

SAN ANTONIO
CALLIGRAPHERS GUILD

Flourishes

December, 2015



Carolyn's Comments



The holiday season has arrived! A busy time for everyone. Our annual Potluck Dinner on December 3rd offers us the opportunity to slow down a bit so we may enjoy fellowship with our guild members. Bring your favorite dish to share.

The Potluck Dinner is the time we make our contributions to the Battered Women's Shelter. Any of the following items are needed and appreciated by the shelter: non-perishable food items, clothing in sizes for babies through teenagers, and gift cards in the amount of \$10.00 each.

The Holiday Bookmark/Card Exchange takes place at our Potluck Dinner. The size should fit into an 8½" x 11" envelope. Thanks to *Sylvia Stanley* for coordinating this for us.

The November general meeting was outstanding. *Becky Hughes, Beth Morton* and *Suzan O'Connor* took us on a tour of the Klingspor Museum in Offenbach, Germany and shared their experiences from the week-long Bruges workshop they attended. Our guild continually benefits from the talented members we have.

Our January general meeting program on the 7th will be given by *Leslie Winakur* who will present *Letters and Calligraphic Marks in Modern Art*. The Early Bird is *Hands On: Collage and Lettering*. Note that the January Mini Workshop will be on the 14th – the Thursday after our general meeting. At that time the Reggie students will lead us in making valentines for the Battered Women's Shelter.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season.

Carolyn

Cover Artist

Maggie Gillikin



December Birthdays

- 16 *Rose Harms*
- 17 *MaryLynn Lurz*
- 20 *Rosemarie Gonzales*
- 28 *Francene Smith*

Sympathy

We are sorry to report that former SACG member *Mari Frischmuth* passed away at the beginning of November. A memorial service was held on November 16th. Mari was a sweet lady and a watercolor artist.

December 2015

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December 3	7:00 PM— <i>Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner</i> <i>Holiday Bookmark/Card Exchange</i> <i>Battered Women’s Shelter Collection</i> Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church, 510 Belknap Place
	No Mini Workshop in December.
	No Board Meeting in December.

Flourishes, the monthly publication of the San Antonio Calligraphers’ Guild, is published ten times per year, September through June. All articles and art work must be submitted to Sarah Axson at news@sanantoniocaligraphy.com, with SACG in the subject line. The deadline is the first Friday of the month prior to the next month’s issue, usually at the monthly General Meeting.

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January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 Early Bird and General Meeting	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Mini Workshop	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Board Meeting	29	30
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January 7	6:30 PM—Early Bird: <i>Hands On: Collage and Lettering</i> presented by <i>Leslie Winakur</i> 7:00 PM—General Meeting: Letters and Calligraphic Marks in Modern Art Presented by <i>Leslie Winakur</i> Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church, 510 Belknap Place
January 14	7:00 PM—9:00 PM—Mini Workshop: <i>Valentines for the Battered Women's Shelter</i> Presented by <i>Reggie Students</i> Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church, 510 Belknap Place
January 28	7:00 PM Board Meeting at the home of <i>Leslie Winakur</i>

Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner and Exchange

The *Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner* will take place on December 3rd at 7:00 PM. We look forward to this opportunity to get together with our fellow calligraphers, enjoy a delicious meal and catch up with the latest news. Plan to bring your favorite dish to share!

Also, remember to bring a bookmark or card (any size up to 8½" x 11" and no thicker than ¼") for the exchange! You sign up when you arrive.

Battered Women's Shelter Collection

SACG will collect donations for the local Battered Women's Shelter at the Potluck Dinner on December 3rd. Remember to bring \$10 Target/WalMart or other retailer gift cards for their gift exchange or, for your convenience, you can bring a cash donation and *Kimberly Hartzog* will purchase a variety of cards. We already collected \$80 at the last meeting!

The shelter puts together baskets for transitioning families with items from their food pantry. They appreciate donations of non-perishable holiday food items. Sadly, the shelter takes in more women and their families during the holidays than any other time of the year. These families usually show up with only the clothes on their backs. They can always use new underwear and socks of various sizes for adult women, boys, and girls. Also, hygiene necessities for women, children, and babies are always needed.

Major Workshop—Save the Date!

Mixed Media Icons

Presented by *Maggie Gillikin and Leslie Winakur*

Saturday, February 20 and Sunday, February 21, 2016

9:00 AM—5:00 PM each day

Discovery School, 222 Salem

An icon is a symbol, a graphic representation of a person, thing, or idea that provides inspiration and moves one to feel admiration or devotion. The most well known icons in art are the images of Christianity created for worship in the Eastern Orthodox tradition.

In this class you will create a modern icon. The image can be a person, a geometric design, a symbol of something you find inspirational. Thus it can be religious or secular, a person, a flower, a letter, a word, a geometric shape, etc.

