

The cover art features a large, stylized green calligraphic flourish that loops across the top and right sides of the page. The word 'KWALLIGRAPHOS' is written vertically in a bold, green, blocky font on the left side. To its right, the words 'CALLIGRAPHY' and 'GUILD' are written vertically in a smaller, green, serif font. The background is decorated with various green splatters and ink-like stains of different sizes and shapes.

KWALLIGRAPHOS
CALLIGRAPHY
GUILD

*Pointed Pen
Uncial
By
Betty Barna*

President's Letter



"We Ink 'em Up!"
Presidential Seal By Janell Wimberly

Hello Kaligrafos members!

What a beautiful array of Valentines were on display at our Valentine social in February! Kudos to the team of Lynda Kemple and Sherry Barber, with assistance from Margaret Mall and others who brought refreshments and help set up and break down the event. Other special thanks go to Brenda Burns for the fun Raffle/Auction portion of our social. And thanks also to Angie Vangalis for the beautiful invitation design and lettering, and to Suzanne Levy for the invitation poem wording. It takes a village!!

When March rolls around, I go into 'Springtime' mode! The time has changed to allow us more sunlight during the day and our weather grows milder. Springtime in Texas is my favorite season. Everything outside starts sprouting, the birdies chirp a little happier, and I love the new green color that it brings to the trees and landscape. It also seems to ignite a new season of lettering and art within my soul, renewing a vibe of getting started again after a winter slumber. This could be a time to learn a new lettering style, finish a project that has been awaiting a new perspective, or get out those watercolors and paint some pretty spring flowers. How does springtime encourage your art?

We still have another Mother's Day card making session on Saturday, March 21st from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at my studio in Lewisville. You are welcome to stay and create for the entire 5 hours or come for as long as you are able. All cards and envelopes will be supplied, you need only bring your basic writing elements and any watercolors/brushes or decorative supplies you want to use (stamps, stamp pads, Cricut type items, embossing plates, etc.) Please consider joining me as we finish making Mother's Day cards that will be delivered to the Dallas Genesis Women's Shelter at the end of April. This community project helps children that have been affected by family violence to give their moms a lovely card for Mother's Day.

Our March meeting will be full of learning opportunities as Tom Burns demonstrates the Pointed Pen Uncial alphabet. This style can be achieved using a straight or oblique pen staff. If you feel up to following along as Tom demos these fun letters, bring appropriate pen, paper and ink. This program is demonstration only, not individually instructional so you will hear the basics information to go forth and give it a try on your own. After the meeting and program, Tom will then be teaching our mini-workshop entitled Weaver Writing modified from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This is a fun lettering style that is a good starting point for learning to use the pointed pen. If you haven't signed up, you'll be missing the fun!

See you at the March meeting!

Jeri Wright
President



General Meetings 2nd Saturdays at 10:00am – noon
Come early to socialize 9:30am to 10:00am
Meeting Location
First United Methodist Church
503 N. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080
Second Floor, Room 217A

General Meetings Schedule

March 14th • Hand #2 Pointed Pen Uncial
– Betty Barna

April 11th • Hand #3 Clothesline Caps
– Jeri Wright

May 9th • Hand #4 Button
– Betty Barna, Tom Burns

Board Meetings

@ Jeri's Studio
June 6, 2020

Workshops

June 18th & 19th • The Enchanted Garden
– Heather Held

June 20th & 21th • Enchanted Letter
– Heather Held

Mini Workshops

March 14th • Weaver Writing Modified
– Thomas Burns

May 9th • Contemporary Romans w/ Pencils
– Janell Wimberly

Board Members

Executive Board

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Suzanne Levy, Vice President
June Baty, Treasurer
Nettie Richardson, Secretary

