

THE DALLAS CALLIGRAPHY SOCIETY



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Play Dates

Kaligrafos celebrated the summer with 3 Play Dates at the Fretz Park Recreation Center at Beltline and Hillcrest. Activities benefited future Kaligrafos events and individual members.

Participants made paste paper, collaged cards, learned iris folding and bound accordion books complete with a protective slip case.

Fretz Park was a new venue for us that permitted us to get started early



Fretz Park Recreation Center

(9:00 am). There was plenty space to spread out and the price was right, too.

The paste paper made in June will be featured in the 2008-09 Member Directories. The collaged cards will be one item in the goody bags provided by Kaligrafos this winter when we host the Southwest Calligraphy Conference. And you can be sure some of the other items will show up throughout the rest of the year.

When you look at the calendar inside you might notice that several regular meetings are already scheduled at Fretz Park. So you can go ahead and program it into your GPS now, the address is Fretz Park, 6950 Beltline Road, Dallas, Texas 75254

.. Randy Stewart

The August meeting of Kaligrafos

Saturday, Aug 9, 2008

Artist Showplace
SW corner of Coit and Arapaho
10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Contemporary Pointed Pen
by
Sherry Barber and Marie Adamson

It is rewarding to have calligraphy exhibits and introduce and educate the public to seeing calligraphy as a fine art.

Courtyard Theatre Gallery

During the month of July, Kaligrafos' exhibit was held at The Courtyard Theatre Gallery in Plano. The show traveled from The Artist Showplace with an additional 8 pieces of artwork. The reception was held on Wednesday, July 9 and along with refreshments we had a wonderful musical group, *Love Song*, performing. In addition, it was decided to have a voting by ballot from all members and guests present for prizes. I offer a sincere thank you to all members who helped with setup, striking, refreshments and especially those who participated in the exhibit.

Awards are displayed on page 6.

.. Donna Sabolovic



Plano Courtyard Theatre Gallery

Exhibits

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Artist Showplace The first was at The Artist Showplace during the month of June.

42 pieces from 13 members were displayed. A reception was held on Friday June 6 and the comments from the public were very positive.



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August's program will be on Contemporary Pointed Pen. Learn how to really understand the possibilities of this tool. This is a review of the class recently taught at "Letters Mingle Souls" by Mike Kecseg. Presenters are Sherry Barber and Marie Adamson.

This year we are revamping our program format and think you will be very pleased. We will focus on programs and limit the business section to help us grow as calligraphers. Additionally, we would like to bring back "Show and Share". Please bring any new work you have to show whether in process or complete and share it with us. You may also ask for suggestions from the crowd but this is not required. Input from others can get the creative juices flowing again.

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President's Letter

Greetings to all,

The lazy days of summer have not been uneventful for Kaligrafos! Despite our summer hiatus, a lot has been happening.

Exhibits The two exhibits organized by Donna Sabolovic have been highlights of the season and Janell Wimberly's beautiful flyers set the tone. The opening reception at Artist's Showplace on June 6th drew a lively crowd and the reception on July 9th at Plano Courtyerd Theatre Gallery was especially fun and festive with live music by "Love Song" and presentation of awards and prizes to our winning exhibitors:

Best of Show Debbie Worden "Perhaps"

1 year of Letter Arts Review and a \$25 John Neal gift certificate

1st Place Donna Sablovic "Rejoice" and "Three Passions"

1 year of Bound and Lettered from John Neal and a \$25 Paper and Ink Art gift certificate

2nd Place Janell Wimberly "Psalm 42"

\$25 Asels gift certificate and a parallel pen

3rd Place Margaret Mall "In Service of Love" and "Revelation 22:13"

25 Asels gift certificate

Congratulations to our winners and to each and every participant. The work was really outstanding. I hope everyone had a chance to see Kaligrafos shine! We are so grateful to Donna and her team for their planning and hard work.

Kaligrafos has additional public exposure thanks to Debbie Worden's initiative. She has registered Kaligrafos on a website for the arts sponsored by KERA, artandseek.org. Be sure to check it out!

