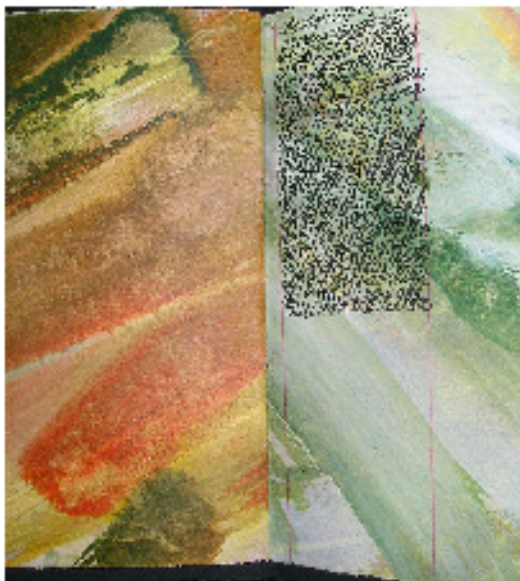


# Letters

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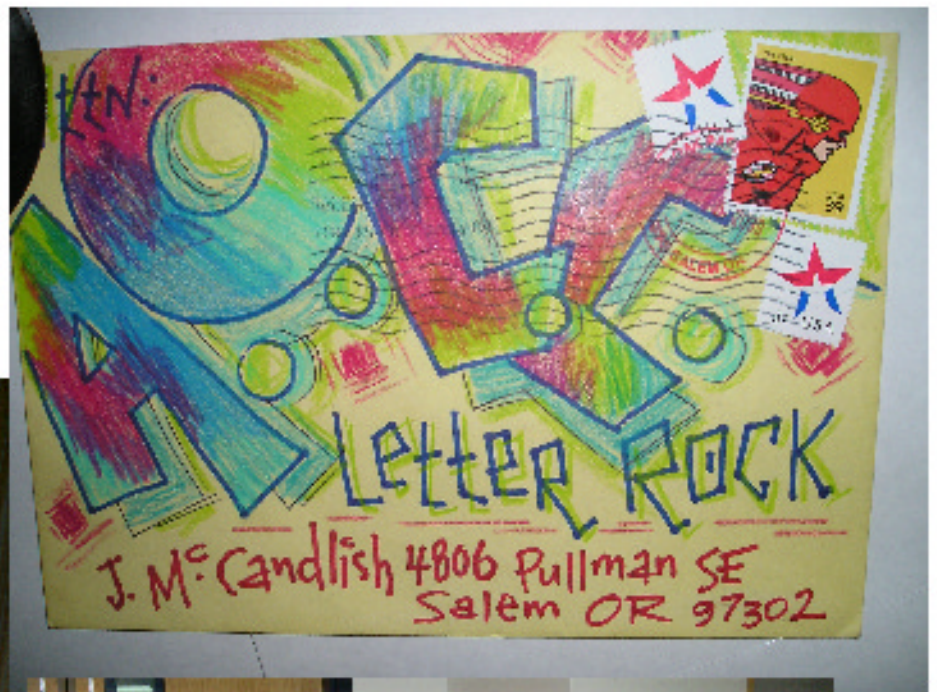


*Participants in Laurie Doctor's workshops before and after ROCC produced beautiful books! Above, photos of books created by Sandi Cormier and Jessie McCandlish.*

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 ALL OREGON  
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 2009



Scenes from AOCC 2009, clockwise from top left: Darlene Anderson, who coordinated and brought breakfast treats, Brigitte Miller's AOCC registration envelope, Bonnie Copeland and Didi Lafonde with Elvis, a rockin' letter G, and conference co-chair Laura Drager with Irish Hebler and Barbara Getty.

