

Letter Perfect

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March 11, 2005; 7 pm
SDFC General Meeting
“From Chaos Comes Order”
with Barbara Close

When you start out to create a piece of art, does your personal work process help or hinder you? Do you like working with everything in front of you to pick the perfect selection? Are you frustrated, breathless, prone to make mistakes? Barbara is going to talk to us about “The Process” as she sees it, and the ways she has found to “get out of her own way” to facilitate her creations. Location: San Diego Education Association Conference Room, 10393 San Diego Mission Road, San Diego. *See website for directions:* www.sdfconline.com

March 12 & 13, 2005
Brush Lettering Workshop
with Barbara Close

Join the fun and explore the pointed brush! We'll focus on minuscules and majuscules, move through many useful exercises & complete a small project. 9:30 am to 4:30 pm each day at the Garden Park Villas in Escondido. To register, contact Jacqueline Lacey.

SDFC Mini Exhibit April 2 to May 14, 2005
Carlsbad Library, 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad .Small Calligraphic treasures. *See article on page 2.*

April 8, 2005
SDFC General Meeting; 7 pm
Pop-Up Cards with Sylvia Kowal

Pop-ups, also called moveable, dimensional or interactive structures, can be easily used to create unique cards. Popular for adults and children, the basic techniques evolved from pop-up books. We will apply basic pop-up techniques for making cards. Several of the intriguing structures, easy and yet fascinating forms, were by Robert Sabuda and Michael Jacobs. You will construct 4-5 different cards, all forms that can be enhanced into beautiful cards or books. Your creations can be decorated with collage, calligraphy or photos for a very personal touch. No calligraphic experience is needed, just a desire to play and create whimsical forms that move and flip.

\$2 Supply fee: All papers will be provided and will be pre-cut. All miscellaneous tools, equipment and supplies will be available for class use. Please bring: a pencil, metal edged ruler, glue stick, scissors, stylus or suitable scoring tool, bone folder, xacto knife and cutting mat.

Location: San Diego Education Association Conference Room. Go to www.sdfconline.com for directions and information.

Presidential Ponderings

How are those New Year's resolutions coming along? Did you start a project, begin a class or work in your journal? Have the recent rains been an inspiration for a calligraphic masterpiece or have you started building an ark?

There are several calligraphic events rapidly approaching. You won't want to miss Barbara Close's presentation, “*From Chaos Comes Order*” at the general meeting March 11 or the Brush Lettering workshop March 12 & 13. Bring a small piece of art to the general meeting for display at the Dove Lane branch of the Carlsbad Library. Plan to visit the exhibit between April 1 and May 14 to see a variety of smaller calligraphic treasures. On April 8, SDFC members will have an opportunity to learn how to make Pop-Up Cards with Sylvia Kowal. What a fun way to present your hand lettered messages! In May, Sharon Zeugin will be sharing her experiences at Roehampton and teaching the “Doodle Art” workshop. Ready for more?

The SDFC Board of Directors has been busy working on the 2005-2006 calendar. In the coming year SDFC will be sponsoring workshops with Nancy Culmone, Edna Wright, Linda Hirsh, Risa Gettler and Louis Lemoine. Registration begins in June. Do you have ideas and suggestions? Please let the Board know what you'd like to have happen in your guild. We want to hear from you!

It's just about time to assemble the slate of officers for the 2005-2006 Board of Directors. You are most welcome to come forward and volunteer your time and energy for the benefit of SDFC. It is a rewarding experience and a great way to make a difference. Positions to be filled are Membership and Workshops. Job sharing is encouraged. SDFC would also like to have a Coordinator of Events for National Calligraphy Week. Are you that person?

Happy Lettering!

Diane Reiter

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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

News & Notes

Legacies 2005, the 25th International Lettering Arts Conference, will be held July 23-30, 2005, at the Hyatt Regency DFW in Dallas, Texas. Information at www.Legacies2005.com. Online registration begins April 1st.

The Washington Calligrapher's Guild will host **Letterforum 2006**, the 26th Annual International Conference of Calligraphy and Lettering Arts, July 22-26, 2006. The conference will be held at James Madison University in the Shenandoah Blue Ridge Mountains. Information at www.letterforum2006.com

The 27th International Calligraphy Conference will be held July 29 to August 4, 2007, near Mill Bay, British Columbia. Information at www.islandmagic.com

Websites of Interest:

www.thewalters.org

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www.quillskill.com

Denis Brown's website

www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/eresources/exhibitions.treasures

SDFC Mini Exhibit

The Dove Lane Branch of the Carlsbad Library contacted SDFC to request that we set up an exhibit in their new glass enclosed case. Books, small framed artwork, greeting cards and unique pieces would be suitable for this exhibit. Artwork can be dropped off at the general meeting on March 11 or by contacting Marsha Vanetsky (760-798-1645 or mvanetsky@yahoo.com). Submissions must be received by March 25. There is NO entry fee. Exhibit forms are on the website www.sdfconline.com. Insurance is the responsibility of the calligrapher/artist. You are welcome to price your work for sale. The exhibit will run from April 2 to May 14 at 1775 Dove Lane in Carlsbad. Hours are M-Th 9-9; F-S 9-5; Sun. 1-5. Several volunteers are needed to help with set up on April 2, take down on May 14, and with personalizing SDFC bookmarks on April 9 from 1 to 3 PM. Please contact Marsha if you can lend a hand.



