

Letter Perfect

Jan.—Feb., 2008

The Newsletter of the San Diego Fellow Calligraphers

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January

Sherrie Lovler

General Meeting: Friday, Jan. 11, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

KEEPING IT FRESH:

PASSION, LOVE, POETRY, CALLIGRAPHY

A slide show sharing the creation of 12 calligraphy pieces expressing the poetry dialogue of new love.

Location: San Diego Education Association, #300, 10393 San Diego Mission Road, San Diego 92112

For directions go to: www.sdfconline.com.

Workshop: Sat. & Sun., Jan. 12 & 13, 2008

SUBTLE COLORS IN THE NIGHT

Location: San Diego National Bank
1678 Bernardo Ctr. Dr., SD 92128



February Special

Teri Martin

COLOR THEORY THRU THE BACK DOOR

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Location: Clairemont Community Church
6555 Balboa Avenue, SD 92111 (West of 805)

February

Barbara Close

General Meeting: Friday, Feb. 8, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

MARK OF THE PEN

Location: San Diego Education Association, # 300, 10393 San Diego Mission Road, San Diego 92112

For directions go to: www.sdfconline.com

Workshop: Sat. & Sun., Feb.9 & 10, 2008

POINTED PEN MAGIC

Location: San Diego National Bank
1678 Bernardo Ctr. Dr., SD 92128

WORKSHOPS UPDATE

Yvonne Perez-Collins

Workshop Coordinator

2008 promises to be an inspirational year of workshops for SDFC. Sign ups have nearly filled all the workshops. There are 3-5 openings in each remaining workshop except for Carl Rohr's, in April, which is full.

SDFC has an opportunity to host a one-day workshop with **Teri Martin** on Wednesday, February 6. Having Teri here is a treat, since she now lives in Eureka, Arkansas. If you are interested in attending, please send a check made out to SDFC (\$40.00 members/\$50.00 non members) to Yvonne Perez-Collins. She will hold the check until January 30.

SDFC CALLIGRAPHY TEACHERS

Take advantage of ongoing local calligraphy classes taught by our own talented teachers:

Diesenhaus, Eva-Lynn: artfulwordsmith@aol.com

Gettler, Risa: risa@risagettler.com

Introduction to Uncial, #142, January 28, 2008, 12:30-3:30 ; Day-At-The-Bleach, #102, February 4, 2008, 1:00-3:00; Introduction to Blackletter, #165, March 12 & 19, 2008, 1:00 - 3:00; To register: www.oasisnet.org

Hirsh, Linda: inkinofu@sbcglobal.net

Italic class offered at Michaels in Mira Loma Tuesdays, 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM; Copperplate at her home, 6 Thursdays beginning March 6; Private lessons in pointed pen, brush and/or italic.

Kinsella, Sylver: inkstone@cox.net

Reiter, Diane: honQueenMo@aol.com

Learn Pointed Brush Lettering on Thursdays, 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM! March 6 to 27 use pointed brush markers; April 3 to May use the pointed brush. Registration begins in mid-February. For more information and/or to register, go to www.powayadultschool.com. Questions? Call Diane 858-538-0595.

Richardson, Susan: susan@susanrichardson.com

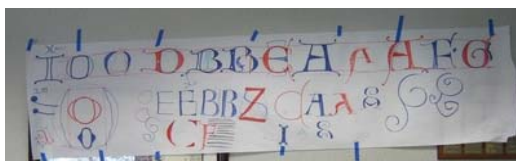
Roeder, Patsy: birdiehoot@sbcglobal.net

The class has been designed to give beginners as well as returning scribes a taste of five different hands. The are quarter Versas, Funky Typewriter, Pointed Italic, Legend and Skeletal Gothic.

Wright, Edna: wriighthand@ca.rr.com

NOVEMBER WORKSHOP

Medieval Versals Romanesque Illumination with Mark Van Stone



A full class of students spent the first part of Saturday drawing letters in the style of Medieval Versals. The richness of these historic letterforms provided the blank canvases to which we applied numerous illuminating techniques. Every minute was filled with learning and sketching white vine work, English penwork, figures and more. With a professor who is world renown for his research, classes and tours, everyone was fully entertained with stories and trivia about countless topics related to Medieval topics.

