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News and Views

I am proud beyond words of the work of the Sooner Scribes Team as we pulled together to produce the best ever SouthWest Calligraphy Conference! The attendees were blown away by the contents of the goodie bags, the wonderful food, the lovely atmosphere, and the incredibly sharing and generous spirit of the Scribes. Everyone really worked hard for two years to prepare for that conference, and we can indeed be very proud of our efforts!

So, I am all fired up, and want to keep the momentum going as we enter into 2012 ... Let's get everyone involved in a grand objective to BUILD OUR GUILD! Our February 'Drops of Ink' Newsletter is coming to you by snail mail this one time...so that you can use the enclosed envelope to send in your dues (if you haven't already) along with your completed Survey. Please jump right on, and let's keep going and going and going...with ideas and energy to increase our membership, fill our workshops, and enjoy the best programs ever! We need YOU, we need EACH OTHER, and let's all join together to BUILD OUR GUILD!

I am humbled, while incredibly excited, at the opportunity to act as President for Sooner Scribes – and I will be seeking out each of you to discover your ideas, and to ask for your involvement in some area, so be ready to say 'Yes' and to keep our momentum going!

Cheers, Plm



February's Program:

Carved Stamp & Rubberband Book!

Date:/Time: February 27, 2012, 6:30 pm – 9:00pm

Location: Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th, OKC

Janis Blevins and Barbara LaGree will present "Carving Your Own Stamp and Creating A Rubberband Book".

Supplies for Stamp Carving:

Please note: **BRING WHAT YOU HAVE** from the list below and **DON'T BUY ANYTHING.....**we will share!

1. xacto knife handle
2. #11 xacto blade
3. mechanical pencil (or very sharp regular pencil)
4. a couple of stamp pads and/or waterbase markers (anything other than fine tip would work)
5. any linoleum cutting tools (we will have several available for everyone to use)
6. pair of scissors (optional)

Supplies Provided

1. Sooner Scribes will supply the carving blocks ordered from Nasco.
2. Janis will bring tracing paper, etc.
3. Barbara will bring all supplies for the Rubber Band Book. People can bring a pair of scissors if they want, but Barbara will have extras, and it's only for a couple of little snips.

Refreshments

We will have a signup sheet at the February meeting. Please bring snacks and drinks to share if you can.

Workshops News:

Peter Thornton Workshop **April 21-22, 2011**

Workshop title: "*Layout and Design for the Terrified*". It's a logical and *gentle* approach to his step-by-step method of page arrangement and letterform contrast and includes traditional and contemporary design. It's an exciting way for beginners and advanced students to learn! See examples of Peter's layout/design work on our [Facebook page](#) or our [website](#).

Several members signed up at the January meeting, but there's room for a few more so, if you are interested, please contact Donna Livingston at the info below. You **don't** want to miss this workshop. Peter is a wonderful, inspiring teacher who is gentle, funny and very kind as well as knowledgeable about his subject.

Fees of \$125.00 (members)/\$160.00 (non-members) are due in full upon enrollment. Contact Donna now to get in on this great workshop.

Donna Livingston, 612 Joni Deanne Court, Edmond, OK 73034 405-513-8131

Reminders: It's Dues Time!

Dues are due in January each year. So you don't forget, they are \$25.00 per year. Sooner Scribes has started a scholarship fund. If you make your check for an amount over \$25.00, you can contribute to this fund. Those who contribute will be recognized in next month's Drops. We are including a Membership Application Form with this mailing to allow you to renew AND make any updates to your contact information. Make checks to Sooner Scribes and mail to:

Sooner Scribes
Attention: Membership
P.O. Box 188
Oklahoma City, OK 73101-0188

Sharon's Farewell

Dear fellow letter lovers,

Thank you for making my tenure as your president an enjoyable experience. We all know our guild is small and we all step up when our turn comes around. Pat Lynn has stepped up as your new president, and I know she will lead us into 2012 with lots of enthusiasm!

See you at the February meeting,
Sharon McKay





A Brief Synopsis of the SWCC

Representatives from Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, Waco, and Tulsa converged on OKC to share info on the past year's programs, workshops, and happenings in their respective guilds.

We learned that most have obtained something called a 'Digital Camera Projector' that has improved observations by audiences at their workshops and programs – that, in turn, has helped them to increase membership and attendance at their presentations of all kinds. Many have special programs for Newbies or persons wanting basic instruction; several utilize more experienced members as Mentors for Newbies.

