

Sooner Scribes Drops of Ink

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Sooner Scribes is a lettering arts guild founded in 1980 whose purpose is to promote the study and critical practice of calligraphy as an art form. We seek to encourage individual excellence and to help foster a wider appreciation and deeper understanding of calligraphy. We are committed to teaching the history and application of calligraphy by interchanging ideas through workshops, monthly newsletters and monthly meetings.

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Monthly meeting dates are listed in the newsletter Events Calendar. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, unless otherwise specified.

News & Views from Barbara Close Workshop [Apr. 11-12, 2015]

Here are some of the highlights of our Sooner Scribes Spring workshop given by internationally known calligraphic and fine artist, Barbara Close.

Barbara’s workshop featured Italics hand. First, we covered the formation of this beautiful hand by using carpenter’s graphite pencils sharpened to a broad chisel point.

By using the carpenter’s pencil, we avoided having to go through the learning curve of inks, paper surfaces and dipping techniques as well as how to know when our pens were close to running out of ink.

Then, we covered some fun and useful design techniques still using the pencils. Some of the more adventurous amongst us started using colored inks or pencils or paints with chisel or broad edged pens to create eye-catching designs.

We continued to practice, try our new ‘hand’ making new designs and formulating how we would make some of our more finished pieces during day 2.

On day 2, Barbara covered even more design techniques and tips and declared the day to be “Play Day” for exploring and experimenting.

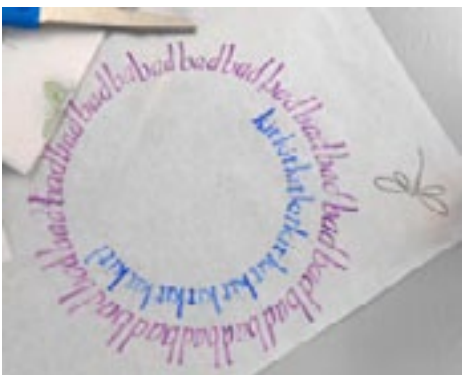
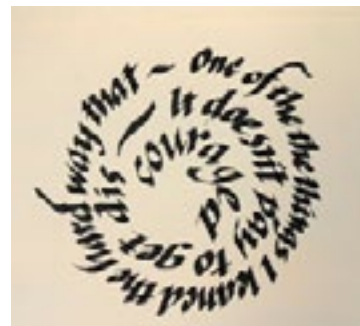
The participants were asked to do a ‘show and tell’ before lunch break and then get busy with even more experiments after lunch.

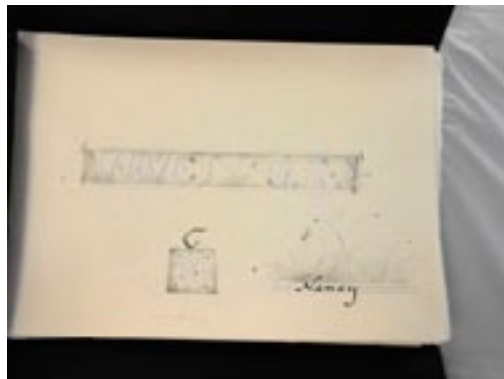
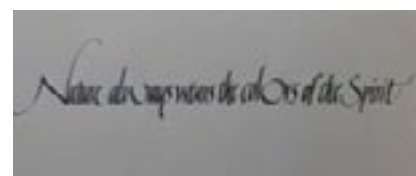
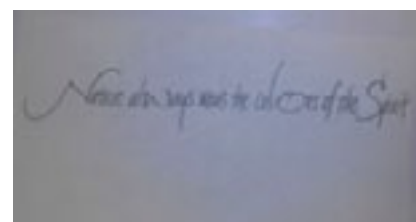
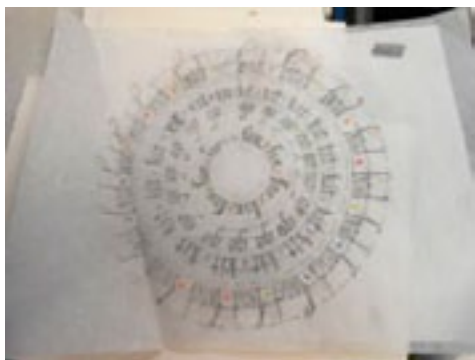
As usual, Barbara had super samples to share her seemingly endless ideas on how to use all of her shared tips, tricks and techniques. She remains one of the best instructors I’ve been blessed to study with. Her upbeat encouragement and frank admiration of her students made us all feel the inspiration to push a bit farther and see what we could accomplish using this lovely, but sometimes tricky hand.

Below are just a few of the many photos taken during the workshop. I hope these photos will encourage more of our membership to come and enjoy the op-

portunity to study with some of Calligraphy's greats next time. It doesn't matter whether you are a rank beginner or a seasoned scribe. There's ALWAYS something to discover from our fine instructors.

Special thanks is due to Bobby Doscher, workshop chair, Wendy Fox, treasurer, Sharon McKay, historian/photographer, and all of our workshop participants who brought talent and yummy goodies to share at our pot-luck lunches! Great food, fun and practice, Scribes!!! Enjoy...





Sooner Scribes Events Calendar

Date	Event Description	Location
Apr. 11-12	Barbara Close Workshop - Italics	St. David's Episcopal Church Boy Scout Hut
Apr. 27	Mediums for Lettering Artists Sharon McKay	Will Rogers Garden Center
May 18*	Spring Fling Potluck Party	TBA
Jun. 22	Summer Break - no meeting	Summer Vacation
Jul. 27	Summer Break - no meeting	Summer Vacation
Aug. 24	TBA	Will Rogers Garden Center
Sep. 17	Sooner Scribes at OK State Fair - 10a.m. - 4p.m. Sharon McKay	OK State Fairgrounds NW 10th & May Ave.
Sep. 28	TBA	Will Rogers Garden Center
Oct. 26	TBA	Will Rogers Garden Center
Nov. 23	TBA	Will Rogers Garden Center
Dec. 28	Christmas Break - no meeting	Happy Holidays

*May meeting is on the THIRD Monday to avoid coinciding with Memorial Day holiday



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