SDFC is pleased to welcome new members Rose Smutko, (not shown) Jennifer Colbert and Miranda Toledo, who initiated their membership by attending this workshop.



Their work was beautiful and drawings were thoughtful, as were those by other workshop attendees. Mark van Stone's words and work were inspiring.

GENERAL SDFC MEETING, NOVEMBER 9, 2007

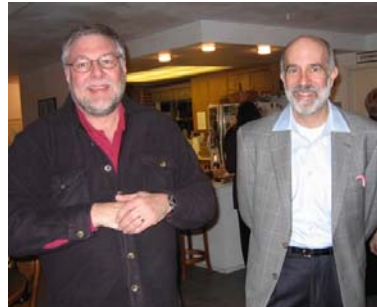
Exotic Scripts with Mark Van Stone

Our capable guide, Mark Van Stone, led us through the development of writing using with beautiful slides, insight, encouragement, and humor. He even wrote out “Risa” and “Lorraine” in Mayan script. The whole lecture was informative and entertaining.



SDFC HOLIDAY PARTY 2007

On Friday, December 14th, we gathered at Lorraine Brown's home to celebrate the holidays together. Delicious food, fun gift exchange, and, best of all, camaraderie — what a nice way to wrap up 2007.



SDFC MEMBERS EXHIBIT 2008
 SAN MARCOS COMMUNITY CENTER
 HEARTH GALLERY

If Walls Could Talk

Our member's exhibit, *If Walls Could Talk*, is coming up in April and May. It's not too early to start thinking about what piece you will enter, or even doing something new for this exhibit. All members are encouraged to enter something in our non-juried show. Detailed information will be distributed at the January and February general meetings and posted on the website, www.sdfconline.com. Direct questions to Kathleen Morgan Exhibits Chair, kmacmor@att.net.

SDFC MEMBER INTERVIEW WITH
 Debbie Lynn



Debbie, Tell us when and how you became a member of SDFC.

I met Virginia Bendik (at Macy's, I believe) during one of their Christmas open houses and I joined SDFC approx 1985. I am one of those women who wanted to learn calligraphy to do their wedding invitations!

Your background-San Diego native? If not where?

I was born in Orange, CA. Moved around the country and in 1982, I moved to San Diego.

When did calligraphy capture your interest? A hand you prefer?

I always liked fancy writing, and bought calligraphy pens to try on my own for several years. Approx 1984 I took a class at the SD Community College system on how to start your own business. We were taught chancery cursive italic, which is my favorite one to do. I love copperplate, but I'm not very good at it.

Do you have a day job? What do you do?

Currently I'm working as a Research Compliance Associate at the Veterans Medical Research Foundation in the Research Administration area of the San Diego Veterans Healthcare System located near USCD off of La Jolla Village Drive.

What was the best advice you ever received?

From Lucile Cheng - "If something goes wrong, you blame the equipment or instrument (not yourself)".
 From Sheila Waters: use baby wipes to take the black ink off your fingers. Also from some wiser SDFC member: get the requested work in writing including a typed wedding invitation list.

This is a good time to make any comment(s) you wish.

I have found SDFC to be a wonderful, creative, nurturing group. I have been Membership Chairman and on the Board for awhile in the past. I continue to enjoy making baby name plaques, name tags for parties and wedding invitations for friends.

Quotes For Quills

"The arts must be considered an essential element of education ...

They are tools for living life reflectively, joyfully and with the ability to shape the future."

Shirley Trusty Corey

"In order to hear your calling and answer it, you must generously give yourself the gift of time.

It's not how fast you make your dream come true, but how steadily you pursue it."

~ Sarah Ban Breathnach

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RIDE SHARE

The Joy is in the Journey

Traffic doesn't seem so bad when you're traveling with a friend. We have members who would appreciate a ride to our General Meetings and workshops. Check with folks in your area and Ride Share!

WELCOME NEW SDFC MEMBERS!

Boatema Boateng
Jennifer Colbert
Tina Durante
Janice Fruland
Mona Hsu
Marcia Roberts

Deanne Row
Kati Searcy
Rose Smutko
Miranda Toledo
Wendy Watson-Diedrick

2008 CONFERENCES

Letters Mingle Souls 2008, the 28th International Conference for Lettering Artists, Chicago in July of 2008!