# President's Prologue

Our heartfelt thanks needs to go out to the great planning committee for this year's AOCC. The All Oregon Calligraphers Conference, Letter Rock 2009, was co-chaired by Laura Drager and Carol Baumann. From the wonderful keynote speaker and workshop presenter, Laurie Doctor, to the "rocking" letter centerpieces, it was a terrific group effort. Many hands were involved for months with the details of preparation. Our monthly postcards promoted a sharing of ideas, food and fun. THANKS to Laura, Carol and all the helpers! WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU! Be sure to check out the pictures on our website, [www.capitalcalligraphers.org](http://www.capitalcalligraphers.org). Click on AOCC and you can then click on the rocking video of pictures. Great fun!

Your next opportunity to show your work will be January 2010 at the Elsinore Framing and Fine Art Gallery. Our members' show will be featured at the gallery and I hope that you'll all have one or two pieces to display. Your work needs to be at the gallery Dec. 28-30 and no later than Jan. 4th. Your work should have your name, address and phone plus the title, media used (list materials used, not just calligraphy) and the retail price on the back. Please list if it's NFS. Any work sold will be consigned at 40% (you get 60%) so please price them accordingly. Elsinore Framing and Fine Art Gallery is at 444 Ferry St. SE, Salem, 97301. Brent is our contact person there. The number is (503) 581-4642.

**IMPORTANT:** The opening reception will be on first Wednesday, Jan. 6th. Artists should arrive a little before 5PM to get a nametag. The event goes from 5-8 PM so invite your friends and family to drop in and celebrate our fine work. This reception will be **IN PLACE OF** our January meeting since they're one right after the other.

Please make an effort to introduce yourself to new faces at our meetings. We've had several new members join us this year and we should let them know what a friendly, welcoming group Capital Calligraphers has always been.

Happy holidays and get your inky fingers busy on that project for our January show! Trish Hibler

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## About Capital Calligraphers

Capital Calligraphers' mission is to promote the study, teaching, and practice of calligraphy and related arts. We welcome anyone interested in calligraphy to attend our meetings and join the guild.

### Officers:

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## More AOCC Photos and Stories

I took the Sunday mini-book class and it was a real treat.

Laurie recited poetry, we listened to jazz and opera, and did a great stretch that the people in China do every morning.

It was a lovely, calm day and then all too soon back to reality ..... :)

My favorite was using a sea shell dipped in white gouache to write with... on black canson paper... amazing and fun and beautiful...

We made a book with its own case, and several smaller versions...

It was a really special day in the company of a very special, gifted and spiritual lady.

Kathleen Kelly



The Laurie Doctor class was terrific. It was all about Small Books and Verses. We all produced lovely box/envelopes and tiny books. Laurie has a knack of conveying a spirit of creativity and getting all of us to step out of our boxes and unfurl our wings. Quite a treat to come away feeling exhilarated and exhausted and inspired - all at the same time. We learned how to work with neutrals and blend sumi ink and walnut ink to create masterpieces in neutral colors. We made an Accordion book, a tiny Maze book, a large and small square envelope that held a message from our Muse, various tiny books made from all manner of decorated Arches text wove paper.

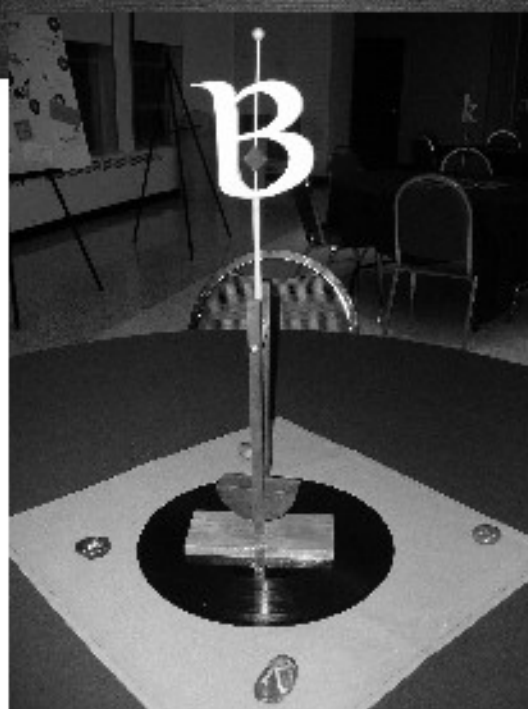
To hold all of these creations, we worked with Arches black cover and painted it with white gouache letters formed with a mussel shell and various white implements where we practiced our meditative writing, writing, writing. Then to round things out we used the mussel shell with sumi. There was some time spent with neutral colored pencils to decorate the paper which would become a box envelope to hold our Book of Days. Laurie stepped us through the process of cutting the paper to form the envelope and led us through the intricacies of scoring, folding and shaping our 1/2 inch thick box.

