



# Drops of Ink



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Sooner Scribes Calligraphy Guild of Oklahoma City, OK

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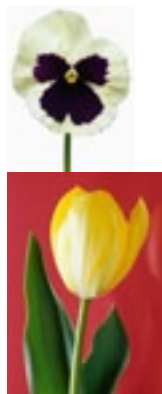
Sooner Scribes is a lettering arts guild founded in 1980 whose purpose is to promote the study and critical practice of calligraphy as an art form. We seek to encourage individual excellence and to help foster a wider appreciation and deeper understanding of calligraphy. We are committed to teaching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

**Sooner Scribes**  
**Attention: Dues**  
**Box 188**  
**Oklahoma City, OK 73101**

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[www.soonerscribes.com](http://www.soonerscribes.com)

Annual dues: \$25

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 (WRGC), 3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK, unless otherwise specified.



Date: Friday, April 25, 2016

Place: **Unity's Heritage House**  
**5603 NW 41<sup>st</sup> St., OKC, OK**

Time: 6:30 pm Social time  
7:00-8:30 pm meeting & program

## Make Your Own Envelopes from Templates

If you have a need to know about envelopes, you will be getting information about all sizes and types. Wendy will have templates and will share the basics of making your own custom envelopes for all those beautiful calligraphic projects you wish to share with family and friends such as personalized greeting cards, personal stationery, small calligraphic works that you want to mail to someone special.

### Wendy will furnish:

- Paper
- Templates

### Supplies for you to bring:

- Ruler
- Pencil(s) or Pen
- Eraser
- Scissors
- Note pad for notes about templates etc.



### Snacks & Refreshments:

Please bring your own drink and a snack to share. Thank you!





Left: Decorated Lombardic Capitals - June 4, 2016  
Right: Accordion Flag Book - June 5, 2016



## Sooner Scribes Spring/Summer Workshop

Day 1 - Decorating Lombardic Capitals [Jun. 4]

& Day 2 - Pleated Accordion Book [Jun. 5]

with Teresa Wilber, June 4 & 5, 2016

Teresa Wilber from Tulsa's Oklahoma Calligraphy Guild, will be giving two one-day workshops for Sooner Scribes on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The workshops will meet at St. David's Scout Hut (3333 N. Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City, OK).

Saturday, June 4, [Day 1] Teresa will guide us in creating **Lombardic Capitals**. Then we decorate our capitals using various techniques.

Sunday, June 5, [Day 2] Teresa will lead us in creating an **Accordion Flag Book** which we can decorate with the capitals we made on Saturday or other artwork.

These workshops are two one-day 'back-to-back' workshops which can be taken separately or together.

The workshops are designed for all skill levels and are open to all members of Sooner Scribes

Calligraphy Guild and SWCC members at the Member's price.

You can mail your check to Sooner Scribes, P O Box 188, OKC, OK 73101. Please include June Workshops in the memo line. Final payment will be due by the May 23<sup>rd</sup> [potluck party] meeting.

**Food for lunch:** Bring something to share with others, and we'll enjoy a potluck at the Scout Hut. Refrigerator available.

**To register:** Send email to Carol Manning at [carol.manning.okc@gmail.com](mailto:carol.manning.okc@gmail.com) — and send a check (payable to Sooner Scribes) to Sooner Scribes, P.O. Box 188, Oklahoma City, OK 73101 to reserve your space. Fill in the memo line with June 4 & 5 workshops.

Workshop limited to 15 people.

### MEMBER'S PRICE:

2 days (early bird rate until May 1) \$100

1 day (early bird rate until May 1) \$65

*After May 1, add \$20 to the fee*

### NON-MEMBERS (Fees include 2016 dues):

2 days (early bird rate until May 1) \$125

1 day (early bird rate until May 1) \$90

## Other Workshops

### Literally Letters

#### Ghost Ranch, New Mexico

June 12-16, 2016

**Gemma Black:** *Versals*

**Bailey Amon:** *Traditional to Modern Pointed Pen*

**Louise Grunewald:** *Finding the Sweet Spot: Inspiration meets Design*

**Suzanne Moore:** *Landscape, Language and Letters: Landscape as Inspiration in Lettering Design*

**Sharon Zeugin**, Literally Letters Program Coordinator:  
[sharonzeugin@gmail.com](mailto:sharonzeugin@gmail.com)  
or [www.ghostranch.org](http://www.ghostranch.org) for registration information.



#### La Romita School of Art, Umbria, Italy Sketch Umbria in Letters, Lines and Images

**When:** September 3-17, 2016

Instructor: **Sharon Zeugin**

**What:** Sketching, painting, calligraphy

**Where:** Renovated 16<sup>th</sup> Century Monastery near Terni. Home-cooked meals in lovely setting.

Former chapel is studio open 24/7

Visit small and large towns, Roman ruins, vineyards, Etruscan museum, medieval manuscripts.

contact info: [laromita.org](http://laromita.org)

Sharon Zeugin at:

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#### Capital City Calligraphers Holly Monroe WS

Hello all and Happy Valentine's.

