FALL/NOVEMBER 2026

Mysticalligraphers

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THE CALLIGRAPHY GUILD OF SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT





Julieta Worley



Co-President's Message:

Greetings Calligraphers,
Welcome to our 2026-2027 winter season, always a very busy time. Our Nov-Dec show is up at The La Grua Center in Stonington Borough. On Friday November 6, La Grua will host an Opening Reception and provide beverages. Hours are 5pm to 8pm. Invite your friends and family to the opening, and please bring an appetizer to share with the attendees. Let's make sure we have a big turnout for this show.
Our "Trix Bodde Traveling Tree" is on the road again. This year's destination is Bank Square Bookstore, 80 Stonington Road in Mystic. Volunteers will gather there to assemble the tree on the weekend before Thanksgiving, either Saturday Nov 21 or Sunday Nov 22, final date and time TBA. I am looking for volunteers to help make free gift tags for patrons of the bookstore, on a date and time to be determined by Devyn Carter, the event director for the bookstore.
Because of scheduling conflicts, our Nov meeting in the library will be the third Wednesday Nov 18 at the library. At the meeting, we will have a sign up sheet for our soup dinner holiday party in December.
Fran Baldwin will host our December 9th party. There we will have our annual card exchange. Want a handmade holiday card? Bring a handmade holiday card!
We need a few volunteers to take the tree down at Bank Square during the last days of December. Watch for the notices. A happy and healthy holiday season to all, Pam Lambot

Announcements

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE:
*WINTER - FEBRUARY 1st ~ SPRING - MAY 1st
SUMMER - AUGUST 1st ~ FALL - NOVEMBER 1st
*APPROXIMATE

Dues Increase

Dear Calligraphers,
As many of you know, we have held our dues steady at $25 for many years. Looking at our account and surveying what other small guilds charge for dues, our board has decided that we will increase dues for the 2026-2027 year to $30.
Please write your check to:
Mysticalligraphers.
Mail it to Terry Philbrick,
7 Wyngate Circle, Mystic CT 06355.
Thank you, Terry Philbrick, Treasurer

Art Exhibit - November & December 2026

LA GRUA CENTER - 32 Water St.
Stonington, CT 06378
The mission of La Grua Center is to engage the community through arts and culture.
Reception on Friday, November 6, 2026 from 5pm to 8pm.
They provide wine -
we can bring nibbles!

Welcome New Members!

Please add these new members to your member directory.
Loren A. Webber,
Mary Ann McNulty, and
Heather Caunt-Nulton
See your email for contact information.

Treasury Audit

On Wednesday, September 9, 2026 the finance committee, Annette Chittenden and Karen Burgess met with treasurer Terry Philbrick. The books were examined and were found to be well organized, up to date and correct.

Secret Valentine

Our Valentine card swap will be coordinated by Annette Chittenden . She will be circulating a sign up sheet at the Holiday Party at Fran's home. Make a Valentine card and you will be given a member's name to send it to. Details to follow.

Holiday Party

Fran Baldwin will host us our Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 9th from 5:00pm to 8:30pm.
Bring a favorite soup and/or bread.
Don't forget to bring a home made card if you would like to participate in the holiday card exchange! Any questions call Fran.

Green & Golden St. Block Party New London

SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST



Stu registered Mysticalligraphers for a family friendly arts event in New London. Annette brought a tent and table, Stu picked up some free folding chairs, Fran brought her lovely inks and pens and we were in business. We reprised our “Names on Bookmarks” and gave out our information postcards to those interested . One never knows where or when new members may find their way to us!.





Sean's Last Card



I am thankful for friendships... and, sincerely appreciate my years invested with Mysticalligraphers. Here's to good health, Sunshine and summer season breezes.

Seanpatrick

June 16, 2025
my birthday!

Dear Mysticalligrapher Friends,

What a pleasant surprise to find a "please feel better" greeting card in my "pigeon hole"... signed with good wishes from the guild membership. My plan is to take the summer to "R & R" and hopefully return to meetings in September.

be in touch. Thank you for visiting us and for your support.