We heard about some wonderful ways that others have increased their membership through Public Service Announcements, surveys, participation in book fairs and other community involvement and visibility. Most have full workshops + waiting lists; Waco had no workshops at all last year but has plans for 2012.

Immediately following the conference, OKC Scribes involved participated in a 'Wrap-Up' meeting, and came up with several ideas for using the

information and ideas gained during the weekend events. We are excited about all the opportunities ahead of us!

Pat Lynn Moses, Sharon McKay, and Donna Livingston all have copies of all reports – if you have questions or ideas, or want more information on the Conference, please contact one of us.

Pictured here are table settings, decor and goodie bags as well as a special gift to participants from Wendy.

Spring 2012 Event Calendar

Date	Event Description	Location
Feb. 27	Stamp Carving & Rubberband Book - Janis Blevins & Barbara LaGree	Will Rogers Garden Center
Mar. 26	Book of Kells - Pam Brewer	Will Rogers Garden Center
Apr. 21-22	Peter Thornton Workshop - Layout & Design for the Terrified	Woodcreek Clubhouse
Apr. 23	Herringbone Stitched Book	Will Rogers Garden Center
May 28	Party Time	Pat Lynn Moses' home
Jun-Jul	No Meeting	

Acknowledgments and Thank Yous for Goodie Bag donations

Donation	Donor(s)
Rosie Kelly's "Crooked Pages" Book	Kelly Brewer, Wendy Fox, Carol Manning, Sharon McKay, Phyllis Pennington, Mary Kay White
Decorated Letters	Sharon McKay
Dream Book	Sharon McKay's Dream, Mary Kay White
Four Hole Binding	Wendy Fox
The Hemp Leaf Bound Book	Wendy Fox, Barbara LaGree, Sharon McKay, Phyllis Pennington, Mary Kay White
Needle Threader & Holder	Wendy Fox
Snowflake Book	Julie Vaughn and Lydia Zimmerman
Squash Book Kits	Sandy Mutz, Wendy Fox, Mary Kay White (paper sample for folding)
Star with One Cut & Tortoise Shell Binding	Wendy Fox
Stamped Cards	Janis Blevins
Handmade Envelopes	Robin Mead
Small Cards with Envelopes	Mary Kay White
Origami folded Cards with pockets	Phyllis Pennington
Matted Photographs	Sharon McKay
Catalog, Publications	John Neal Booksellers
SPECIAL GIFTS	
Conference Tote Bags	Design, paintings by Donna Peregrin, Sharon McKay, Pat Lynn Moses, Phyllis Pennington, Wendy Fox
SWCC 2012 Lettering	Mary Kay White?
Barite Rose Rocks	Donated by Phynila Graham, Brochure donated by Oklahoma Welcome Center Manager, Sarah
Handmade Paper	Wendy Fox, Sooner Scribes
Mini-Zentangle Bags	Kelly Brewer, Wendy Fox, Barbara LaGree, Sharon McKay, Pat Lynn Moses
Leather Bound Book	Vicki Borycki, Kelly Brewer, Wendy Fox, Donna Livingston, Carolyn Pruitt, Pat Lynn Moses, Sandy Mutz, Sharon McKay, Mary Kay White
Penholder	Wendy Fox, Sharon McKay, Carol Manning, Charlene Morrow, Mary Kay White
Drawing Prizes	Book of Hours – Sandra Mason
Special Thanks to all who helped with:	The Notebook: Design for Notebook Cover and Spine - Phyllis Pennington Zentangle Initials for Cover - Sandy Mutz SWCC Logo - Mary Kay White Logo on Pen Holder - Wendy Fox, Sue Ann Rodgers The SWCC Directory - Wendy Fox Decorated Aprons, Nametags - Kelly Brewer, Pam Brewer Table Decorations - -Barbara LaGree, Charlene Morrow Food Committee - Mary Kay White, Chair Friday Evening - Vicki Borycki, Pam Brewer, Sharon McKay, Carol Manning, Phyllis Pennington, Sue Ann Rodgers Saturday - Wendy Fox, Carol Manning, Sue Ann Rodgers, Phyllis Pennington

Thanks To All Those Sooner Scribes Who Have Helped Make This SWCC Conference Possible!

Note: To see this issue of Drops in full color, visit our website at the link below! See you at the February Meeting!

Pat Lynn!