Just wanted to share that enrollment for the Capital City Scribes Spring Workshop and Lecture with Holly Monroe is open. Friday, April 1, Holly M. will give a lecture on the Business of Calligraphy. Saturday, April 2 & 3, Holly M. will be teaching a workshop on Fine Tuning Your Italic and adding Fantastic Flourishes. Lecture is \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members. Workshop is \$130 for members; \$150 for non-members.

All the details are on the CCS website at: [www.ccscribes.com](http://www.ccscribes.com) or email me at [holly.zeiner@austin.rr.com](mailto:holly.zeiner@austin.rr.com).

#### Join us on an Artist Getaway May 1 to May 6 , Occidental, the Sonoma Coastal Forest.

We will paint at the Russian River, the Sonoma Coast and the Grove of Old Trees (redwood forest). Each day has a scheduled location to paint en plein air as a group.

On May 22-27 we will stay in Murphys, in Calaveras County, the

Sierra foothills, we will paint at the Stanislaus River and Lake Alpine.

Each location has rest rooms and easy access to scenic views. Each evening we get together at the pool and see what we've all created.

*Come stay and paint and relax on an Artist Getaway.*

Contact:

Samantha McNally

Artist Getaway 2016

Occidental May 1-6, 2016

Murphys, May 22-27, 2016

Occidental, October 16-22, 2016

Register today on

[www.artistgetaway.com](http://www.artistgetaway.com)



## Looking for a President-Elect

We are looking for a member to fill the President-Elect position. Due to health concerns, Margee Gaeddert is unable to continue in this position.

In order to offer more programs, activities, a newsletter and a website to keep you informed, we need volunteers to step up. The current Board cannot do it all without your help.

The President-Elect works with the President to arrange programs, learn the duties of the president, gather information for the newsletter and advise all officers on current events and activities.

Sooner Scribes needs this position filled soon in order to offer the best programs and activities for all members.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Phyllis Pennington at [soonerscribes@gmail.com](mailto:soonerscribes@gmail.com).

## Mentoring Program has its start

At our March meeting, several people signed up for the new Mentor program.

Mentors are asked to act as a contact to answer questions concerning supplies both local and through the internet, to give guidance concerning any questions a member being mentored might have about calligraphy, workshop experiences, classes and instructors.

If the newer member asks a question which the mentor doesn't have experience answering, the mentor can ask any of the other mentors on the list for help. The goal is to welcome new members and to increase communications between all Sooner Scribes.

The longer term members who volunteered to act as mentors are:

1. Phyllis Pennington

2. Wendy Fox
3. Sharon McKay

If you would like to add your name to the list, there will be a signup sheet at the April meeting. If you would like to be mentored by one of these people, please contact them at:

[soonerscribes@gmail.com](mailto:soonerscribes@gmail.com) and put Mentoring and the name of the requested mentor in the subject line.

Your email will be forwarded on to the mentor of your choice and that mentor will contact you via your email to start helping you.

If the mentor you request has already been contacted by others and is unable to act as your mentor, they will let you know and you can be assigned another mentor. We want all members to feel free to be mentored.

Phyllis Pennington, President



## May Potluck / Make 'n Take Party

Our May 23rd Potluck/Make 'n Take program will meet at the Will Rogers Garden Center. Bring a dish to share and any questions you may have concerning a current project or calligraphy hand.

Eat and talk with other scribes about solutions to any problems. There will be a table set up to create a small card with stamp pad and a stamp. Feel free to bring a small stamp from your own collection. Card blanks & a few art supplies will be provided.



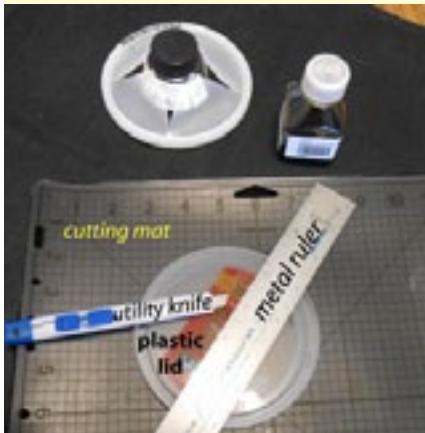
## Local Classes

**Wendy Fox teaches calligraphy lessons** at her home. For more information about these classes, please contact Wendy Fox at [nibwit@gmail.com](mailto:nibwit@gmail.com).

**Mary Kay White teaches calligraphy classes** at the Rockwell campus of Francis Tuttle VoTech. To find out more information about class offerings and schedules, please contact Francis Tuttle at (405) 717-7799.

