

Becky's Bits and Bytes

Our October meeting was devoted to paper. Dolores Schultz brought many samples and during the Early Bird we had a chance to try lettering on them with a variety of materials. The two videos gave us a look at commercial papermaking on a large scale and an opportunity to see how papers are made by hand. Thank you, Dolores for bringing us this interesting and informative program and for sharing your knowledge with us.



Many of us are hard at work on our pieces for the Fall Exhibit at Crumpets. You may bring your artwork to the November 7th general meeting, or make arrangements to get your pieces to Joanne Pacelli or a member of the committee. They will be hanging the show on Friday morning, November 8th. Our opening reception will be Sunday, November 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The invitations, created by Haley Ping, are a work of art so be sure to distribute them to your family, friends and anyone interested in calligraphic art.

Our November meeting promises to be a fun evening during which you will have a chance to use your creativity to make a book from the materials you receive in your Book in a Bag. Leslie Winakur will present the program and the Early Bird will be a display of mini books. Bookmaking plays an important part in many calligraphers' work and we are fortunate to have some expert bookmakers in our guild. (Many of us were thrilled with Maggie Gillikin's Saturday Special Long Stitch Book.) So be sure to join in the fun at the November meeting and take home a creation of your own.

Kimberly Hartzog will be taking a collection for the battered women's shelter at the December meeting. The guild has always responded to the needs of the shelter during the holidays and throughout the year. If you are unable to bring items to the meeting, a gift card is always appreciated. On January 16th we will make Valentines for the shelter at our Mini Workshop as we have done for many years. We appreciate the time that Kimberly gives this organization.

Our library continues to grow with new and interesting additions all the time. Macy Reid and the library committee bring these books to us at most of the general meetings. I'm sure you have noticed that it isn't always easy to find quality books on calligraphy and related topics at the public library. If you are looking for something in particular, check out the library link on the guild website, or just browse the carts at the meetings. Some of our hard-to-find books and books no longer in print are a treasure.

See you in November,

Becky

COVER ARTIST

Leslie Winakur



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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15 Nancy Powlas	30 Darla Peek
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November 2013

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**GENERAL
MEETING**
Nov 7

6:30 PM at Christ Episcopal Church, Parish Hall

Early Bird: Mini Books with Maggie Gillikin and Leslie Winakur

7:00 PM:

Program: Book in a Bag with Leslie Winakur



**MINI
WORKSHOP**

No mini this month. Check back in January.



**BOARD
MEETING**

No Board meeting this month. Check back in January.

December 2013

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**GENERAL
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6:30 PM at Christ Episcopal Church, Parish Hall

Annual Potluck Dinner, Card Exchange, and Battered Women's Shelter Collection



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BULLETIN BOARD

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING The upcoming November meeting is titled “Book in a Bag.” The Early Bird is a display and discussion of mini books. More information about the general meeting is available further on in this newsletter. Come prepared for an evening of fun and creativity!

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING The upcoming December meeting is our annual holiday potluck and holiday card exchange. A sign-up sheet for dishes will be available at the November meeting. Bring your appetite and a card to exchange .

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MINI’S Remember that there are no mini workshops in November and December. We’ll return to our normal schedule in January.

JANUARY MEETING, MINI, AND SATURDAY SPECIAL We have a full winter and spring planned. January kicks in with a general meeting, mini, and Saturday Special. Stay tuned for details on all three! Remember, ALL Saturday Specials this year are being held at Christ Episcopal Church.

FALL EXHIBIT... Plans for the Crumpet’s Fall Exhibit are well under way. Details and the registration form can be found further on in this newsletter.

LIBRARY NEWS... We have two new books in our library. The first is a donation from Sylvia Stanley entitled *Latin Quips At Your Fingertips*. It contains short quotes in both Latin and English on such subjects as love, relationships, fame, folly, and more. Most are quite satirical and might be able to be used in your calligraphy.

The second book is entitled *Art Lessons , Reflections From An Artists Life*. We received this book as a donation from the author, Susan Kapuscinski Gaylord. She describes her own journey from a beginning in calligraphy which expanded into other art forms.

In other library news, we have been given a room at the church in which we will be able to store our library carts between meetings. This has been in the works for some time, but finding a place that was accessible and also secure took some doing. Many thanks to Jill Adams for working on this project. You will be hearing more about the specifics later.