Michael
Sigma

Millie Carlson + Mystic Calligraphers—

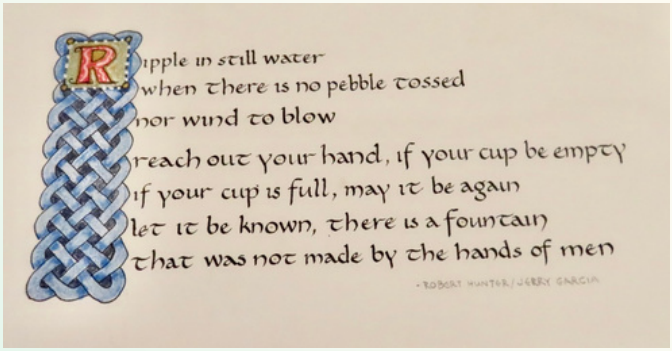
Our entire family thanks you for the lovely bouquet and card. It was especially nice to know how much you all cared for Sean. It meant so much to him and to our family. We are hoping to have some sort of Memorial service or gathering soon and we will

Thank You Card from Sean's Family



Celtic Knots with Ellen Koh

August 12, 2026



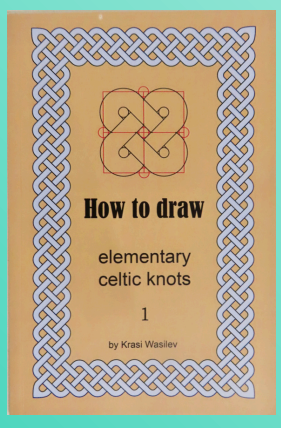
Ellen provided a very successful presentation on a complicated subject! She reassured and encouraged us to begin. With clear, step by step handouts, concentration and a quiet mind, we created Celtic knotwork patterns. Starting with just a few squares and then graduating to quite complex ones, we had a chance to work on vellum, outline with pigma micron pens and color. Melissa brought her acrylic brush markers, and others brought prismacolor colored pencils to put the finishing touches on what we designed.







Our last minute change of venue to the VFW worked out well. Thank you Barbara Read for pointing us in the right direction for a last minute location change to the VFW in Paucatuck CT.



One of the resources Ellen brought. Very clear simple diagrams. Easy to follow.



Papermaking with Terry & Fran

August 26, 2026

Terry and Fran took on the challenge of papermaking at the Grange for our last summer workshop. With supplies Terry picked up from Barbara Kingsland, blenders and large plastic tubs, we looked like mad scientists . We experimented with colored papers, adding glitter and dried plant parts to see what would happen. Most of us took home at least 2 handmade papers. The next challenge is to see what we will do with them! Thank you Terry and Fran for a session of learning!









Books displayed at our papermaking workshop for further study!

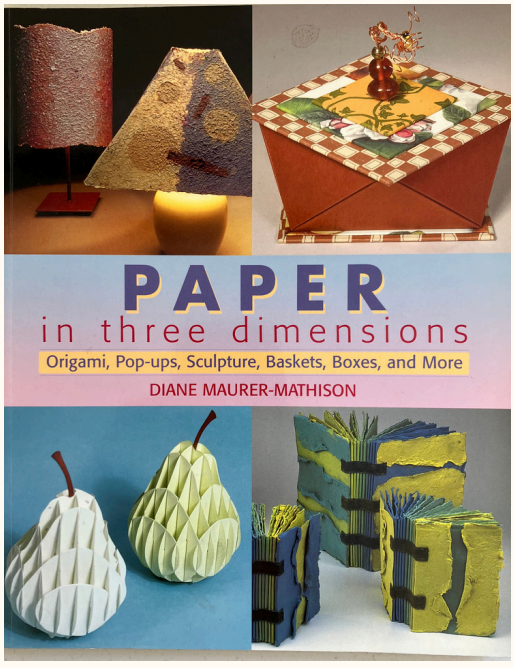




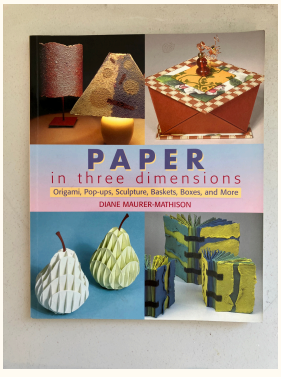
Handmade paper









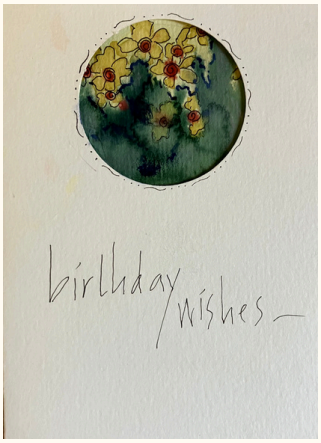


September Meeting

Wednesday September 9, 2026

It was "Show & Tell" night - and we had a lot to share! After our business meeting and voting (the entire slate of officers and guild positions were accepted), we entertained each other with resources, books, artwork, etc. Here are just a few samples!







Gail and others brought hand made cards for our new Sunshine Chair - Karen.

Melissa showed her magnifying glasses that come with 4 different lenses - which are easy to change. Find on Amazon.