## Tips and Tricks Corner

### Make a No-Tip-Base for your ink bottle



This little trick has saved me many a spill on my projects and at workshops. All you need is a clean plastic lid from an empty food container [such as cottage cheese etc.], a cutting mat, a utility knife, and a metal straight

edge to cut against. Cut a large X right through the center of the plastic lid, slip the plastic lid over your ink bottle and you are set to go. The plastic lid holds the ink bottle upright and keeps it from tipping over from an accidental bump as you work.

*Submitted by Phyllis Pennington for April 2016 Drops*

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Please submit your helpful hint, tip or trick to [soonerscribes@gmail.com](mailto:soonerscribes@gmail.com) before the end of the month prior to the next Drops issue. These tips or tricks need not be complicated or difficult – just informative and helpful.

## Sooner Scribes Pen Pals Program

Sooner Scribes is open to a new program to improve and increase our communication skills with each other. People who signed up at the March meeting want to correspond with other members and get to know other people better.

The names on the current list are:

1. Phyllis Pennington
2. Phyllis Smith
3. Wendy Fox
4. Sheila Brown
5. Sharon McKay
6. Robin Mead

What do participants do as Pen Pals? We write a note/card/letter by hand at least once between now and our August meeting to let our Pen Pal know what we've been up to and to find out how they've been spending their time as well.

These notes/cards/letters can be short and sweet written in your own handwriting and mailed [snail mail] to your Pen Pal. Participants can shoot notes/cards/letters off to their Pen Pal as often as they have time. Although the note/card/letter need not be in a formal calligraphic hand, you may wish to brush up on your current hand or just use calligraphy to address the envelope along with any other artistic embellishment you choose.

The purpose of this program is to make contact and stay in touch over the months ahead while having FUN doing it. Let your imagination flow.

I bet you **all** can remember how much fun it is to receive a real note/card/letter in the mail just for you. It's just as much fun to send a note/card/letter to your new friend.

We will share our notes/cards/letters and envelopes at the August meeting.

A signup list will be available at the April meeting to add your name and address to and to copy a Pen Pal's name and address from. That's all it takes. Simple, short, sweet.

Let's get writing, Scribes!

Phyllis Pennington, President

## Thoughts from the President

### New Look to Our Website!

We've just updated our website to allow you to access it from your smart phone. Check it out and tell a friend as well.

While we're sluething on the Web, visit our Facebook page and save the date for our next meeting on April 25, 2016 at Unity's Heritage House, 5603 NW 41st St., OKC. Bring a friend, a pencil or pen, some scissors, a ruler and get set to make your own envelopes to use for sharing with your new Pen Pal!

## Scribes are Making Their Mark!



from left to right: Carol Manning, Sheila Brown, Debbie Mahan [new member!]



from left to right clockwise: Debbie Mahan, Phyllis Pennington, Phyllis Smith, Wendy Fox, Robin Mead are making marks!



from left to right: Phyllis Smith, Wendy Fox, Robin Mead



Sharon was taking pictures but made her "mark" to share



from left to right: Sheila Brown, Debbie Mahan [new member!], Phyllis Pennington

### Monthly Programs

We are currently looking for new programs for our monthly meetings. Do you have something you enjoy doing that you can share? Or do you know someone who would like to give a program for Sooner Scribes?

We need presenters for August, September and October meetings. Email us at: [soonerscribes@gmail.com](mailto:soonerscribes@gmail.com) and we'll get back to you!

## Sooner Scribes Events Calendar—Mar. through Nov., 2016

DATE	EVENT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
Apr. 25	Wendy Fox—Make Envelopes from Templates	Unity Spiritual Life Center's Heritage House
May 23	Spring Fling Potluck/Make 'n Take party	Will Rogers Garden Center
Jun. 4-5	Back-to-Back Workshops with Teresa Wilber Lombardic Capitals [4 <sup>th</sup> ] & Flag Accordion Book [5 <sup>th</sup> ]	St. David's Scout Hut
Jun. 27	No meeting - Summer Break—Enjoy Your Vacation	Your Choice!
Jul. 25	No meeting - Summer Break—Enjoy Your Vacation	Your Choice!
Aug. 22	TBA	Unity Spiritual Life Center's Heritage House 5603 NW 41 St.
Sep. 26	TBA	Will Rogers Senior Activity Center 3501 Pat Murphy Drive
Oct. 24	TBA	Will Rogers Senior Activity Center 3501 Pat Murphy Drive
Nov. 28	Barbara LaGree—Introduction to Zentangles	Will Rogers Senior Activity Center 3501 Pat Murphy Drive



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Sharon McKay, Secretary

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Sheila Brown, Treasurer-Elect

Phyllis Pennington & Carol Manning, Facebook Page Administrators