Playdates Did you make it to one of our Summer Play Dates at Fretz Park? Jeri Wright and Marie Adamson have led the pack of paste paperers, bringing back fond memories of finger painting. Some of the finished paper will be used for the covers of our membership directories this year. While the paper dried, Louise led the group to design collage and origami cards and other projects to contribute to the South West Calligraphy Conference. Kaligrafos will host SWCC here in January; it is not too late to get involved in this effort as many hands and skills will be needed. Contact Louise Weber for more info about how you can help.

Cookbook We are so excited that our new cookbook, Sweets & Scribbles, is hot off the press and ready for you to enjoy. Paula Van Wagoner has been the driving force behind this huge project, and the book is a delightful collection of so many members' art, calligraphy and delicious recipes. I've already bought several and figure I'm well under way with my holiday shopping. They are so delightful that I'm sure they will sell fast – so get yours today! Purchase yours at our next meeting or contact Paula to place an order.

Library Over the summer our Librarian, Margaret Mall, and her team have reorganized our Library to make it more "user friendly". Be sure to browse. Also remember to record your volunteer hours in our volunteer log which will be kept in the library.

FIND OUT WHAT'S NEW AT OUR AUGUST MEETING!

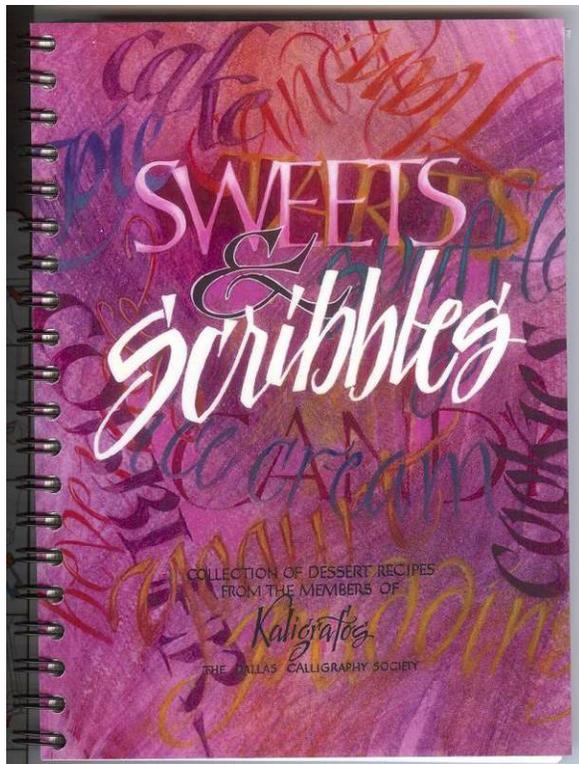
The Kaligrafos year resumes at 10 am on Saturday, August 9th with a meeting at Artists Showplace. We have many fresh ideas this year and a few new spins on our programs. Instead of devoting the entire August meeting to a planning session, Sherry Barber, our Programs Chairman, promises to streamline the planning session, leaving most of the time for a great kick-off program. The topic, "Pointed Pens", will be presented by Sherry and Marie Adamson. It is one you won't want to miss!

Goal Our goal this year is to energize our meeting format. We want to minimize the time spent on business and maximize your time enjoying the great programs that are lined up. Find out what's new and get a taste of what's to come this year.

I look forward to seeing you soon to share the love of lettering.

Kathy Setina

*Character is what you have left when you've lost everything you can lose.
Evan Esar (1899 - 1995)*



Sweets & Scribbles

If you didn't already know, "Sweets & Scribbles", our new cookbook, is hot off the press and is fantastic. Be sure to get yours!

Use order form on the back page of the newsletter to purchase

or

Contact Paula Van Wagoner
Pvanwagoner@prodigy.net



Love Song, performing at The Courtyard in Plano

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Most of the year's programs have been planned so the "planning" portion of the meeting will be limited to about 15 minutes. Come and start the year strong.

Please contact Sherry to receive your PDF Handouts.

