



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.

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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 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, unless otherwise specified.

RIP Sooner Scribes

Due to low membership, lack of attendance at meetings, lack of willingness of membership to take leadership roles or to present programs and a general lack of interest in workshops, the current Sooner Scribes Executive Board is facing the hard reality that it's time to dissolve Sooner Scribes Calligraphy Guild. A plan for phasing out the guild and spending the balance in our treasury to benefit our **Current** members (2016) will be offered

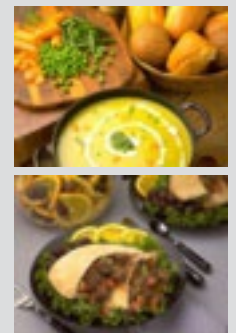


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Date: Monday, May 23, 2016

Place: **Will Rogers Garden Center**
3400 NW 36th St., OKC

Time: 6:30 pm-8:30 pm meeting & dinner



Final Potluck & Bylaws Amendment Party

This year, we will be holding our **Final** Spring Fling Potluck Party at Will Rogers Garden Center rather than in a member's home. There is adequate parking, a kitchenette and plenty of tables and chairs to accommodate everyone.

Please bring a potluck dish to share, your own drink and a helpful attitude. This really is a 'not to be missed' meeting!

We will have a business meeting

to discuss the dissolution of Sooner Scribes Calligraphy Guild and have a vote on the **Article of Dissolution** amendment to our current Bylaws. We will also discuss the workshops with Teresa Wilber, June 4 & 5, 2016 and what to expect at the rest of our 2016 meetings.

Your input and vote are needed at May's meeting. Please do **NOT** miss this meeting.

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

at the May 23, 2016 meeting. A vote will be taken at the meeting which will be held at Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th Street, at 6:30 p.m.

If you wish to have a voice in the wording of this new article, please come and share your thoughts, ideas and concerns. The Board is more than willing to listen.

2016 is the final year of meetings for Sooner Scribes. We will be meeting through October, 2016 and in January, 2017 for our final Christmas Card Exchange and the President and Workshop Chair to deliver our final SWCC reports.

Our web site, Facebook page and email will remain active through 2017 along with our P.O. Box to allow people to know what workshops are being offered in 2016 and 2017.

Want your voice heard? Then attend the May 23rd Potluck/Bylaws Amendment Party and speak up..

Proposed Amendment to Sooner Scribes Bylaws to be voted on at the May 23, 2016 meeting.

ARTICLE IX: DISSOLUTION OF SOONER SCRIBES

The President shall call a meeting of the Executive Board to discuss whether or not the Guild should continue to operate if membership is too low, members fail to volunteer for positions of leadership, members no longer attend meetings, members no longer attend workshops and members no longer volunteer to present appropriate meeting contents which support Article II: Purpose of Sooner Scribes.

The balance of the monies in Sooner Scribes treasury will be disbursed for events and/or activities benefitting the Current Paid members of the Guild. The Executive Board will submit a written proposal of how the funds will be disbursed to the membership via an email and published in the Current Drops of Ink newsletter as well as posted to the Sooner Scribes website at least a week before the meeting to vote on enacting the Article IX: Dissolution of Sooner Scribes.

Closing Thoughts from the Prez...

Over the years, Sooner Scribes has participated in community events, hosted many major workshops by nationally and internationally famous calligraphic artists who have instructed us on the finer points to improve our calligraphic skills and better ourselves as scribes, and offered advice on the lettering arts for fun or profit.

In more recent years, membership has fallen and interest in learning and practicing fine calligraphic skills and techniques has waned as computers, tablets and smart phones have offered more and more ease at instant communication through texting, emailing and messaging.

Receiving or sending handwritten notes/letters via 'snail mail' is a thing of the past it seems. Now, we send eCards, emails, texts and images taken with our smart phones and attached to these "e-messages". We are offered a bewildering array of fonts to use and can even upload a short video of our present or past activities so we don't

even have to write/type out a word message.

In short, written language is becoming passe and spelling, grammar, correct English sentence structure are now 'old and tedious relics' of our past.

Our schools no longer find it necessary to teach our children and grandchildren penmanship or cursive handwriting. Nah! Kids can text out a message and go online to learn hundreds of acronyms for actual phrases/ words and/or sentences. There's really no need for them to be able to spell or even use bound books. We can move on to watching videos and sending images electronically.

It seems we scribes are finding ourselves archaic and out of a job. It's a sign of the times. Too bad Johnnie and Janie won't be able to read the lovely letter granny or gramps wrote to them before their death. Oh, well... such is life!



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 4th and 5th, 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 23rd [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 — 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.

MEMBERS PRICE (applies to Current members only)	NON-MEMBERS PRICE
both Jun 4 & 5 - \$120	both Jun 4 & 5 - \$145
either Jun 4 or 5 - \$85	either Jun 4 or 5 - \$110

Other Workshops - see April 2016 Drops for this information at:
www.soonerscribes.com/newsletter.html

Sooner Scribes Events Calendar—May through Nov., 2016

DATE	EVENT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
May 23	Final Potluck/Bylaws Amendment Party	Will Rogers Garden Center
Jun. 4-5	Back-to-Back Workshops with Teresa Wilber Lombardic Capitals [4 th] & Flag Accordion Book [5 th]	St. David's Scout Hut 3333 N. Meridian Avenue
Aug. 22	Barbara LaGree—Let's Tangle!	St. David's Scout Hut
Sep. 26	Sheila Brown— "Modern Calligraphy"	Will Rogers Senior Activity Center 3501 Pat Murphy Drive
Oct. 24	Farewell Party for Sooner Scribes?	Will Rogers Senior Activity Center 3501 Pat Murphy Drive
Nov. 28	No meeting	Will Rogers Senior Activity Center 3501 Pat Murphy Drive



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