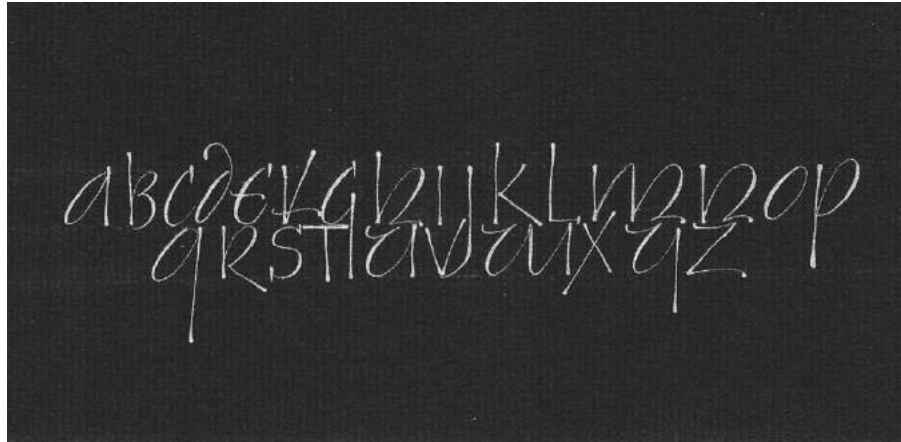
Chairpersons

Sherry Barber, Web/Communications
Margaret Mall, Exhibits
Brenda Burns, Fund Raising
Eric Doerr, Membership
Trish Manche, Newsletter
Rick Garlington, Programs
Betty Barna, Workshops

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Pointed Pen Uncial ***By Betty Barna***

Come join us in March as Betty Barna demonstrates Pointed Pen Uncial. Uncial, generally a broad pen hand, translates to a beautiful pointed pen hand and its many applications.

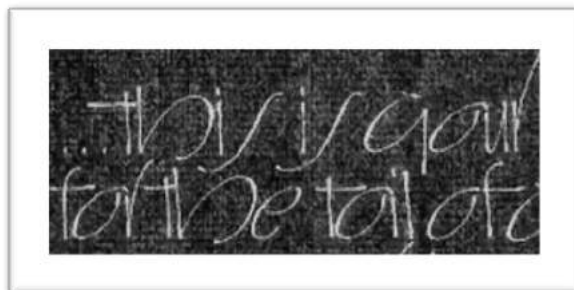


Weaver Writing Modified ***By Thomas Burns***

Thomas Burns teaches his version of Weaver Writing. Gwen Weaver's influence is still with us and lives on in the people that she taught through those who continue to teach her own pointed pen alphabet.



Sign up for the mini and learn something new!



It's that time of year.....



Time to renew your Kaligrafos Membership for 2020-2021

\$25.00 Individual / \$35.00 Family

To renew, see Membership Chairman, Eric Doerr and provide any updates to your information for the new directory to be published this summer. Make checks payable to Kaligrafos.

Summer Birthdays:

Please be sure to pay your dues by the May meeting to be included on the new guild year's membership list. Otherwise, you may not receive one of the gorgeous birthday cards sent by Kaligrafos.

Don't miss the last mini workshop of the season....

May 9th, 2020: Janell Wimberly will teach Contemporary Romans with a pencil. Many of us have taken Janell's Romans, but this is slightly different and will guide us through how the pencil makes its humble contribution to our letter forms.



Editorial

By Betty Barna

I am a charter member of Kaligrafos and for most of that time (40 years) I have served on the board. But at the first I was too shy (really, I was!) to step forward and didn't think that I had anything to offer the organization. I was wrong, and another charter member pointed that out in a comment to the group. It was Teri Fulton and early on she was the membership chairperson and at the end of her term, she stood up and said something like this, "When I came to this position, I didn't know anyone in the group, but now I know everyone!" And that was all the reason it took for me to step forward and get involved in the group rather than just sit at the meetings. Actually, I find sitting at the meetings without something positive to add to the group is rather boring, but that would be me – programs notwithstanding.

Indeed, some of my organizational skills have come from being involved in Kaligrafos! Do you have a skill? We need it!

We are at a critical juncture. Many of the board members do several jobs in the group. Many of us get up and sit down at another position for the good of the group or hold a position for a very long time. For example, Jeri has been not only president but also programs and now workshops. She also is always on the hunt for new ideas to present and has spear-headed the effort to make Mother's Day cards for a shelter for the last couple of years. Tom Burns was the president for 4 years (the most ever) and at the end was almost completely burned out because no one in the main group steps forward to offer their help by being on the board. Rick and Eric have held their positions for far longer than should be expected. And our very own Vanna White (Brenda Burns) has volunteered over and over and she doesn't even do calligraphy! We love her for that! And Sherry has been web master since time began!