CONNECT -- EXPLORE -- IMAGINE
<http://chicagocalligraphy2008.org/>

Letters California Style III

Kellogg West Conference Center, Pomona
February 15th-18th, 2008
<http://www.societyforcalligraphy.org/confer.asp>

IAMPETH Convention

La Quinta, California
August 4-10, 2008
www.IAMPETH.com

Graceful Envelope Contest 2008. This year's theme is "C's the Day!" There is no entry fee.

<http://calligraphersguild.org>

Entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 30 and addressed in elegant and/or creative hand lettering to:

The Graceful Envelope Contest
Washington Calligraphers Guild
P.O. Box 3688, Merrifield, VA
22116

Attn: Lorraine Swerdloff

THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Greetings and Happy New Year. 2008 marks San Diego Fellow Calligrapher's 30th anniversary. In honor of this milestone **Historian, Phyllis Miller** is creating a scrap book documenting the 30th Anniversary of San Diego Fellow Calligraphers. If you'd like your work to be included just send Phyllis copies of your work. The copies can either be print photos or jpgs.

pjemiller@juno.com

Workshop Chair, Yvonne Perez-Collins continues to delight us with superior workshop offerings. Yvonne took advantage of Teri Martin's west coast visit and created a one day Teri Martin workshop. I see from the class list that many members have previously taken Teri's workshops. For those who have not had the pleasure, I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity.
envisionit@sbcglobal.net

ONLINE FUN

"The Decorated Letter" through January 27, 2008, at The Getty Center

<http://www.getty.edu/egetty/e-getty.html>

An interesting link to nib sizes:

<http://niagaracalligraphyguild.netfirms.com/news0699/nibs.htm>

Cool New Year calligraphy movie and more from Denis Brown:

<http://quillskill.com/>

Link to Catalan Calligrapher, Josep Batlle

www.artelluminandi.com

Photo stamps — a new program available at the Post Office allows you to be creative with your own images:

<http://photo.stamps.com/>

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LetterPerfect is the bi-monthly newsletter of the San Diego Fellow Calligraphers. SDFC is a non-profit group dedicated to the art of calligraphy and related subjects. We include beginners, professional artists and all levels in between. Our purpose is to share and to educate.

Meetings are usually held on the second Friday of each month, Sept. to June. Locations may vary. Check our website www.sdfconline.com for information and directions. Those wishing to join SDFC or to renew their membership may do so by contacting the SDFC Membership Chair; P.O.Box 84960; San Diego, CA 92138-4960.

SDFC 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please send your information, pictures, etc. for the March/April issue of *LetterPerfect* to Ginger Johnson by emailing her at: ginnylynn@att.net or by mail to: P.O. Box 84960, San Diego, CA 92138-4960; Material must be received by February 15, 2008.

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is the official website of the San Diego Fellow Calligraphers. Bookmark this address for the latest SDFC news, photos, calendar of events and other society information. For our online gallery, we would like to publish .jpg files of your scanned calligraphy. Send them to Naomi Lesberg at:

nlesberg@cox.net

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| JANUARY 11 | - General Meeting with Sherrie Lover
"Keeping It Fresh: Passion, Love, Poetry, Calligraphy" |
| JANUARY 12 & 13 | - Workshop: Subtle Colors in the Night
<i>with Sherrie Lover</i> |
| FEBRUARY 6 | - Workshop: Color Theory Through the Back Door
<i>with Teri Martin</i> |
| FEBRUARY 8 | - General Meeting with Barbara Close
"Mark of the Pen" |
| FEBRUARY 9 & 10 | - Workshop: Pointed Pen Magic
<i>with Barbara Close</i> |
| MARCH 8 & 22 | - Workshop: Groovy Painted Papers
<i>with Risa Gettler</i> |
| MARCH 14 | - General Meeting with John Harwood
"Going Digital" |
| APRIL 11 | - General Meeting with Carl Rohrs
"Mostly Modern European Lettering & 20th Cent. Ghosts" |
| APRIL 12 & 13 | - Workshop: Modern Moves from 20th Century Masters
<i>with Carl Rohrs</i> |
| MAY 9 | - General Meeting with Sylvia Kowal
"Fun with Flips & Folds" |
| MAY 10 | - Workshop: Circle Book
<i>with Sylvia Kowal</i> |
| JUNE 13 | - New workshops presented, new board announced , etc. |

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