Sherry Barber email: Sherrybarber@cawb.com

.. Sherry Barber



Marie Adamson
"Watercolors"



2008-2009 KALIGRAFOS KALENDAR

GENERAL MEETINGS

Sat. Aug. 9, 2008	10:00 am at Artist's Showplace
Sat. Sep. 13, 2008	10:00 am at Fretz Park
Sat. Oct. 11, 2008	10:00 am at Fretz Park
Sat. Nov. 8, 2008	10:00 am at Fretz Park
Sat. Jan. 10, 2009	10:00 am
Sat. Feb. 14, 2009	
Sat. Mar. 14, 2009	
Sat. Apr. 11, 2009	
Sat. May. 9, 2009	

BOARD MEETINGS

Sun. Oct. 5, 2008	3:00 pm
Sun. Jan. 4, 2009	3:00 pm
Sun. Mar. 1, 2009	3:00 pm
Sun. Apr. 5, 2009	3:00 pm

WORKSHOPS

Sat. Nov. 8, 2008	1:00 pm
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SOUTHWEST CALLIGRAPHY CONFERENCE

Fri. Jan. 23, 2009	5:00pm - 10:00pm
Sat. Jan. 24, 2009	9:00am - 5:00pm

Mini Auction Do you have tools, paper or supplies you bought but no longer use? (Or maybe never used?)

Do you have some calligraphy work you are willing to let move to a new home?

Take it to Mini-Auction table at the next Kaligrafos meeting! (Please specify if you think a minimum bid should be met. Unpriced items will be available for “best offer” donation.)

All proceeds from the auction go to Kaligrafos to offset the expenses of hosting the Southwest Calligraphy Conference in Dallas in January. This is a leadership meeting of the nine guilds in our region – where we share ideas to give you a better guild experience!

Member News *Marilee Haughey's* home burned down Aug 2. She, Bill and Stephen are safe and temporarily housed but they lost everything. It will take 8 months to rebuild her home (and life). Donations will be collected on Saturday to assist them.

We are continually faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems.
John W. Gardner (1912 - 2002)

Favorite Tools

Tool: Clear plastic grid ruler with metal edge, 12” and 18”

Seen at: Aug. 1 Play Date

Used by: Sherry Barber

Find at: ArtCity.com, MisterArt.com, DickBlick.com

Prices: \$4.99 - \$8.36

Why: Very useful in bookbinding

Tool: Inca stainless steel marking rule, 6”, 12” and 18”