No cell phones allowed helped us settle in to a peaceful and meditative experience with Laurie reciting poetry to jumpstart our thoughts and help us see our own potential. She also selected music to fit the mood.

A wonderful time was had by all. We all came away with amazing work to show for our day and a sense of blossoming creativity that would give us energy and excitement to forge ahead on our own.

Sandi Cormier

# More AOCC Photos



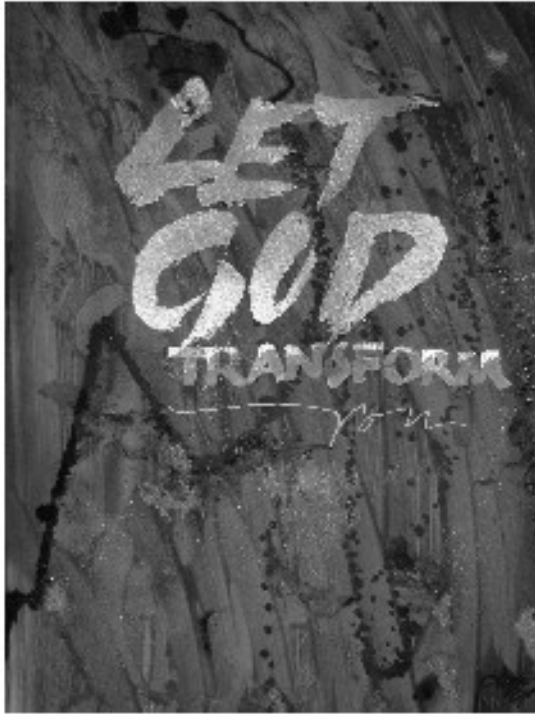
*AOCC 2009 photos, clockwise from top left: Colleen Cavin's Newland class, Patty Grass, Cliff Mansley's AOCC registration envelope, a rookin' letter B, another registration envelope, and a weathergram.*



*ROCC2009 photos, clockwise from top left: ROCC co-chairs Carol Bauman and Laura Drager, keynote speaker Laurie Doctor, Prindi Flug chats with Barbara Taylor and Darlene Anderson, Stephanie Page and Sandi Cormier, Patty Sackinger, and Diane and Doug Hutt.*



## State Fair



*Pictured above and to the left are two of Lyn Graybeal's pieces from the State Fair. Thanks to all who entered their work at the fair!!*

## Birthdays

### December

- 11 - Marcella Gentzkow
- 28 - Carol Deglow
- 28 - Diana Wullert
- 29 - Darlene Anderson

### January

- 1 - Pat O'Connor
- 11 - Nancy Orr
- 17 - Cheryl Zacher
- 26 - Kathleen Kelly

### February

- 6 - Dennis Willer
- 7 - Sandi Cormier
- 9 - Jessie McCandlish
- 21 - Iris Mayer
- 22 - Katy Vigeland
- 26 - Lyn Graybeal

## Hospitality

### December

- Treats - everyone brings treats to share. Also, please bring any food and other (new) gift items that you'd like to donate charity.
- If you'd like to participate in the holiday gift exchange, bring a \$5-10 gift (preferably calligraphy related).
- Birthday cards - we still need a volunteer!

### January

- Treats - Trish Hibler and Stephanie Page
- Raffle item - we still need a volunteer!
- Birthday cards - we still need a volunteer!

### February

- Treats - Barbara Taylor and Lyn Graybeal
- Raffle item - Penny White
- Birthday cards - Sylvia Ludwig-Giberti

