

May 2020 VOLUME 40 NO. 8

### President's Letter



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

Dear Kaligrafos members,

I hope the past weeks have found each of you safe in the shelter-in-place situation the pandemic has placed us in. I have read several stories of those persons who were able to survive the Corona virus and it certainly is fuel to make me want to be extra cautious, stay home and cover up the face. However, we can't stay closed down forever and I hope that the next few months allow us to get back to being able to safely gather again. I miss my Kaligrafos buddies!!

Since we are not physically meeting again in May, we are holding our election of officers via email. All members will receive an emailed ballot which they will be able to electronically vote and return. The ballots will be counted and an email with the results will be sent to the membership. Your prompt participation will be greatly appreciated.

One of our executive board members will be leaving her post and I just want to give a shout out to a job well done to Nettie Richardson. Nettie has performed her duties with professionalism and kept excellent records for the guild, and always greets everyone with a big smile. Thank you, Nettie!!

I would also like to give special thanks and the **Volunteer of the Year Award** to **Rick Garlington** who has been an integral part of Kaligrafos for many years. Rick served on the board as Treasurer for the guild for more than 10 years. Every year he spends hours at the annual Dallas Pen Show supporting the guild, is part of that duo (with Thomas) that organizes the November bazaar, presents fun programs to the members, has presented mini workshops, has served on several committees including the Tree Whispers project, as well as jumping into the position of Program Chairman last year when no one else stepped up. Rick, your positive attitude and willingness to participate in so many projects has been the model of a true Volunteer and I give you the sincere thanks from the entire membership.

Our Newsletter chairman, Trish Manche, is also stepping down from this position after this May newsletter. Trish has done an excellent job of getting information out to all our members and delighting us with wonderful monthly newsletters full of pictures and highlights of what is happening with the guild. It is with sadness that I report that no one has volunteered to serve as Newsletter chairman going forward, meaning no newsletter after this month. Thank you, Trish for your dedication to the newsletter and to Kaligrafos!

I wish you all a wonderful summer and hope the lockdown lifts soon and we are able to enjoy the season with our families and friends sooner rather than later. Stay safe and keep writing.

Sincerely, Jeri Wright



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**

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

We hope to return to our regularly scheduled programs in August!

Stay Tuned!

#### Workshops

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

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

#### **Mini Workshops**

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

#### **Board Meetings**

*ⓐ* Jeri's StudioJune 6, 2020

### Board Members

#### Executive Board

Jeri Wright, President 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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Scholarship Announcement for Legacies |||

#### KALIGRAFOS CALLIGRAPHY GUILD ALAN FURBER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR LEGACIES III CALLIGRAPHY CONFERENCE July 3-10, 2021

Kaligrafos Calligraphy Guild will be offering a scholarship through the guild's Alan Furber scholarship fund for Legacies III. In following Kaligrafos' mission statement to promote the study, practice and appreciation of calligraphy, with an emphasis on education, we are offering one scholarship to be issued for payment of a week-long tuition to Legacies III International Calligraphy conference that will be held in the Dallas metroplex in July of 2021. The amount of this scholarship will be a maximum of \$1500, which will be used to cover cost of a double occupancy tuition or commuter rate tuition, whichever is preferred by winner. (Does not cover any extras such as supplies, breakout sessions, etc.)

These funds will be made payable to Legacies III registration in the winner's name. The scholarship is non-transferable. Should the winner be unable to attend the conference, the scholarship will be awarded to the runner up.

The judges panel will be persons not associated with Kaligrafos Calligraphy Guild, but have calligraphic knowledge. All applications will be assigned numbers before going to the judges. The judges will have no knowledge of the applicants' names. The names of the judges will be known only to the scholarship chairman.

Applicants of all skill levels will receive equal consideration. The application form will be available to the membership in August.

#### **RULES OF ELEGIBILITY:**

. An applicant must be a member in good standing with Kaligrafos for the last five (5) consecutive years and current dues paid for the 2021-2022 guild year.

. Applicant must be 18 years of age at the time of the conference.

