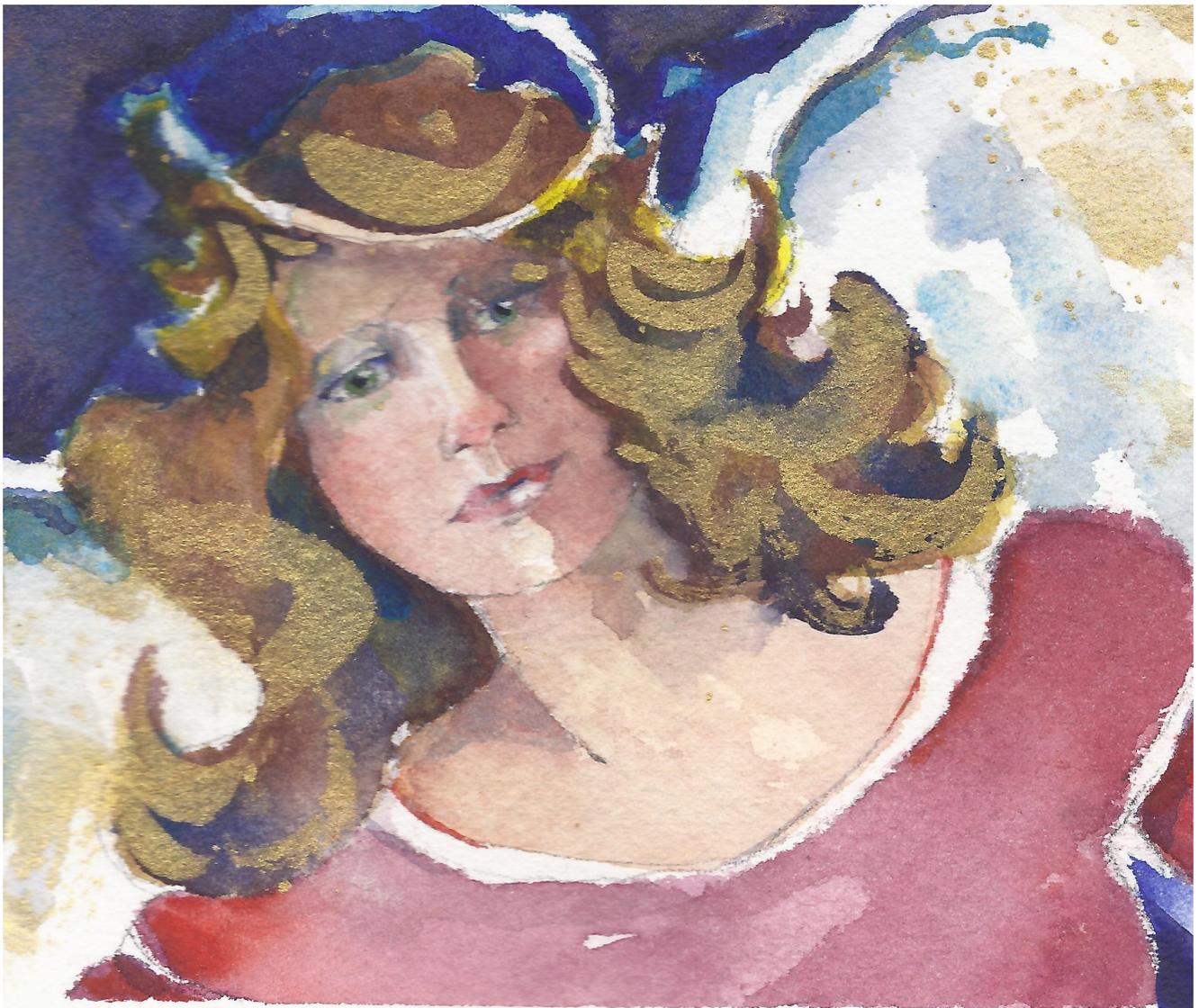


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CALLIGRAPHERS GUILD

# Flourishes

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*December, 2011*



# JORDAN JABBERS



Happy Holidays!

It's hard to believe that the holidays are almost here again. December is always so busy for everyone. We all have lots of shopping to do and a seemingly endless list of things to do. That is why we don't have a mini during December. However, this year I believe we will be among the first to have a holiday party. Our Pot Luck Dinner will be December first. We always have lots of good food and fellowship with our members at this dinner. I hope all of you will be able to attend this year. Also, if you can, make a card to exchange with other members. We will also be taking toys and other items for the Women's Shelter. This project has always been greatly appreciated by the people at the shelter.