The hand of Heather Caunt-Nulton - Our new member! She is a henna artist as you can see!





Amy brought delightful examples of paper sculpture from her workshop with Helen Heibert! Get Helen's newsletter for more information! And check out paperconnection.com



Pam's trusty, spinning color wheel - carries it with her for perfect color schemes!

Romance of the Line

Our workshop with Pat Blair

October 4th & 5th

















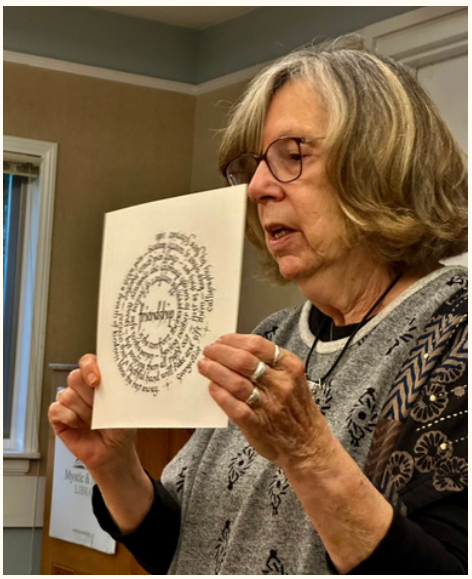
October Meeting-Circle Writing

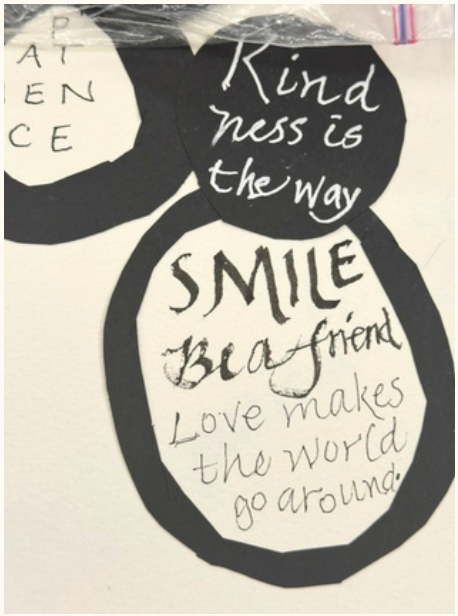
Wednesday October 14, 2026

Gail led a presentation on writing within circles using contrast - different weights of lettering - some dense and bold, others light and gentle. She displayed and discussed Peter Thornton's excellent poster on this subject. A wide variety of ideas were inspired by this activity.



Peter Thornton

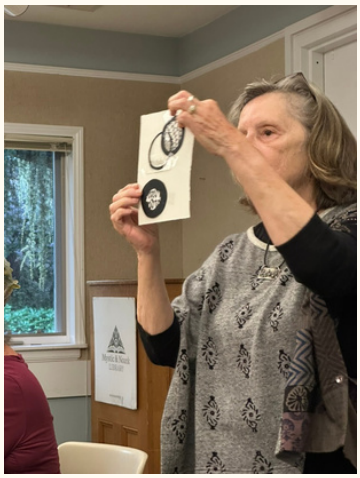














Inspiration Page

Amity Parks - Bister Inks



Food For Thought

If you rearrange the letters in "Depression" you get "I Pressed On."

Paper recommendation!



In Helen Heibert's latest "The Sunday Paper" newsletter, she features Tuttle Studio and origami paper - what a great way to kick off the gift making season to come!!
Go to tuttlepublishing.com for more information!







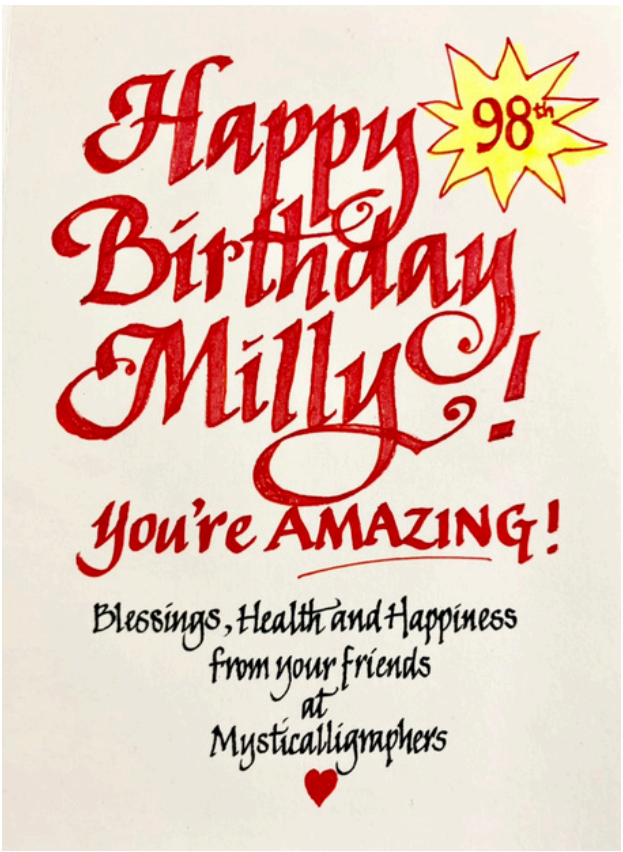
Our Karen Ragonese, who has given workshops on "Iris Folding" for stunning cards, got very excited about this website! Here are some of her Iris folded cards!