Seen at: Aug. 1 Play Date

Used by: Randy Stewart

Find at: Amazon.com, woodcraft.com, woodsmithstore.com

Prices: \$9.04, \$15.28, \$24.26

Why: Perfect layout without reading glasses

Tool: My scanner

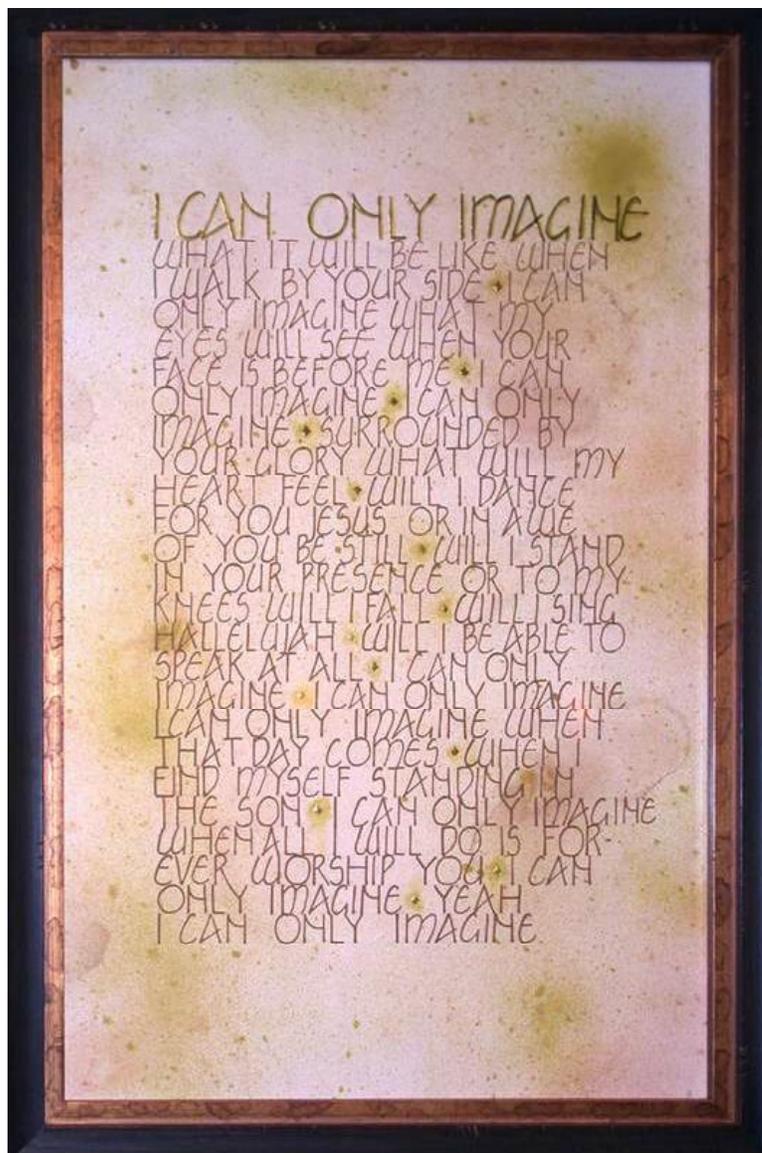
Seen at: Talked about at June PlayDate

Used by: Louise Weber

Find at: Amazon.com, Staples.com, OfficeMax.com

Prices: \$90.00 and up

Why: After I scan a one-off work for my archives, I am free to give it away



Sherry Barber
 “Imagine”

Welcome

New Calligraphers in July

Sharon DeCubellis

Jennifer Gelat

Thomas Burns

The following members joined within the last year

Anita Hofmeister

Nicole Black

Kathy Byrom

Brenda Lovitt

Terri Meider

Lee Zastovnik

June Playdate

COLLAGED CARDS TIPS

You might be amazed at the great results you get creating collaged cards by combining your artistic knowledge and a willingness to freely experiment!

The simple process

- Work 3 or 4 cards at a time, you can try options on a range of designs.
- Multiple layers and types of media on a card increase the texture and interest
- Consider the basic elements such as color, design, texture, line.
- The box question - work inside the box? work outside the box? what box?
- Personalize it for the recipient – it will be appreciated.
- Prepare large sheets in advance of watercolor or abstract backgrounds – cut as needed.
- Use lettering or pseudo-lettering on the collaged materials or around a boxed design.
- Embellish with drawn shapes such as spirals, boxes, or arcs.
- The Golden Rule – gold improves everything. Aaaaah!
- Play! Experiment!
- If you feel stuck at an unfinished point, then walk away from it for awhile and let your brain reset.
- Have fun – enjoy the process!



The starting point - card stock and envelopes

- White and natural folders (and matching envelopes) available from paper distributors like Clampitt and O-K Paper. They come in a range of sizes and boxed in quantities of 250 folders or envelopes. The cost per set works out to be very little.
- 65# cover stock is available from the same source in a broad range of colors packaged as 8.5" x 11" sheets (250 per ream). Cut them in half – or have Kinko's cut the entire ream at one time. Use 4-3/8" x 5-3/4" (A2 for square flap or 5-1/2 baronial for pointed flap) envelopes from paper distributor for the half sheet. You will need a 6x9 catalog or book envelope for 8.5" x 11" format.
- Other options for card stock and matching envelopes are available from retailers and online suppliers.
- You can create your own card stock and envelopes from practically any material.



What materials can you use?

- Arches text wove – decorated in advance or scraps from prior work
- Canson or other commercial papers
- Oriental or other handmade paper pieces
- Giftwrap / Photos / Wallpaper scraps
- Draft calligraphy (use your old practice sheets!)
- Lace / ribbon / yarn / thread
- Postal stamps / Movie tickets / lotto tickets / boarding passes
- Stickers / Embellishments
- Old or cheap books
- Recycle anything!



Some ideas for media

- Watercolor, gouache, other inks
- Gel pens or other markers
- Rubber stamps
- Glitter / fairy dust

Many members have expressed new ideas for the newsletter. This month's newsletter contains *some* of the ideas that I have heard - but we are not done yet! Please don't hold out. Send ideas, suggestions, critiques, articles, pictures, etc. to Randy Stewart at mrwhiskers@gmail.com or bring them to the next meeting.

We love the Kaligrafos logo from last year's newsletters but since we are changing things up we would like a new logo design for this year's newsletter. I wonder where we could find someone to design one? On Saturday we will present an idea to get you involved in designing a new logo. Did somebody say "contest"?

Come and find out.