So, here's the question: Do you want this group to continue?

If you do, then you need to step forward and take on a job. Just do it - step forward and accept a little responsibility to help the group that you get so much from? BTW, we have a blast at the board meetings and there are only a few of those each year.

Trish Manche and Suzanne Levy have been volunteers of the year and for good reason – they stepped forward and volunteered again and again. We need more like them.

There have been several groups in the past few years that have dropped from sight due to lack of interest – New Orleans and Oklahoma City. We could be next. We have trimmed down the organization as much as we can, but the next step could be to close up shop and call it a day. That would be a real shame.

You love letters and learning, or you would not belong to Kaligrafos. Share the love and get involved so that we can continue to offer programs, workshops and the friendship of people just like you.

Betty Barna

Review of the 2020 Annual Valentine Social

By Trish Manche

The Valentine Social this year was a beautifully executed High Tea co-chaired by Lynda Kemple and Sherry Barber. These ladies and their committee did a fabulous job decorating and organizing the event. This year's event even included tiny cardstock teapot favors with chocolates for each attendee to take home.

In addition to the usual delicious punch and coffee, there was a variety of lovely teas from which to choose. Yummy brunch-style foods included Randy Stewart's homemade chips and dip, some lovely quiches, scones, cookies, and other treats. This year we were treated to a chocolate fountain with fruit and other goodies to be dipped. Thank you to Margaret Mall who has organized the food donations for the past few years, making sure we have plenty of goodies to enjoy during the event.

There were so many wonderful raffle items donated by members which included two hand-carved stamp sets by our very own Rick Garlington, a handmade book by the Fab 5 donated by Betty Barna, a replica of the St John's Bible with Gospels and Acts donated by Lucy Hight, and a leather messenger bag of art goodies by Javier Mardones-Hermillosa. There were three members who graciously donated their teaching talents for the silent auction, Carol Scott, June Baty, and Kathy Setina. Brenda Burns did an incredible job gathering the raffle items, putting them on display, and selling raffle tickets. Below is a list of all those who made donations and all the lucky winners of the raffles and silent auction.

The main event was all the lovely valentines brought to be exchanged. There were some fabulous creations. This is always an opportunity to stretch our creativity and it did not disappoint. See many of the lovely valentines shown on the following pages. Thanks to the Master of Ceremonies, Tom Burns, who kept things moving along on track



Awesome lettering and cool background by Janell Wimberly



An interesting map by James Walters

Also thank you to all those who were there early to help setup and those who stayed to help clean up at the end. We are fortunate to have such a lovely location to host this annual event.

I've highlighted a few of the awesome creations, although all were lovely. These photos do not do them justice and the beautiful, streaming sunlight created shadows on some.

If you missed this year, be sure to attend next year. It's always a treat and a good time to be had by all.



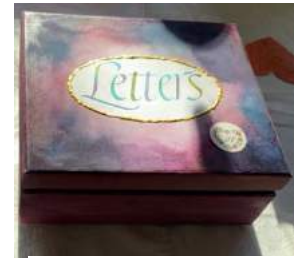
Lovely origami by June Leschek



Alex Tolleson created this unique valentine. The back below contains a negative image of the photo on the front.



June Baty created this card and envelope which contained tiny photo copies of some very old letters with vintage postage.



A beautiful letter box by Carol Scott.

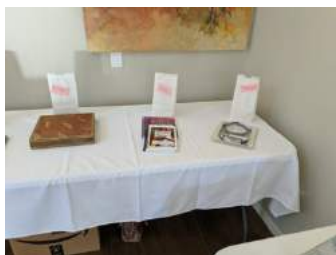


Lovely lettering in Bister Ink by Linda Langley



Julie Yuhanna brought this gorgeous valentine written in French.