Milly's Birthday Card from Karen Burgess. August 28th was a very good day for Milly and us!



Art Venues for Inspiration!





Our good friend and calligrapher Rick Paulus completed another show: "CALL ME ISHMAEL" - at the Cotuit Center for the Arts in Cotuit, Ma. Enjoy his pointed pen artwork at left!

Lyman Allyn



With powerful and visionary works of art, "The Land You Stand On" celebrates cultural beauty and explores the deep connections between land, place, and identity in the work of contemporary Native and Indigenous artists.

FLORENCE GRISWOLD MUSEUM



"Zentangle Inspired Garden"
Pam Hartz Miller

Holiday Magic 2026

November 27, 2026– January 3, 2027

If you have time for one holiday adventure - the Flo Gris is a good bet!
The Palette Tree is an annual event of unique artists' works.

A gift shop and restaurant - not to mention the Art - makes it a fun trip!



Our Sumi-E Adventure

By Julieta Worley







Last May, my mom and I traveled to Japan to take a Sumi-E class. It all started with an online class I found on Domestika. Domestika is a site that I have been using to take courses from all over the world like Fileteado Argentino and Shodo (Japanese Calligraphy). Last year during Japanese New Year, a fellow member of Japan Society of Greater Hartford painted a gorgeous flower with a few strokes of a brush and I was stunned. She explained that it was just a Sumi-E technique and I decided to find a class. I came across Akemi Lucas on Domestika and took her course. One of her handouts included information about her school, Koshu Dream House, in Yamaguchi Japan where she teaches Japanese Calligraphy and Sumi-E.

The school is beautiful! Akemi-sensei speaks English, so there were no language barrier issues for my mom. She offers long term courses with boarding and food included.
Her sister actually cooks all the meals and they are absolutely delicious.

We worked on plum blossoms and I asked if I could learn to do a dragonfly since they remind me of my dad when I see one.
We got to walk to the town and see their river. We were there near Children's Day (May 5th) so we got to see the koinobori (carp-shaped streamers) displayed, which the families fly them to wish their children health, courage, and strength.

Here's the link to the domestika course:
www.domestika.org/en/courses/2174-introduction-to-sumi-e-painting.
Here's her actual site and
the in person stays and courses:
https://koshujapaneseart.co.uk/dreamhouse

Debby Reelitz

For classes by Debby go to:
debby@letteringdesign.robly.com

Visit her website: letteringdesign.com
See her schedule of
Declaration of Independence workshops!



Upcoming Programs

2nd Wednesday of the Month

(Meeting Topics Subject to Change - watch for email alerts!)

November 18, 2026 - Lettering on Rocks - Annette Chittenden
(rescheduled due to library closing on Veteran's Day November 11th)
December 9, 2026 - Holiday Party - Everyone! Fran Baldwin's home
January 13, 2027 - Tool Station Try-Out - Guild members
Business Meeting
February 10, 2027 - Seasonal Puzzle - Summer Theme - Fran Baldwin
March 10, 2027 - Blackletter - Stu Sharack
Business Meeting
April 14, 2027 - Wedge Brush - Ellen Koh & Annette Chittenden
May 12, 2027 - Writing on Black Paper - Vin Trapani
June 9, 2027 - Visiting Artist - To Be Announced
Business Meeting
July 14, 2027 - Watercolor Backgrounds - Fran Baldwin
August 11, 2027 - Paper Weaving - Fran Baldwin, Annette Chittenden
September 8, 2027 - Interview the Scribe - Gail Turgeon, Stu Sharack, Milly Carlson
Business Meeting
October 13, 2027 - Refresh our Tree Ornaments - Pam Lambot
November 10, 2027 - Page Exchange - Members
Business Meeting
December 8, 2027 - Holiday Party