We will work on a 9" x 12" gessoed canvas, using acrylic paints, collage materials, 24K gold, copper foil, and Shiva oil paint sticks. The finished product will be suitable for hanging, and since the edges will be finished artwork, no frame will be necessary.

Cost: \$125. This includes your canvas, gesso, copper, gold, paints, collage materials, and use of Shiva oil paint sticks. Student supply list will follow.

Holiday Bookmark/Card Exchange

Bookmark/Card exchanges take place at the December Annual Potluck Dinner and at the February General Meeting. Bookmarks and cards can be any shape and any size up to 8½" x 11" (no thicker than ¼"). You sign up when you arrive.

The first of two decorated envelope exchanges will run for three months—December 2015 through February 2016. Each participant will send and receive from one to three mailings per month. *Sylvia Stanley* will distribute the exchange list during the Potluck Dinner on December 3rd.

Save the Date for the January Program

Letters and Calligraphic Marks in Modern Art

Presented by *Leslie Winakur*

Thursday, January 7, 2015

7:00 PM

Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church, 510 Belknap Place

The January program, *Letters and Calligraphic Marks in Modern Art*, will be presented by *Leslie Winakur*. Leslie has extensively researched this topic which will give us insights into the works of famous artists and something to think about in our own calligraphic art. You will want to be there for this program!

40th Anniversary Celebration

In looking ahead for our 40th anniversary celebration in April, a group of members is searching through scrapbooks from our past years. We plan to use pictures from the past in a PowerPoint presentation.

One problem that we are having is that we only have scrapbooks through 2005-2006. If any of you have a more recent scrapbook, we hope you will let us borrow it. We hope to find important events and workshops that we have had in our recent past ten years that might be of interest. Also, does anyone know where the banner made for us by Bill Bristow is stored? Please email *Bonnie Houser* or *Joan Schmitz*.

St. Mary's University Exhibit

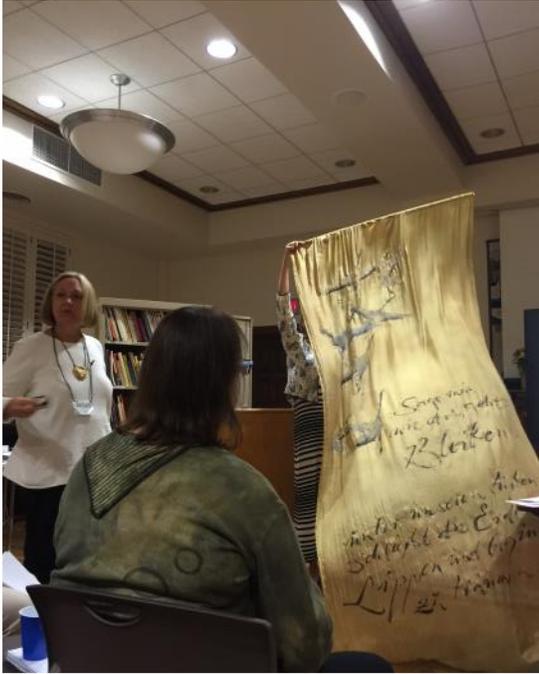
Along with the works of several notable San Antonio artists', five beautiful pieces of SACG members' artwork were displayed and offered for silent auction at the home of St. Mary's University President Thomas Mengler on October 2nd, 2015. The unique contributions by *Haley Ping*, *Fran Boffo*, *Maggie Gillikin*, *Leslie Winakur* and *Joanne Pacelli* were part of an annual event that is inspired by the University's copy of the illuminated *Saint John's Bible*. This year's theme was "Behold, Your Mother."

The exhibit was designed, hung and lighted by staff from the San Antonio Museum of Art. The invitation-only soiree and art sale raised over \$15,000 in scholarships for art education majors at St. Mary's.

We are very proud of these members for sharing their talent and expertise in this worthwhile event. Not only did they raise money directly for art education, they also increased the opportunity for other SACG members to exhibit their work and share the beautiful art of calligraphy with a wider community.

Suzan O'Connor

November General Meeting and Program



3x3x3 Monthly Challenge

The Monthly Challenge program is a chance for all Guild members to do a quick, fun and easy project every month. The theme for the 2015-16 program year is 3x3x3. The program will begin with the September 2015 General Meeting and is ongoing.

All you have to do is:

- Choose a three-letter word (any word!)
- Use a 3" x 3" piece of paper (any paper!)
- Write the word in any style (let your creativity go wild!)
- Write your name and any materials you used on the back
- Bring a different piece to every General Meeting for display and collection



Some of the pieces will be put together to form a piece of art for the Spring Exhibit at the Central Library. You can see examples in the photo from some of the pieces that were submitted at the November General Meeting.

