

Sooner Scribes DROPS of Ink



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SUMMER FUN!

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Special Summer Programs!

Welcome to Summer 2012 – and let’s all hope and pray that it will not be as hot and dry as last summer!

Sooner Scribes historically has not met during June and July – however:

1. since we have to pay rent for those months to preserve our use of the space at the Will Rogers Garden Arts Center, and
2. since we have some persons joining in Scribes activities who are new to the Calligraphic Lettering Arts (such persons often referred to as ‘Newbies’) who have asked for learning opportunities ...
3. Announcing!!!

Sooner Scribes Will Hold SPECIAL MEETINGS During JUNE & JULY to provide an overview of the BASICS OF LETTERING ARTS!

When? 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 25th

Where? Will Rogers Garden Center
3400 NW 36th Street, OKC

June Program

EXPLORING CALLIGRAPHY TOOLS, MATERIALS, & SUPPLIES

If you consider yourself a Newbie or just have questions, bring with you any tools, supplies, books, etc. that you have purchased and have questions about. Maybe you found the item(s) on a Sale table and couldn’t resist; maybe you bought it and can’t remember how it is used; maybe you just want to know more about it ... bring it, and bring your questions!

All Scribes – Please bring your favorite tool(s), materials, supplies ... explain why you like these things, and show us all how you like to use them!

We hope to have samples of various tools for making lines, writing, designing – tools such as:

- nibs (pointed & chisel)
- holders (straight & oblique)

- markers (monoline & brush)
- papers (Arches text wove, greenbar, Canson Mi-Tientes, watercolor, tracing, graph, layout, black)
- inks (walnut, Higgins Eternal, Sumi)
- gouache, watercolors
- palettes
- Ames Lettering Guide ... etc.

June refreshments will be supplied by **Rita Busch, Pat Lynn Moses, and Phyllis Pennington.** (See *Summer & Fall Events Calendar*).

July Program Topic

Identifying Basic Alphabets

Bring your supplies for a night of introduction to basic alphabets.

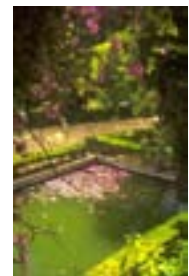
Learn how to distinguish one 'hand' from another and much, much more!

Next – watch your July Sooner Scribes newsletter for details on the *July 23rd Meeting* – IDENTIFYING BASIC ALPHABETS ... learning what distinguishes one 'hand' from another, understanding the basic features and strokes ... and MORE! Mary Kay, Wendy, and some other experienced folks will be on hand to give tips and pointers on strokes and using your tools - the plan is to have a 'mentor' for every 'newbie'. There will be a treasure trove of information so come and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn, share, grow.



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LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



BY-LAWS ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Elected officers shall be **President, President-Elect, Workshop Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.**

1. The President shall preside at all group and Executive meetings, supervise activities, be responsible for “*Drops of Ink*” and perform other duties inherent in such office.
2. The President-Elect shall preside in the absence of the president and be responsible for the coordination of programs.
3. The Workshop Chair shall be in charge of coordination and detailing of all workshops sponsored by the group.
4. The Secretary shall record minutes of the meetings and furnish copies to the Executive Board.
5. The Treasurer shall collect and deposit dues, maintain financial records, report at each meeting the status of the organization’s finances, disburse funds as directed by the Executive Board, and submit a year-end fiscal statement to the membership.

The Executive Board shall consist of the five elected officers who will serve one-year terms. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. The immediate past president shall serve as an advisor. In the event of a vacancy in an elected office, the President may appoint a member to serve the remainder of the term. The Executive Board will appoint any needed committee chairs with the chair responsible for forming the committee and calling committee meetings.



The Executive Board will meet at least once a year and such meetings are open to members. Three board members constitute a quorum. Additional meetings may be called by the President as necessary.

NOTICE: Sooner Scribes is still seeking members to fill the following offices:

- **PRESIDENT ELECT** – this position is made easier by the fact that members sign up to provide programming for meetings!
- **WORKSHOP CHAIR** – Many thanks to Donna Livingston, who held this office for the past two years (as well as some other years)! Donna made some preliminary inquiries for an artist (Carol Palleson) to present a fall 2012 workshop, but if that is not followed up on soon we probably will not be able to engage that artist. AND – if we do not have a Workshop Chair, we will not have workshops. I really do hope that someone will step forward to fill this position. The officer will receive help from past Chairs to assist with efforts.
- **SECRETARY** – just make a short record of meetings in order to keep us all informed about our ‘doings’ – not difficult, really – but important!

Many thanks to **SHARON MCKAY**, who volunteered her services as **HISTORIAN!** Sharon is undertaking repair of some of the scrapbooks documenting Sooner Scribes history, taking photos of meetings and workshops to share through Newsletters, and will be creating scrapbooks of current activities. **THANK YOU, SHARON!**



If you are interested in serving, please contact Pat Lynn Moses, and we will take any necessary steps (such as voting you in) to officially move our organization along! I really look forward to a Board Meeting soon – as soon as we fill these slots!

President's Letter

Dear Sooner Scribes,

Thanks to all of you who brought your wonderful foods and came to the May Meeting/Party ... I stuffed myself with all the fine foods, and thoroughly enjoyed the good company of all who attended. And ... we managed to give away all of the great door prizes that had been accumulating since we hosted the *Southwest Calligraphy Conference*. I can honestly say that “no one left empty-handed”!

Members present also voted to accept the *By-Laws* as proposed by the By-Laws committee, with changes to Workshop Refunds as suggested by Sue Ann Rodgers. Many, many thanks to Wendy Fox, Karyn Gilman, Carol Manning, and Sharon McKay for their hours of deliberation on updating our By-Laws!