. The recipient should plan to give back to Legacies III by volunteering and assisting at the conference during that week.

. The recipient will be asked to give a brief review, during a guild meeting, recounting their week's activities; such as class subjects, samples of their work, other items of interest that they took with them as a result of attending.

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



Time to renew your Kaligrafos Membership for 2020-2021 \$25.00 for Individuals/\$35.00 for Family

To Renew, please mail your check payable to Kaligrafos to Guild Treasurer:

June Baty, 131 Grove Court, Lewisville, TX 75077

Don't forget to write "2020-2021 Dues" on the Memo line of your check!!! (See the form on the last page.)

# HELPWANTED!!

Kaligrafos is looking for someone who wants to join a small, fun group of people who are dedicated to the future success of the guild. This group is your Kaligrafos Board.

We are in need of a newsletter editor and a Program Chairman should you feel you are up to the task. The rest of the board is dedicated to helping any new board member feel comfortable in their new shoes and welcoming you to our planning sessions.

If interested, please contact your guild president and join us in planning activities for the next year.



# What Were You Doing During Quarantine...

Quarantine time.....

I write this as we are into our 6th week of social distancing and selfisolation. I spend a lot of time in my studio each day, but not unlike what I would ordinarily do. However, I must say I miss roaming my local Barnes and Noble bookstore and shopping the aisles of Hobby Lobby. And of course I miss not being able to meet with my Kaligrafos friends monthly. Here are a few things that I've been doing (besides my home chores!).

Fort Worth's calligraphy guild offered an online program through Zoom for their April meeting. The presenter was a young man from the Houston area, Tamer Ghoneim. His demo was called Circles on Steroids. After his online demonstration I tried my hand at writing in circles and really enjoy the process. You can Google the Fort Worth Calligraphy Guild and follow the prompts to see the recorded session.

I'll be teaching an on-hands program for the Fort Worth Calligraphy Guild (via Zoom) in May and have been making triangle brush examples for demo purposes. And trying my hand at making some butterflies in the process.

Also spent time making Kaligrafos envelope/card exchanges for April and May. And designing Mother's Day cards for my family members. I am thankful I'm no longer a young mother that has had to move into fulltime 'teacher' mode and supervise her children's online school work! And to those of you who are doing just that, kudos to you!! Let's hope things loosen up soon and we are able to go about the day in our usual manner.

Jeri Wright









# What Were You Doing During Quarantine... Continued...

What am I doing on my 'quarantine' Vacation?

For 2020, I had signed up for the once a month Cora Pearl year-long 'Principles of Design' study through TXLAC. Cora flew in from Portland for the first two months and then we all learned to use Zoom to be able to show our homework on screen to all the class participants. Cora emailed additional assignments throughout each month to insure we had plenty of homework to help us stretch our artistic wings. TXLAC (Angie Vangalis) hosts our 14+ person study group on Zoom every Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening also. Having this face to face communication and idea sharing has been amazing fun, plus so many friends from other Guilds. What a great experience!

But after a couple of weeks of 'quarantine' vacation, I decided that now is the time I should make a list of all the nagging chores I did not like doing so that my time was put to its best use. I rearranged closets, polished patio furniture, tons of work in the garden, yuck! cleaned the garage and so far I have completed about 40 other chores. We all have these lists nagging in our heads if not on a paper list! But as I worked, suddenly ideas for future projects began coming to me and I couldn't wait to get notes and sketches on paper. Hopefully, I will have lots to share and show for our next Kaligrafos meeting.

I hope you are all well, happy and safe. I miss all of you and am glad to see the Kaligrafos membership renewal checks rolling in to my mailbox for the 2020-2021 year. We will pick up where we left off and have a great time being together again soon.

-June Baty











## What Were You Doing During Quarantine... Continued...

Mainly my quarantine challenge has been trudging up the mountain called "Technology." I've become a "Zoombie" learning to teach my ESL class online. It's all about language. For example, what's a platform? I'm thinking: subway platform where you wait for the train? Political party platform where policies are stated? Platform shoes (no thanks)"? Nooo, in technology it's "a group of technologies that are used as a base upon which other applications, processes or technologies are developed." Oh,

OK, now that's clear.  $\stackrel{\smile}{\smile}$  So, this is why I love calligraphy--real words on real paper with real meaning. Give me NIBerty or give me death!