Spring Exhibit

Our Spring Exhibit will be at the San Antonio Central Library in May, 2016. Calligraphy artwork for the show will be accepted at the end of April, 2016. Meanwhile, please refer to the Exhibit Guidelines if you wish to get started!

Join Us!

The San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild meets the first Thursday of the month, September through June, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church, 501 Belknap Place. An "Early Bird" program begins at 6:30 PM followed by a business meeting and program.

Membership in the San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild is open to all who are interested in the appreciation, practice and influence of beautiful lettering. The dues are \$24.00 annually and cover the period from July 1st through June 30th of each year. Secondary memberships are \$12.00 for each additional family member. Visitors are welcome and may attend two meetings before paying membership dues. Please join us!

Board Members

President	<i>Carolyn Patton</i>	Members-at-large:	<i>Lynn Rothe</i>
Vice-president	<i>Suzan O'Connor</i>		<i>Lenora Jordan</i>
Secretary	<i>Laura Herold</i>		<i>Bonnie Davis</i>
Treasurer	<i>Maggie Gillikin</i>		<i>Sylvia Stanley</i>
Parliamentarian	<i>Becky Hughes</i>		<i>Leslie Winakur</i>

Standard Supply List for All SACG Workshops

NOTE: This is a basic list of supplies for most SACG workshops. Check the newsletter for additional supplies required for specific workshops. If you need help understanding something on the list, ask an established member. They'll be glad to help!

- Paper & pen/pencil for taking notes
- Double ended pen handle, round barrel
- Nibs: 1 pointed nib (i.e. Nikko G or Brause EF66)
- 2 broad edged nibs (i.e. Mitchell # 5 or # 6 – small and Mitchell #2 – large)
Note: Mitchell nibs are the most flexible, Tape nibs are medium flexibility and Brause nibs have the least flexibility)
- Mechanical or regular pencils: a soft (2B) and a hard (4-6H)
- Eraser – white vinyl is good or a kneaded eraser
- Ruler – 18” or longer – metal cork-backed is best
- Scissors
- Xacto knife with #10 & #11 blades & empty Tic-Tac container (or other small container) for used blades – this is a safety thing
- Slant board
- Gouaches – Ivory Black (Windsor Newton or Schmincke are good brands) other colors of your choice
- Gum Arabic – Windsor Newton brand
- Mixing pan, mixing brush, dropper & distilled water, spritz bottle with distilled water, and small container(s) with lid(s) to take home leftover mixed gouaches
- Water container for cleaning brushes, etc.
- Old toothbrush for cleaning nibs
- Paper towels – the blue shop towels are the best
- Masking tape, blue artists/drafting tape
- Sharpie marker for labeling your tools – everyone in class has the same stuff!

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- 11 X 17 Calligraphy grid pad
- Crocus cloth – 1 sheet
- Magnifier – 8X – 12X
- Mag-eyes / Optivisor
- Ott-Lite, extension cord(s), power strip
- Cushion to sit on
- Footrest
- Sweater or jacket – some workshop rooms get cold
- Munchies & drink
- Pliers – for opening tubes of gouache and/or paints

SUPPLIERS:

Herweck's Art Supply – 300 Broadway, San Antonio
Asel Art Supply – 8111 Callaghan Rd and 1524 N Main Ave, San Antonio
Jerry's ARTARAMA—7059 San Pedro Ave, San Antonio
Paper and Ink Arts – www.paperinkarts.com
Blick Art Materials – www.dickblick.com
John Neal, Bookseller - www.johnnealbooks.com
Talas - www.talasonline.com

*San Antonio Calligraphers Guild
2015-2016 Membership Form*

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Birthday (month /day): _____

_____ (initial) I give permission to SACG to publish the information supplied on this form in the guild directory.

_____ (initial) I give permission to SACG to publish on the SACG website and in the newsletter pictures of me taken at SACG meetings.

_____ (initial) I give permission to SACG to publish representations of my work that have been displayed or completed at SACG events and classes.

(If you choose not to allow your photo or photos of your work to be published in the newsletter, it is your responsibility to ensure that your wishes are honored by reminding the photographer and newsletter editor at each meeting.)

I would like to help on one or more of the committees I've checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Awards and Memorials	<input type="checkbox"/>	Historian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Notification
<input type="checkbox"/>	Directory	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/>	Photography
<input type="checkbox"/>	Door Prizes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	Programs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Bird Specials	<input type="checkbox"/>	Major Workshops	<input type="checkbox"/>	Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Envelope Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Specials
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibits	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mentoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	Secret Pal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mini Workshops	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greeters	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	

I would like to donate to the SACG education fund _____

I would like to donate to the SACG scholarship fund _____

<p>Dues are \$24.00 a year Make checks payable to SACG Mail to: San Antonio Calligraphers Guild ATTN: Membership Chairperson 324 Meadowbrook San Antonio, TX 78232</p>	<p><i>Tell me more about...</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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