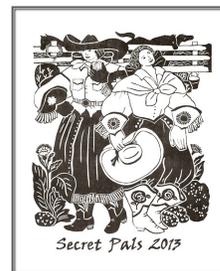
A Note from Bonnie Houser

My enduring thanks to my Secret Pal Committee members Deborah and Holley Bowen, Martin Colin-Dickey, Bonnie Davis, and Bonnie Lind; with help from Rose Gonzalez and Melody Dawkins. With their talents, time and creativity, they helped make this year’s “Western” theme a reality. I hope all who participated were blessed by the summer gift giving and receiving. Please consider doing Secret Pals, 2014 led by the capable Bonnie Davis. It promises to be a summer of *cool summer breezes on magical seas!*

What to do with your reclaimed boot from Secret Pal:

- Put in your studio... store in it those long handled brushes, paint sticks, chop sticks, other writing tools
- Fill it with cement and use as a doorstop or book end
- Insert a plastic or glass insert and use it as a vase for flowers
- Store rolls of decorative paper in it. Store anything.... napkins, towels, candles.
- Buy more discarded boots and start a boot decorating business (contact Deborah Bowen for preparation instruction)
- Brag mightily!!! Bet we’re the only Calligraphy Guild who has tackled writing on boots!

Gratefully, Bonnie Houser



*SACG 2013 Fall Exhibit
at Crumpet's Restaurant*

3920 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio, Texas 78209

Artwork will be collected at the General Meeting on Thursday, November 7, to be installed at 8am on Friday, November 8th. Please make arrangements directly with Joanne Pacelli if you cannot turn your artwork in on Thursday, November 7.

Opening Reception will be held on Sunday, November 17, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Guidelines for Fall Exhibit 2013

- Pieces should be no larger than 20" by 20" including frame.
- Artwork need not be for sale.
- Any sale transactions would be between the artist and the buyer.
- A piece may be re-entered for this exhibit provided it has not been in an SACG exhibit within the last two years
- A complete list of guidelines can be found on pages 14-15 of the 2013-2014 directory.
- Entries must be accompanied by an entry form, found on the last page of this newsletter or obtainable from a committee member

Take down is on Friday, January 3, 2014 at 8:00 am. Artists MUST come to collect their pieces at Crumpet's Restaurant before 9 am or make other arrangements.

For more information, contact Joanne Pacelli at 210-887-5655.

A big thank you to Haley Ping for the lovely invitation!



November Early Bird and Program

Early Bird Presentation - Miniature Books

Did you know that there is an official Miniature Book Society? Well, there is, and they define a miniature book as being no larger than 3 inches in any dimension. You will see a variety of such books on display for the Early Bird Presentation this month. Maggie Gillikin and Leslie Winakur will bring their own collections of mini books. If you have any others that you would like to share, please bring them as well. Remember, an artist can pack a whole lot of meaning into a miniature book. And some of these may provide some valuable inspiration for the evening's program!



Program - A Book in a Bag

The one form of reality TV that Leslie finds appealing is the type of show that requires participants to be creative on the spot, using a limited selection of raw materials. So she thought it would be fun for us to try something like that. This will not be a contest of any sort, but rather a collective exercise in doing something new. In this hands on program, Leslie will provide a bag full of surprise materials from which we will each create a book of some sort. There will be lots of guidance available, if you need it. The books will be small, but that doesn't mean they won't be quite lovely and meaningful. I can hardly wait to see what we create!

Please bring a glue stick, your favorite calligraphy tools and media - just a few, any tools or materials you feel you can't do without, and most importantly, your imagination and creative spirit. Come prepared to have some fun!

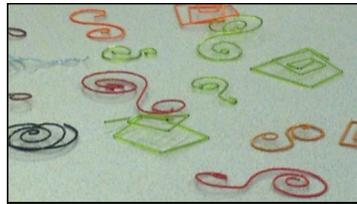
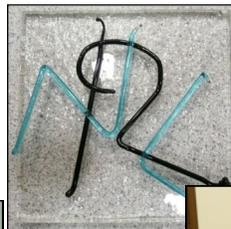
BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER Our annual holiday collection for the Battered Women's Shelter happens at the December general meeting/potluck. The Battered Women program not only serves families residing in the shelter but families transitioning from shelter assistance to self-sufficiency. Gifts and gift cards for the children are needed this time of year as are non-perishable food staples and non-perishable holiday fixin's. The pre-teen and teenage children are usually under-served this time of year and are most easily satisfied with gift cards to stores like GAP, Old Navy, or ROSS, which are available at your grocery store when you do your regular shopping. The staff at the donation station are so appreciative each time I bring them a SACG donation, thank you friends!



Kimberly Hartzog, SACG Battered Womens' Shelter Donation Coordinator

Calligraphers Playing with Fire!

Really... Check out these pictures from the Manipulating Glass in the Flame mini workshop lead by Nicole Lozano. Everyone was given the opportunity to make their own dish, which Nicole generously offered to bring home to fire!



Pictures from the Long-stitch book Saturday Special

Everyone was very successful making their long-stitch books at the Saturday Special in September. We may have even created a couple new bookmaking monsters!



2013 SACG Fall Exhibit Entry Form

You must fill out and submit **both** sections of the form printed below for **each** piece of art you are entering and attach it to your artwork.



San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild 2013 Annual Fall Exhibit Entry Form

Artist name _____
Phone (area code) _____
Title _____
Media description _____ _____
Year created _____
Price \$ _____ (Write NFS if you do not wish to offer your piece for sale)

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