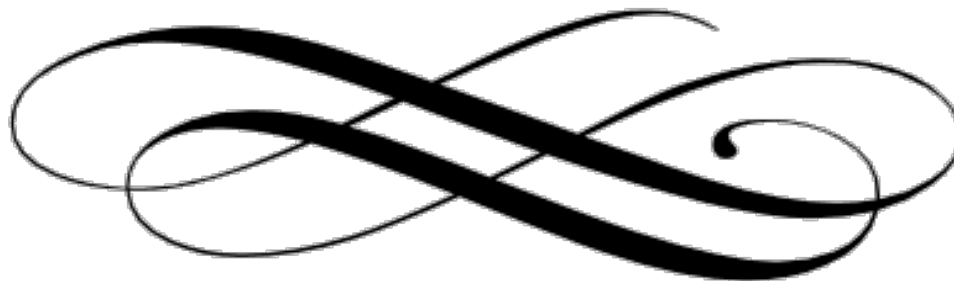
Lucky Winners of the Raffle Drawings & Silent Auction

Thank you to all those who donated raffle items and your time for the silent auction. Thank you to those who purchased raffle tickets and silent auction bidders. This is one of Kaligrafos two fund raisers during the year.

Donated Item	Donor	Winner
Apron	Jeri Wright	Lucy Hight
2 Bottles of Wine w/ Carrier	Betty Barna	Carol B (Guest of June Baty)
Calligraphy Book, Pen, & Library Books	Dick Mussett, Sandra Douglas, & Kaligrafos	James Walters
Library Books	Kaligrafos	Rick Garlington
Cook Books	Jeri Wright & Trish Manche	Carol B (Guest of June Baty)
Carved Alphabet (Blue Box)	Rick Garlington	Trish Manche
Carved Alphabet (Brown Box)	Rick Garlington	Carol B (Guest of June Baty)
Set of Sprays	Rick Garlington	Linda Langley
Hands Free Magnifier	Kathy Setina	Rick Garlington
\$25 John Neal Gift Certificate	John Neal Books	Sharon Schmidt
\$50 Paper & Ink Gift Certificate	Paper & Ink	June Baty
Timothy Botts Illustrated Bible	Betty Barna	Suzanne Levy
St John's Bible – Gospels & Acts	Lucy Hight	Janell Wimberly
Fab 5 Book	Betty Barna	Trish Manche
Heart Leather Journal	Sherry Barber	Karen Cargile
Messenger Bag w/ Goodies	Javier Mardones-Hermosilla	Monica Winters
Final Prize – Library Books*	Kaligrafos	Sharon Schmidt

*Drawing from all non-winning tickets.

Donated Item	Donor	Winner
3 Hours Instruction	Carol Scott	Virginia Littlepage
3 Hours Instruction	Kathy Setina	Javier Mardones-Hermosilla
3 Hours Instruction	June Baty	Sharon Schmidt



Practice Time

Compiled by Randy Stewart

It's so much easier to suggest solutions when you don't know too much about the problem.

-Malcolm Forbe

An ounce of action is worth a ton of theory.

-Friedrich Engels

I have noticed that the people who are late are often so much jollier than the people who have to wait for them. -E. V. Lucas

You must learn from the mistakes of others. You can't possibly live long enough to make them all yourself.

-Sam Levenson

I saw my shadow this morning and it looks like I have six more weeks of dieting.

Some people will never learn anything because they understand everything too soon.

-Alexander Pope

An idealist is one who, on noticing that a rose smells better than a cabbage, concludes that it will also make better soup. -H. L. Mencken

Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.

-Oliver Wendell Holmes

God gave you a fingerprint that no one else has, so you can leave an imprint that no one else can.

This sign is out of order.





Membership Sign up/Renewal Form

*Membership Year: _____**

Single Membership (\$25.00) Family Membership (\$35.00)

Make check payable to Kaligrafos Calligraphy Guild

*Name: _____ Birthdate: _____/_____/_____
Month Day*

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Kaligrafos is a non-profit organization for benefit and ongoing enrichment of the members. The more you get involved, the more you benefit. Volunteer – You'll meet some really neat people! Please check any of the items that you would be willing help

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