Now I want to remind you of some of the activities we will have next year. First, I hope everyone is thinking about our logo contest. Remember you will have to have your logo ready to turn in at the February meeting. Then, we need you to be working on pieces to enter in our exhibit in April. This is going to be at a new place this year and we will need lots of pieces. You may also enter bigger pieces this year.

Our January meeting is one that many of us really need. We will be discussing organizing our studios. We will also be talking about how to organize your materials for workshops. Several of our members will be presenting this program.

Have a very happy holiday season, and I'll see you in January.

Lenora

## COVER ARTIST MAGGIE GILLIKIN



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5 Helen Rasplicka  
11 Pat Price  
17 MaryLynn Lurz  
20 Rosemarie Gonzales  
20 Jeri Wright  
26 Patricia Mahran  
28 Francene Smith



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# December 2011

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**GENERAL MEETING**  
Dec 1st

**7:00 PM at Christ Episcopal Church, Parish Hall**  
Annual Holiday Potluck and bookmark/card exchange



**HOLIDAY BOOK CLASS**  
Dec 3 and 4

**Dos-a-Dos Holiday Book**  
Maggie Gillikin and Leslie Winakur  
9:00 AM—5:00 PM, Discovery School  
For detailed information, see page 9.



**MINI WORKSHOP**

**No Mini in December.** Check back in January for the next mini.



**BOARD MEETING**

**No Board Meeting in December.**

# January 2012

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**GENERAL  
MEETING**  
January 5th

**6:30 PM** Early Bird: *Organizing Your Tools*  
**7:00 PM** at **Christ Episcopal Church, Parish Hall**  
Program: *Get Your Act Together! Organizing Your Studio and Supplies*. Presented by the Reggie Study Group



**MINI  
WORK-  
SHOP**  
January  
19th

**7:00 PM Parish Hall**  
**Valentines with Yuki.** More information and a supply list will be available in the January newsletter.



**BOARD  
MEETING**  
January 26th

**Board Meeting** at the home of Leslie Winakur.



# BULLETIN BOARD



**THE DECEMBER POT LUCK IS HERE ALREADY!** Can you believe it? Join us for the annual holiday potluck and book-mark/card exchange. We'll be gathering about 6:30 and eating and chatting till it's time to go home. Come early, come hungry. We always have a lot of goodies to share. And *don't forget to bring a card or bookmark* for the exchange. Both members and guests can participate in this guild tradition. The card or bookmark should be handmade, but no calligraphy is required, and has a maximum size of 8.5x11". Only one per person, though guests may need to have someone make one for them. This is not an anonymous exchange, so identify yourself somehow. Wrap your card or bookmark or put it in an envelope to make it a surprise and turn it in to Sylvia Stanley when you arrive. There will be a random distribution after we've eaten and a display on one of the tables.

**MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING BENEFIT THE GUILD!** SACG is now an Amazon Affiliate! What does that mean? It means that from now on, every time you make a purchase from Amazon, a percentage of that purchase price can go back to the Guild we all get so much from. And all it takes is one click. Before you start your shopping at Amazon, simply go to the Guild website and click on the Amazon link at the very top of the page. You'll be directed to Amazon and can shop till you drop. Nothing else changes. You use your own account and all your transactions are private. No one will know what you purchased, or even that you made a purchase, but Amazon will credit a percentage of your transaction to the Guild for "referring" you, and pay the guild in cash. And those credits can add up.

**YUM!!! A BIG "THANK YOU!"** to everyone who brought treats to the November meeting: Terry Beaty, Mari Frischmuth, BJ Grant, Carlos Haun, and Rudy Gonzalez. And a reminder that we're all signed up for the December Potluck!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DOOR PRIZE WINNERS!** Lenora Jordan, Mary Lynn Lurz, Carlos Haun, and Sylvia Stanley. The Door Prize Committee would like to thank all the folks who made contributions for door prizes. What a fun and eclectic selection of items we've received and are able to share! If you have any fun, interesting, usable, or decorative items that you think another guild member would enjoy, please consider donating them to the guild. Contact Bonnie Lind for more information.