My deep thanks, too, to all who embraced the idea of taking responsibility for a meeting during future months, and to Sue Ann Rodgers for a stellar idea ... Here's the idea: Three or four persons (a mixture of 'Newbies' and more experienced Scribes) will band together to assume responsibility for a Sooner Scribes meeting – they will decide upon a program topic, determine presentation (present info themselves or recruit the presenters), and provide refreshments for that meeting.

At the May meeting, many already stepped forward and signed their names for chosen months:

- Rita Busch, Pat Lynn Moses & Phyllis Pennington (June 25)
- Bobby Doscher & Phyllis Pennington (July 23)
- Rita Busch, Sharon McKay & Carol Manning (August 27)
- Robin Mead & Mary Kay White (September 24)



- Wendy Fox (April 22, 2013)
- Others (Barbara LaGree, Lydia Zimmerman, Julie Julius) have also promised to ‘host’ a meeting, but haven’t yet decided which month.
- What’s missing from this list? YOU ARE!

The calendar will be out at each meeting, and you may sign up for the month of your choice ... ask others to join in with you, or offer to help with another group, or even trade months with someone if you find a conflict of scheduling arises. The main idea is that we all have input into program choices; we all share interests, we all bring our talents to share with Sooner Scribes – so join in – make your mark on future programming! We need your input and your talents.

I look forward to the months ahead, and to the wonderfully creative ideas for programs, the unbeatable opportunities for learning more about Calligraphy, the Lettering Arts, and the numerous talents of our members!

I would also like to share that I am pursuing the idea of a community service project for Sooner Scribes. I have spoken with a representative of The Rainbow Fleet (organization serving as a resource and referral center for child care and education) about Scribes offering training in skills central to lettering arts, and to child education. We will be discussing details soon, to see if that can be an appropriate fit – you probably know that cursive writing has been dropped from most school curriculums, and good handwriting is fast becoming a ‘thing of the past’ – perhaps we can do something to help? The Rainbow Fleet has a wonderful space for workshops which we can use if we book far enough in advance.

I know that many of you have ideas, too, for ways that we can improve our communities and, at the same time, inform others of the presence of Sooner Scribes, Calligraphy, and the Lettering Arts. If you do, please gather information, and let’s consider our options to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**, be the change for the better.

Thanks, everyone – and see you at the meeting June 25th!

Pat Lynn Moses, Sooner Scribes Prez

Sooner Scribes News & Notes

We are looking to include tidbits from our members in the Drops. Tell us what you are up to. Submit pics or suggestions or ideas or questions and we’ll try to find some answers for you. Share tips and tricks and we’ll share ours. Let’s help each other ‘get inspired’!

As Pat Lynn mentioned in her letter, the **Rainbow Fleet** has a wonderful space that is perfect for workshops. It’s located in the heart of the Paseo Arts District in Oklahoma City. They have indicated a willingness to open their place to us but do need to know well in advance since their space is quite popular and in high demand. The next Workshop Chair might have a location already available and holding the workshops in the Paseo Arts District would open the workshops up to a wider range of participants.



Mary Kay White, a long time member of Sooner Scribes and a fantastic teacher of calligraphic hands, teaches at Francis Tuttle VoTech, Rockwell Campus. Although Mary Kay is not scheduled to teach at Francis Tuttle this summer, she will be returning in the fall. Come to the summer meetings to find out what hands she will be offering this fall.

Sharon McKay and **Carol Manning** will be organizing a book sale at our August monthly meeting. The materials for sale will be the Sooner Scribes Library items. These books have been sitting in storage since we have no permanent place to keep them and offer them for checkout. This is an opportunity to find real deals and spark up your inspiration with these calligraphic treasures. **Rita Busch** is helping with the book sale and meeting, too. Invite friends to join you, too and have your best time finding bargains for yourself.

Robin Mead will be teaching us about ‘Artist Trading Cards’ in September and **Mary Kay** will join in the fun by teaching how to fashion ‘Masterpiece Artist Trading Cards’. You won’t want to miss this fun and inspiring program.

Looking ahead, January 28th, 2013 will be our **Christmas Card Exchange** and **Potluck Dinner Party**. It's never too early to start thinking about new, fresh and exciting designs to try out now before the holiday rush. You never know where your next great idea will come from.

End of **Spring Potluck Party will be on May 20th**, 2013 (the third Monday of May) rather than May 27th. Moving to the third Monday will prevent having the party on Memorial Day weekend in 2013. It's sure to be another great food, fun and friendly event so save the date!

See you June 25th!!!



Sooner Scribes Events Calendar

Date	Event Description	Location
Jun. 25	Intro to Calligraphic Supplies, Materials and Tools <i>Rita Busch, Pat Lynn & Phyllis Pennington</i>	Will Rogers Garden Center
Jul. 23	Exploring the Basics of Calligraphic Hands <i>Bobby Doscher & Phyllis Pennington</i>	Will Rogers Garden Center
Aug.27	Show & Tell from Summer Vacays + Book Sale Bargains <i>Rita Busch, Carol Manning & Sharon McKay</i>	Will Rogers Garden Center
Sep. 24	Artist Trading Cards - How to Impress Your Friends <i>Robin Mead & Mary Kay White</i>	Will Rogers Garden Center
Oct. 22	Vacant	Will Rogers Garden Center
Nov. 26	Last meeting of 2012 - Vacant	Will Robers Garden Center
Dec. 24	No Meeting - Happy Holidays	
Jan. 28	Christmas Card Exchange & Potluck Dinner Party	member's home
Feb. 25	Vacant	Will Rogers Garden Center
Mar. 25	Vacant	Will Rogers Garden Center
Apr. 22	Vacant	Will Rogers Garden Center
May 20	Spring Fling Potluck Dinner Party	member's home



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