of 2018. SDFC will also announce the results of the election for the Board of Directors and the winner of the Birthday Card Contest. The icing on the cake will be Yvonne's presentation of a calligrapher's pocket album.

Calligrapher's Pocket Album

We will make a five-page album with folded pockets to contain an assortment of calligraphy samples that you'll bring. You will use the best parts of your practice sheets from past workshops or conference classes. Dodge the smudges, ink blobs and plain old ugly letters that accidentally flowed out of your pen. Yay for us and our hard work! This little treasure book has five 4 1/2" square pages made from strips cut from vintage sheets that may be hard to come by. Plan what you want to display behind the 2 1/2" square window on the cover.

[Click here to RSVP](#) and reserve a kit (fee: \$2.50)



Things to bring:

- X-Acto
- Cutting mat
- Straight edge for cutting
- Mechanical pencil
- White eraser
- Assorted practice sheets to cut up (thin paper)
- Glue stick
- 1" foam brush
- PVA (if you have it)
- Small plastic lid for small amount of PVA
- Bone folder
- Scissors



A Day of Volunteering and Reward

Many thanks to the SDFC volunteers who joined me on Saturday, May 20th for the 22nd annual Rady Children's Hospital's Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases "Celebration of Champions" at Embarcadero Marina Park. Yvonne Perez-Collins, Helen Lebowitz and Ellen Mott-Jablonski each contributed to a most successful afternoon by bringing smiles to children affected by the challenges of cancer. Our booth, entitled Love & Letters, provided personally calligraphed bookmarks for the children, which they decorated with cheerful stamps and colors.

The proceeds from "Celebration" provide vital funding for unique pediatric cancer support programs. Patients and their families enjoyed a day filled with fun and inspiration.

Wendy Watson Diedrick



Election of Directors

Thanks to those of you who sent in your completed ballots for the SDFC Board of Directors election. If you haven't done so yet, you can still mail it in or bring your completed ballot with you to the June 10th meeting.

Upcoming Library Exhibit - Your Exhibit Pieces!

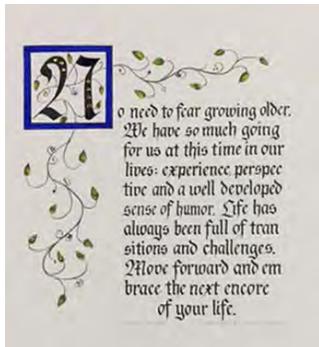
Need some time to work on (or start) your exhibit piece(s)? Bring your work-in-progress (or your ideas and blank papers) to SDEA on Saturday, July 29th, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tables will be set up so you can make progress on your exhibit entry. If you're feeling stuck, some calligraphers - at your request - might be willing to make some helpful suggestions or give you some tips on matting and framing. If your artwork is ready to go, drop it off at SDEA on July 29th.

Thanks From Your Board

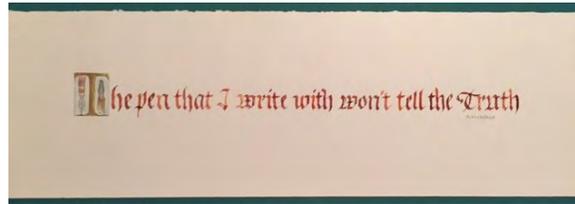
As the 2016-2017 fiscal year draws to a close, the SDFC Board thanks you for your support and participation. We look forward to having you join us at the programs and workshops in 2017-2018. It's going to be a great year!

Members Attending Classes

Several SDFC members attend Barbara Close's calligraphy classes in Orange County. The most recent session included an assignment in gilding. Below are some photos of their final projects.



Diane Reiter

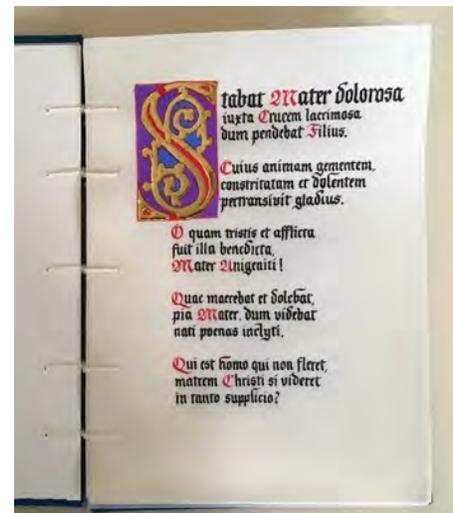


Yvonne Perez-Collins



Wendy Telford

Below: Andrea Factor and Right: Stephanie Chao - samples of some of their work in Reggie Ezell's class, Primitive to Modern."



An international twist . . . Wendy's poem, written in Italian, was for an Italian family who had recently lost their grandmother, Nonna. Wendy presented the piece to the family earlier this month during a trip to Italy. Wendy's husband, Don, created the photo collage.



Upcoming Calligraphy Conferences

Letterworks 36th International Lettering Arts
Conference
Ogden, UT June 24 - July 1

IAMPETH 68th Annual Conference
Louisville, KY July 10 - 15



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Don't forget: Entries are due at the June 10 meeting or earlier for the SDFC Birthday Card contest.

[Click here for details](#)

Upcoming SDFC Programs

June 10, 2017

End of Year General Meeting

Elections and presentation of the
2017-2018 calendar

Yvonne Perez-Collins, Presenter
"Calligrapher's Pocket Album"

Check our website for more details on
all upcoming meetings and programs:

www.sdfconline.com

SDFC General Meetings

Guests are always welcome at the General Meetings September through June at 9 a.m. on one Saturday morning each month. Our next general meeting is on June 10 at 9 a.m. Announcements precede the workshop. [Click here for directions](#)

Next SDFC Board Meeting

June 5, 2017, 10:30 a.m. Location: Diane Reiter's home. Open to all members. Please contact any board member if you plan to attend.