.. Randy Stewart

EXHIBITS

Summer of 2008

Kaligrafos members graciously framed and submitted their beautiful calligraphic paintings for two exhibits this summer. During the month of July, Kaligrafos' exhibit was held at The Courtyard Theatre Gallery in Plano. All members and guests cast ballots for their favorite calligraphic artwork.

The winners were:



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"Perhaps"

Best of Show, a year subscription to Letter Arts Review and a \$25 gift certificate to John Neal Bookseller

Donna Sabolovic
"Rejoice" and "Three Passions"

First place, a year subscription to Bound and Lettered and a \$25 gift Certificate to Paper and Ink Arts



Janell Wimberly
"Psalm 42"

Second place, \$25 gift certificate to Asel Art and a Parallel Pen



Margaret Mall
"In Service of Love" and "Revelation 22:13"

Third place, a \$25 gift certificate to Asel Art

August Playdate

August brought another fun Play Date for Kaligrafos. Sherry Barber presented a wonderful program on making accordion books.



Accordion Books

The final step of the accordion book is to glue your folded long text wove paper in to the back and voila! You have an accordion book!



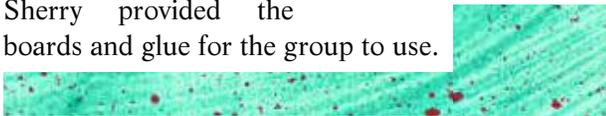
Voilà!

Supplies were simple: pretty paper to use as the cover and backing (the perfect use for paste paper made at the previous Play Dates!), text wove paper, exacto knife, cutting mat and ruler. Sherry provided the boards and glue for the group to use.

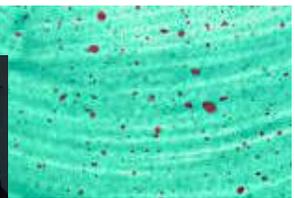


Paste Paper

To keep our beautiful books protected from opening up every time we cart them around or for an addition to a beautiful gift, we created a slip case for the book. The only thing required was a bit of folding, snipping and glue.



Slip Case



We had a wonderful time learning a new



Finding the Grain

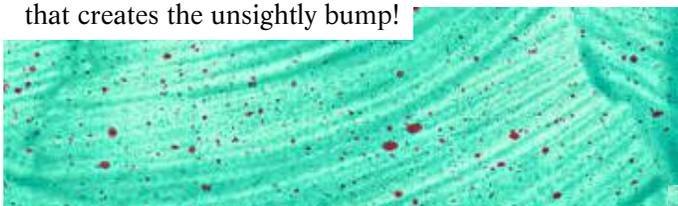
To cut down our paper to the correct size for the accordion part, Sherry taught the class how to find the grain of the paper based on the folding resistance

display for the beautiful art our members are producing. Thank you Sherry for being a fantastic teacher!



Teacher's Pet ?

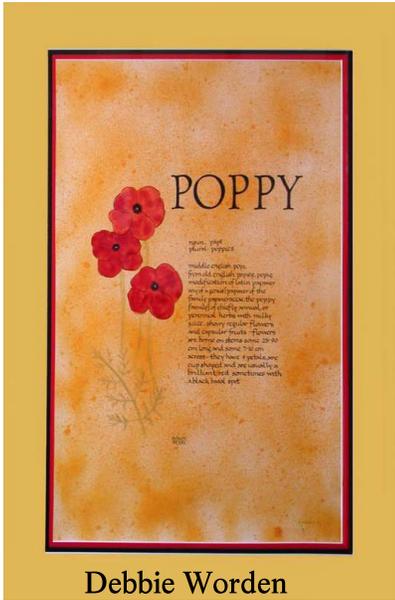
as well as the tear method. Then we learned how to fold corners appropriately by removing the extra paper that creates the unsightly bump!



Slip Case



Finished!



Debbie Worden
"Poppy"



Betty Barna
"Think"



Sherry Barber
"Gimmel"

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Card Exchange For the three summer months of June, July, and August members of Kaligrafos have crafted creative cards and exchanged them in decorated envelopes.

Many thanks to Nicole Black who has been the Card Exchange Coordinator! Don't forget to get your summer card exchange items out to your group members.

Nicole is starting another exchange in September, so get excited and sign up at the next meeting!