-Suzanne Levy



The stay-at-home directive was announced during the middle of tax season, my busiest time of the year. Even though IRS extended the due date until July 15, 2020, most of my clients still wanted to file by April 15. I was so busy during that time that I hardly even noticed the isolation and solitude until recently. Now the cabin fever has set in!

Some of the things I miss the most are browsing through bookstores, eating at my favorite restaurants, going to Target whenever I felt like it, and of course, the Kaligrafos meetings! But I have been good, staying home all the time, with only the occasional visit to the grocery store (and yes, I wear a mask [not the robbery kind!!] and only shop during non-peak hours).

I've spent my time reading, cleaning house, yard work, watching way too much Netflix and Amazon Prime, doing jigsaw puzzles, and playing with art supplies. I've finally caught up on my ink sample journal and reference cards (see photos). In case you're not aware of it, Inkjournal.com has a subscription service for monthly ink samples, and I've been receiving a box of 7 or 8 ink sample vials each month for the last few years. It's a really fun way to discover and try out new inks.

Looking forward to getting back to normal, or the new normal whatever that might be, and seeing everyone again, hopefully sooner than later!





-Rick Garlington

### Practice Time

Compiled by Randy Stewart

By the time I'd grown	Ultimately, the only way to truly be	It takes too much energy to be against something unless
up, I naturally supposed	d in control of your life is to be in control of your thoughts.	it's really important. -Madeleine L'Engle
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This is the final, formal copy of the Kaligrafos newsletter since we have transitioned to a Blog format. I have enjoyed being your editor, but it is time to pass the privilege onto the next volunteer.

I have served the guild in a few different capacities since joining in 2010 from Membership to Newsletter and even the Valentine Chairperson a couple of times. This is a wonderful group and working with the board is an amazing experience. I have forged such wonderful friendships!

It is my hope to see this group continue to grow and flourish (both Calligraphically and as an organization), but can only happen with volunteers. If you enjoy spending time with this group, I urge you to become more involved as it will truly enrich your life!

-Trish Manche

### Italic Capitals Online - May/June '20

Live, real-time instruction includes detailed instruction on all 26 Majuscules, handouts, and feedback on student work. Perfect also as a refresher course to improve your Roman & Italic Majuscules.

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Supplies not included.

Dates: May 31, 2020 - Jun 28, 2020 Sundays, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Details & Registration: https://www.carolscalligraphyart.com/book-online/italic-capitalsonline-may-june-20

### Beginner Italic Calligraphy June 28, 2020

Discover the pleasure of calligraphy!



Crafting beautiful letters by hand is the purpose of this one-day workshop at the Craft Guild of Dallas. We will learn the basics of the lovely, popular style called Italic. This engaging day includes teacher demonstrations, instruction on the use of cartridge pens, inks, guidelines, optimal working conditions, feedback on student work, and detailed instruction for all 26 minuscules (lower case letters). A small simple project will conclude our time together.

Perfect also as a refresher course to improve your Italic hand.

June 28, 2020 10 am - 5 pm Craft Guild of Dallas 3410 Midcourt Rd, Carrollton, TX 75006

Deadline to register and receive supplies in class: 6/21/20.

You can still register up until 6/26/20 but will need to bring your own supplies.

Register through the Craft Guild of Dallas here: https://www.amilia.com/store/ en/craftguild/api/Activity/Detail?activityId=bVK7Mny



Membership Sign up/Renewal Form

Membership Year: \_\_\_\_\_\* Single Membership (\$25.00) Family Membership (\$35.00) Make check payable to Kalgrafos Calligraphy Guild

Name:	Birthdate:/
	Month Day
Address:	
Cíty/State/Zíp:	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

Communications	Exhibits	□ Fundraising	□ Historical	
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Workshops	□ Refreshments	□ Lettering	D	_

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\*Membership year is June to May.