

Sooner Scribes Drops of Ink

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April Meeting News

Sharon and Wendy did a fabulous job of demonstrating the “Herringbone-Quilt” book. This is a versatile book that can be expanded and used to display samples of our calligraphy or art or photos. We also received several exemplars for really cute and somewhat funky hands to use in the books.

Although the sewing was a little bit tricky, once Sharon or Wendy worked with us, it really started to take shape.

April Business

Bylaws Vote

Pat Lynn brought the Bylaws to be voted on by the group at the business meeting and Georgia Vaughn made a motion to pass them unanimously. Sue Ann Rodgers brought up several points during the discussion about some of the wording in regards to the Workshops and agreed to send new rewording to clarify some points. She asked that we not accept the new Bylaws until she had a chance to send her suggestions to Pat Lynn. She has graciously submitted some rewording and I have updated the Bylaws and uploaded them to the Sooner Scribes website and have included them in the newsletter as well.

Please read the Bylaws and be prepared to vote on them at the May meeting. Sue Ann's suggestion have improved the updated Bylaws and made much clearer how Workshop expenses and registration will be handled.

Thank you, Sue Ann, for all your help and suggestions. Thanks to you, we now have the “New Improved Bylaws!” Now, we need the help of the membership to approve them. See the Bylaws at the back of the newsletter or read them online at:

[http://www.soonerscribes.com/drops/Bylaws\(2012\).pdf](http://www.soonerscribes.com/drops/Bylaws(2012).pdf)

May Meeting and Program

May flowers are everywhere, and the summer is fast approaching ... and for Sooner Scribes it means several things are in the works ...



The May meeting, fourth Monday, May 28th will be our annual Spring Pot-Luck Party, and all are invited to come, enjoy – bring a guest if you'd like to. The food is always fabulous and provides a wonderful variety of tastes and smells – all the paper goods will be supplied – just bring your favorite dish and a serving utensil and come along to the home of pat lynn moses. If the weather permits, we can spill out

onto the deck and the dry river bed in the back yard – if it rains, we'll enjoy the indoors.

In addition to food, drink and good company, we will also be voting on the proposed changes to our By-Laws; dispersing many more door prizes (the last of the loot from the Southwest Calligraphy Conference) and addressing some ideas for the coming summer months and next year that will interest both experienced letter arts folks, and those who are 'Newbies' – so don't miss it!

Directions to Pat Lynn's house



Many of you will Google plm's address, but here are directions: the address is 4332 NW 61st Terrace, and easiest way is to come south from NW 63rd Street on Warren (first street east of Meridian).

Coming from Edmond area ... you might take the Kilpatrick to the Hefner Parkway, go south and take NW 63rd Street exit, and go west (right). Notice! There is no right turn on red at that light, wait for the green!

If coming from the south, from I-44, exit onto the NW Expressway (right) and immediately turn left onto the Expressway. Follow NW Expressway westward, going through the intersection with Portland Avenue, and then left onto NW 63rd Street at the next intersection.

Follow 63rd west - there will be a shopping center on your right, with Academy Sports at the top of a little hill. At the bottom of the hill, turn left onto Warren. You will be going south for a long block ... my house is on the right, corner of Warren and 61st Terrace (a cul-de-sac). Red brick and cream colored siding 2-story, and the only one with a sidewalk in front (handicap accessible). You can park on the driveway on Warren or on the cul-de-sac in front. The phone number is **949-9983**, in case you need guidance.

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



Calling All Scribes!

We have several ‘job openings’ and we need your help! As most of you know, Donna Livingston has served as Workshop Chair for 2 years and she’s done a fantastic job. Donna is ready to step down and pursue her artwork.

Although Donna will be a mighty hard act to follow, we know there is another Scribe out there who can rise to the challenge and take over as Workshop Chair.

As yet, we still have openings for Secretary and Programs Chair/President-Elect. To continue having great programs, good communications and workshops led by nationally known calligraphic artists, these posts must be filled.

Calendar

Date	Event Description	Location
May 28	End of Year Party - Pot Luck & Voting on new Bylaws	Pat Lynn’s House
June	Art Lettering Fun - details to be announced	Will Rogers Garden Center
July	Art Lettering Fun - details to be announced	Will Rogers Garden Center
August 27	Show & Tell What We did over summer break	Will Rogers Garden Center



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We’re on Facebook! Join the group and keep in touch by “liking us” on our Facebook page. Search for *Sooner Scribes Calligraphy Guild--Oklahoma City, OK*. Then ‘Like’ us! See you on the 28th at Pat Lynn’s.