Photos by: Diane Reiter

SDFC Valentine's Cards for Children's Hospital with Sylver Kinsella

By: Dianne Decker-Houser
A fun time was had by all as instructor Sylver Kinsella showed us how to make a cutout card. Valentine's Day cards were made to benefit the kids at



Hard at work on cards for Children's Hospital.

Children's Hospital. Some gorgeous cards were created by our talented members. Pat Sunda also provided us with everything needed to complete two more cards - talk about overachieving - she had everything we needed in individual baggies. Just add glue and some creativity: voila, masterpieces! The cards were delivered by Mary Kloha and enthusiastically received by the people at Children's Hospital.

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Marbling workshop with Galen Berry

By: Dianne Decker-Houser

On February 5th and 6th several members took advantage of a workshop on marbling that Yvonne Perez-Collins put together. This class was absolutely fantastic and I recommend it to anyone who has the chance to go in the future. Taught by Galen Berry, a renowned marbler, we learned all about this ancient art. For those of you who are not familiar with it, marbling is the art of printing multi-colored swirled or stone-like patterns on paper or fabric. In two short days, we learned how to layer paint on a solution of carrageenan and water; we learned how to use various tools to make traditional patterns (non-pariel, peacock, feathers, thistles, Italian vein...) then the proper way to place the paper or fabric on the paint. It was very messy, and very rewarding.

Bookbinding with Edna Wright

By: Dianne Decker-Houser and Diane Reiter

On Saturday, February 12th, Edna Wright taught participants how to make a Quarter Bound Book and Wrapper at the workshop held in Escondido. Participants found most supplies packaged and ready to go on the tables upon arrival. After folding the papers which would become the pages in our books, we coaxed and glued pieces of foam core to make book cradles. Once the holes were punched, we sewed the groups of papers together to form a text block. After covering the precut boards, our books were ready for final assembly. As the PVA glue was attempting to dry, participants then made an attractive wrapper to hold their new books. Despite the dreariness of the day, 15 stalwart souls braved the elements

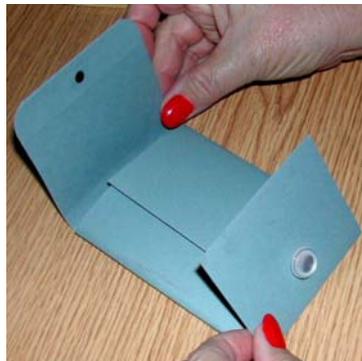
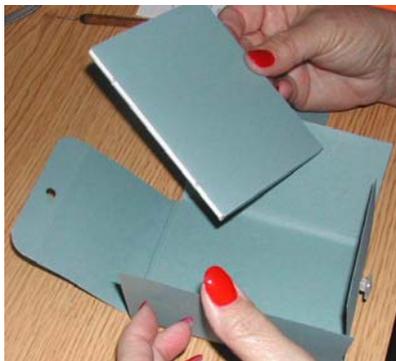


Photo by: Pat Sunda

Edna Wright does a demonstration for the attentive workshop participants.

and greatly enjoyed Edna Wright's bookbinding class. Edna was most organized and very clear in giving instructions and demonstrations. Edna's teaching techniques were greatly

appreciated. The results were impressive and everyone seemed pleased with their new quarter bound books, wrappers and book cradles. What a great way to spend a rainy Saturday!



Pat Sunda assembling her book during the SDFC General Meeting Febrary

Photos by:
Naomi Lesberg

February 11 *Make It and Take It* with Edna Wright

Edna Wright, our longtime friend and SDFC colleague, began by showing us some of her current book repair projects which gave us a greater understanding and appreciation of the work she does with her clients' precious books. Then she taught us how to make a delightful book with a matching wrapper that we actually finished and took home that night. As usual, Edna's instructions were clear and well presented, and she had lots of extra supplies.

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Letter Perfect 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 Jean Igoe; SDFC; P.O. Box 84960; San Diego, CA 92138-4960.

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Material must be received by April 21, 2005.

The Graceful Envelope contest; theme is anything beginning with P; deadline is April 18, 2005; go to www.calligraphersguild.org for more info.

SDFC 2005 Calendar of Events

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April 8: General Meeting, Sylvia Kowal, *Pop-Up Cards*

May 13: General Meeting, Sharon Zeugin, *Roehampton and Beyond: My Approach to Calligraphy*

May 14 & 15: Sharon Zeugin workshop, **Doodle Art: A Small Course in Lettering Miracles**

June 10: General Meeting, program to be announced

July 9: Beginning Your Holiday Cards

September 9: General Meeting, Nancy Culmone, Guest Lecturer

September 10 & 11: Nancy Culmone workshop: **Color It Luscious**

October 14: General Meeting, Edna Wright, *Make It and Take It*

October 15: Edna Wright Workshop, **Bookbinding**

November 11: General Meeting, Linda Hirsh, guest lecturer

November 12 & 13: Linda Hirsh Workshop, **Copperplate**

December 9: SDFC Holiday Party

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