**LIBRARY NEWS...**We have one more library box in need of a home. Don't miss this chance to bring home a box of books and spend the month perusing them at your leisure. If you're interested contact Macy Reid, our guild librarian.

## 2011—2012 ENVELOPE EXCHANGE...SIGNUP DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Signup for the traditional 4x5 envelope exchange has been extended to December 24th, with schedules available soon after that. Also, signup for the 3x3 that starts in March has been extended until the January 5th meeting, with schedules distributed at the February meeting. Contact Sylvia Stanley for more information or to sign up.

Schedules for the 3x3 exchange that starts in December will be distributed at the December potluck. If you'd like to receive a list sooner than that, contact Sylvia Stanley.

You can also sign up for either of the open exchanges by contacting Sylvia Stanley at 210-545-5515 or [esstanley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:esstanley@sbcglobal.net). Sylvia will have more information to share, so be sure to talk to her to sign up for one or all!

Remember, there's no skill level requirement, so use this opportunity to challenge yourself. This is a good chance to practice your lettering and see others' work! Don't miss it!





# BULLETIN BOARD



## Bamboo Gift Wrap Mini

Mary Bowman did a great job teaching everyone to make hand painted gift wrapping paper.



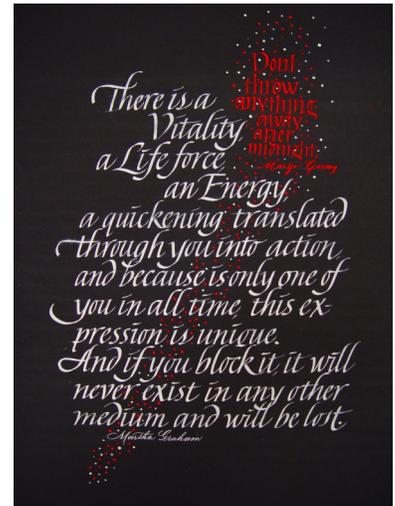
Enjoy these pictures from the November meeting and the presentation on summer calligraphy workshop opportunities.



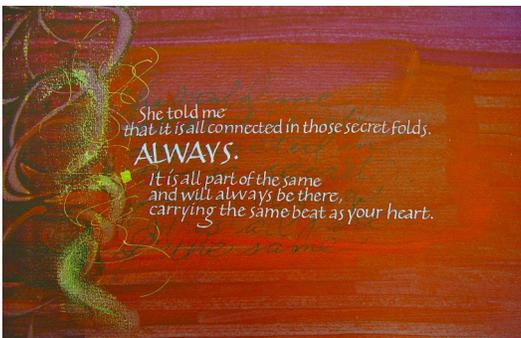
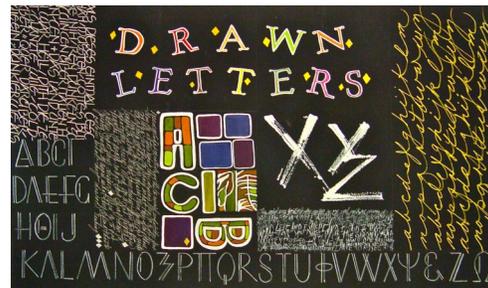
# A Year Long Workshop with Reggie Ezell

The recent Blackletter Workshop with Reggie Ezell was a huge success, and although it was intense and tiring, many of our members are clamoring for more. So we have polled the group and figured out that we do seem to have enough interest to justify scheduling Reggie's year long class once again. It's been 10 years since the first time, and things have changed a bit, but Reggie hasn't changed and he's just as inspiring as ever. We have many newer members and we hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity for a full year of study with a master.

We have scheduled the class for the year 2013. That does seem a long way off, but there's a lot of planning to be done, and there's a lot of money to be saved. After figuring as many details plus all of the known and potential costs, this is how it will work:



- Full class tuition: \$1250.
  - A deposit of \$100 must be paid by March 1, 2012 to guarantee your space in the class. We are penciled in on Reggie's schedule, but he does not consider us "inked in" until we have the minimum 16 students signed up with a paid deposit.
  - If you have paid your deposit, the latest drop date will be June 1, 2012, after which you are fully committed to pay the full fee unless you find a replacement for yourself. We realize this is a big commitment, but Reggie gets his airfares at the best possible rate and that means he gets them very early, so we have to pay him those fees early as well.
  - The full tuition is not due all at once. Half, which is \$625, is due by January 1, 2013. The balance is due by June 1, 2013. Again, we have to pay Reggie's airfares in advance, and we have to pay his teaching fee monthly.
- Class Schedule: We will meet every other month, beginning in February, 2013. We realize that "life is what happens while you're making other plans," as John Lennon said, and emergencies do happen. We plan to meet on the off months, totally voluntarily, so that we can assist each other with homework, clarification of notes, etc., and so that anyone who misses a class due to life's emergencies can be brought up to date by those who were present.
  - The dates for our classes are:
    - February 9-10
    - April 13-14
    - June 8-9
    - August 10-11
    - October 12-13
    - December 7-8



The minimum class size is 16 people, the maximum is 20. Once we have our minimum, we will have a class meeting to handle the logistics of classes and interim meetings. Our class coordinator is Leslie Winakur. Our class treasurer is Lynn Rothe. Feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions.

## Help Us Support the Battered Women's Shelter

The women and children at the Battered Women's Shelter have fled their homes to save themselves from abuse. Even though this is a safe haven for them, it is a very heartbreaking place to be. They arrive with broken bodies and broken spirits and sometimes with nothing but the clothes they are wearing. We can help them rebuild their lives by sharing our good fortune. Please think about them as you are doing your shopping and add a few extra items to your basket. Go through your closets, toy-boxes, garages and attics and pull out that stuff you don't use anymore and bring it to the potluck dinner in December. They need every day items, toiletries and things that can be given as gifts for Christmas.



### *Suggestions for donations:*

Deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, hairspray, lotions, shaving supplies, toothpaste & toothbrushes, soaps, combs & brushes, clothes, socks, shoes, coats, sweaters, toys (kids ages are from infants to teenagers – including teenage boys), perfume, jewelry, candy, diapers, baby clothes, etc.. A food pantry has also been set up so any non-perishable food items will also be welcome. Please make sure the expiration dates have not expired.



Mari, the director of the donation center, recently advised that they are very short on diapers, baby bottles, socks and underwear (new, not used) for the children. They would also appreciate \$10 gift cards for the teenagers for Christmas.

She also mentioned how much they appreciate the boxed cards we give them, but especially the hand-made cards we make. Please note that these are for them to use to send to friends and relatives, so we should not sign them.

Please leave everything unwrapped so it can be sorted. For Christmas, all the children's gifts are laid out so the moms can "shop" for the kids and then the women's gifts are laid out so the kids can "shop" for their moms.

It always feels good when we can make a difference in someone's life, and this is the time of year when we, as a guild, like to have lots of donations to give the BWS Donation Center. So, please, open your hearts and help put happiness in the lives of these women and children.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Bonnie Lind at 210-566-8256.



## SACG Spring Exhibit

The 2012 Spring Exhibit will be held at The Villa at 2403 N. St. Mary. The gallery is part of Tobin Hill's Second Friday Art Walk in the Tobin Hill neighborhood.

We will have two main events at The Villa:

Opening night: The opening will be the second Friday in April, April 13, 2012, 6-10 pm

Closing night: The closing will be the second Friday in May, May 11, 2012, 6-10 pm

A few notes:

- The size of your art can be up to 36 inches wide and 5 feet tall.
- There is also space for small art pieces, small sculptural calligraphic art and calligraphic books.
- Up to 2 pieces of your art will be hung in the exhibit. You may submit a third piece to fill an empty place when art is sold.
- All art must be for sale.

More information about the Spring Exhibit will be given in the next newsletter and at the January meeting.

## HOLIDAY BOOK CLASS: A HARDBACK DOS-A-DOS

Maggie Gillikin and Leslie Winakur

December 3rd and 4th, 2011

9 AM—5 PM, Discovery School

The Dos-a-Dos book is a “back-to-back” book in which two books share a back cover. It’s a fun book to create and it makes a great gift for a variety of folks, including a bride and groom, parents of two children, and for any situation where there are two distinct stories to be told. We hope you’ll join us for an enjoyable weekend.



Class fee: \$85. This includes the supplies, except paper, for two books—a soft bound dos-a-dos (not pictured), and the hardbound, which is bound with book cloth.

Contact Maggie or Leslie to sign up or for further information.