Visit our website – www.soonerscribes.com

Pat Lynn Moses, *President*
 Wendy Fox, *Treasurer*
 Donna Livingston, *Workshop Chair*
 Phyllis Pennington, *Web designs*

BYLAWS - Amended March 2012

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be Sooner Scribes.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the study and critical practice of the letter arts, to encourage individual excellence, and to foster a wider appreciation and deeper understanding of lettering, its history and applications, by the free interchange of ideas and techniques.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the letter arts who supports the organization by paying annual dues.

B. A charter member is a member who joined the organization before June 20, 1980. He/she shall be eligible for appropriate special considerations but shall have no special voting rights.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

A. The organization will generally meet nine to ten times a year on the fourth Monday of the month, depending upon the availability of worthwhile programs, members to be one week prior to each meeting. Robert's Rules of Order will prevail.

B. A majority vote of members present is necessary to approve all proposals, changes, motions, etc.

ARTICLE V: DUES

Effective January 1, 2013, dues shall be \$30.00 due and payable annually on or before January 1, 2013 for the following Sooner Scribe year. Anyone joining the organization after June 1 shall pay one-half the yearly dues. Changes in dues must be proposed by the Executive Board and ratified by a two-thirds vote of the organization members at a scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

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

A. 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.

B. The President-Elect shall preside in the absence of the president and be responsible for the coordination of programs.

C. The Workshop Chair shall be in charge of coordination and detailing of all workshops sponsored by the group.

D. The Secretary shall record minutes of the meetings and furnish copies to the Executive Board.

E. 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.

ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS

Election of officers shall take place annually at the January meeting and those elected will assume duties at the February meeting. Nominees for officers may be offered by a nominating committee appointed by the President, or may be offered from the floor. Voting shall be by written ballot when there are two or more candidates for a position. Members are those persons who have paid their annual dues. Only members of the organization are eligible to vote and hold elected offices.

ARTICLE VIII: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31.

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be sent to the members at least one week in advance of any meetings at which they are to be voted on. Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those members present.

STANDING POLICIES

1. January Newsletter

The January newsletter should be sent by “snail mail” with membership form and a return envelope to the entire mailing list.

2. Workshops

Payment of a workshop fee is required to reserve a place. Fees should be collected at a meeting or mailed to the P. O. Box. The Treasurer will promptly forward the information to the Workshop Chair.

3. Refund Policy

Full refund

- If requested at least 90 days or on/before the “workshop can be cancelled by (this date) with no costs incurred by either Sooner Scribes or workshop presenter” as shown in the CONTRACT with the workshop presenter.
- If an alternate person can be found.
- Partial refunds will not be made if able to attend only a portion of a workshop.
- If extenuating circumstances occur, the Executive Board will determine whether or not refunds are applicable.

4. Workshop Reimbursement

The person responsible for costs pertaining to printing, mailing, other reasonable workshop costs (such as paper goods for lunch, plastic to cover tables) and supplies requested by workshop presenter shall be reimbursed.

Mileage expenses will not be paid for providing the artist transportation to and from the airport.

Housing the artist: The person housing the guest artist will be entitled to reimbursement of expenses, including but not limited to meals or airport parking.

- In selecting the person to house a guest artist, the Workshop Chairperson should:
- allow members the opportunity to volunteer to house the artist
- give priority to a member who is attending the workshop
- ensure a rotation of hosts so all interested members have the opportunity to benefit from the experience

5. Southwest Calligraphy Conference

Sooner Scribes will send two members to attend the January meeting of the Southwest Calligraphy Conference. Priority will be given to the President and Workshop Chair. If the President and/or Workshop Chair cannot attend, the Board by majority vote will designate alternate attendees. The President and Workshop Chair must submit a written report to the SWCC and report to the guild after attending SWCC.

Networking with other guilds is the goal of SWCC attendance. Attendees should seek suggestions for workshops, programs, procedures and work together to promote hosting out-of-town artists.

The guild hosting the conference provides housing and food. Reimbursement will be made for an airline ticket or if driving, mileage at the current IRS reimbursement rate. Other expenses shall be approved by the Board prior to the trip.

6. Amendments to Policies

Policies should be shared with all members on an annual basis to keep everyone informed. Policies, written to supplement the bylaws, may be amended with a majority vote of members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.