

Letter Perfect

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Friday, May 9, 2003

Meeting at 7 p.m.

Mary Lawler

**Listening In: Conversations
with Images**

Listening In is a presentation of building a dialogue with your work in progress. Mary will share her creative process with us.

Friday, June 13

Meeting at 7 p.m.

**Trash and Treasures
Annual Auction**

Patt Miller, Guest Auctioneer

Bring your art-related items and filled out auction slips to this popular event!

Location: San Diego Education Association Conference Room, Suite 300, 10393 San Diego Mission Road, San Diego

Directions: Friars Road to Rancho Mission Road (just east of I-15), turn south. Proceed to intersection at bottom of hill. Turn right (west) onto San Diego Mission Road. Turn left into first driveway past the shopping center. The parking lot is behind the building.

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President's Prose

We had a wonderful reception for our 25th Anniversary exhibit! Thank you to all who helped to make it such an overwhelming success. (The program listing all the participants as well as the exhibit volunteers is available on our website.) Many of the people who attended the reception were not us! We really did get the word out to the community, and it was a joyous sharing of our artistic endeavors. (Right: 25 year members Patt Miller, Lisabet Wilson, and SDFC co-founder George Weinberg-Harter.)

Our May 9 Friday meeting will feature Mary Lawler, who currently teaches mixed media collage and lettering arts at the Guild Studio School, Easthampton, MA, and conducts workshops throughout the United States. Her lecture and slide presentation is *Listening In: Conversations with Images*. Mary's two-day workshop *Mixed Media Collage* is on May 10 and 11 and there are still places available if you're interested.

In June, our annual meeting includes voting for new officers for our Board of Directors and the always gleeful Trash and Treasures experience, ably led once again by our fantastic auctioneer, Patt Miller.

The end of our fiscal year finds a great many changes in the makeup of our Board of Directors. Completing their two-year terms are Jacqueline Lacey, Cary Joel, Jean Igoe, Gretchin Lair, and Susan Richardson. Ronna Rogers has completed an additional year as Newsletter editor. Teri Martin has successfully designed a full workshop program for 2003-2004 but is unable to continue to serve on the Board. Three of the current Board members have indicated their willingness to serve one additional year.

SDFC Board of Directors 2003-2004 Proposed Slate

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Adjunct positions: Library/Resources: Beverly Frank; Webmaster: Naomi Lesberg; Archives: Phyllis Miller; Show & Share: Pat Sunda.

As you can see, it is time to step up to the plate and fill our vacant positions and responsibilities. With no Vice President to coordinate General Meetings, we will be unable to meet monthly. Without Membership and Newsletter Chairs, there will not be any roster or mailings. Without an Exhibit Chair, there will be no exhibits. Without a Workshop Chair there will be no workshops planned for 2004-2005.



Thank you

As the lucky winner of the treasure chest raffled off at the Poway Exhibit on January 18, I thank you. The chest was full of artful cards and gifts made and donated by the guild members. As I sat looking through everything, I was again reminded of the many talents of the members of SDFC. I loved everything. Thanks again for being so generous. And as for the exhibit, it was outstanding and inspiring. Thank you to all involved for their hard work putting it together and making it happen for everyone to enjoy.

Susan Mann

An exuberant Terrilynn was the winner of our raffle at Grand Galleria on April 12.

...letters of the alphabet frighten
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terribly. They are sly, shameless demons—and dangerous! You open the inkwell, release them: they run off—and how will you ever get control of them again! They come to life, join, separate, ignore your commands, arrange themselves as they like on the paper—black, with tails and horns. You scream at them and implore them in vain: they do as they please. Prancing, pairing up shamelessly before you, they deceitfully oppose what you did not wish to reveal, and they refuse to give voice to what is struggling, deep within your bowels, to come forth and speak to mankind.

Nikos Kazantzakis

The San Marcos Public Library is exhibiting calligraphy art work from members of North County Calligraphy Guild from May 5-30. 2 Civic Center drive, San Marcos. Several SDFC members are participating in this show.



2003-2004 SDFC Calendar of Events

- May 9:** Meeting: Mary Lawler, *Listening In: Conversations with Images*
May 10 & 11: Mary Lawler Workshop, *Mixed Media Collage*
June 13: General Meeting: *Trash and Treasures*, annual SDFC auction and annual business meeting
September 12: General Meeting: Mark Van Stone, *An Introduction to Maya Calligraphy*
October 10: General Meeting, open and need a coordinator
October 11: Mark Van Stone, *Celtic Knots*
November 7: General Meeting, open and need a coordinator
November 8 & 9: Victoria Pittman, *Metal Collage*
December: Holiday Party
February 13: General Meeting, Lisa Engelbrecht
February 14 & 15: Lisa Engelbrecht, *Experimental Lettering*
Spring, 2004: Teri Martin, *Coloring Books, the Sequel*
May 8: Jane Shibata, *Decorated Letters for Certificates and Resolutions*



Terrilynn and Brian Tucker (left) of Grand Galleria at the artists' reception. Go to "Exhibits" on our website to see more photos.



Shirley Wineberg's interview with Past President Lisabet Wilson (right) is in the online May/June edition of Letter Perfect.

Letter Perfect Goes Online

SDFC's newsletter has taken on a new look. Our website, www.sdfconline.com, has become a tremendous resource and display of everything our guild has to offer. You will find past and present workshops with color photos of members and their work listed under **Workshops**; calligraphy classes throughout the county under **Other Calligraphy Classes**; guild exhibits, past and present, by clicking on **Exhibits** and other places where the work of SDFC members is currently on display. The **Members Only** section has Library materials available for check out, the membership application form, Trash & Treasures slips, plus links to other websites such as *Celebration* (the Ohio conference), Graceful Envelope Contest winners, reference sites for quotations, etc.

A wealth of information is available here. Enjoy your visual tour! Always check the bottom of the **Home** page to see what's new in information and photos, as well as to link to the online version of the newsletter. That's where you can read Shirley Wineberg's latest **Interview**.

So far, we have received many positive comments about our new format. Members without Internet access who wish to receive a print version of *Letter Perfect* may still receive hard copies by request.

Ronna Rogers and Naomi Lesberg (nlesberg@cox.net)

Thanks to Pat Sunda, 25th anniversary logo T-shirts, sweatshirts, and totes are available for purchase. Contact Pat for more information.