

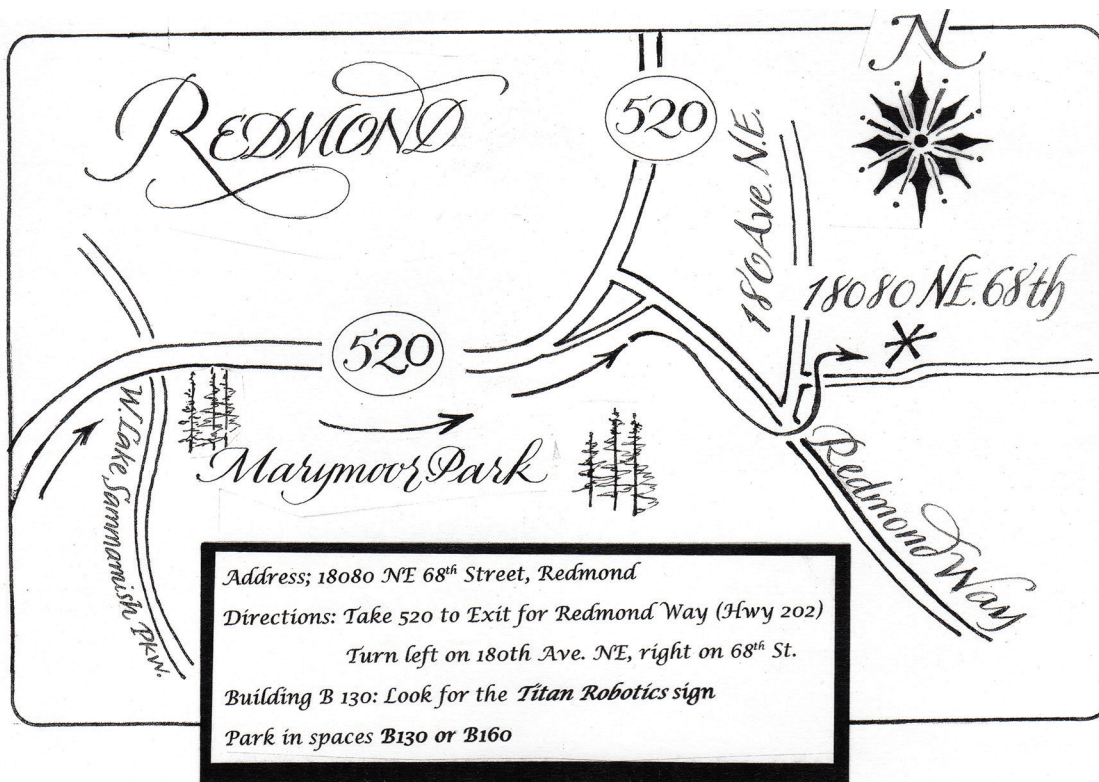
LETTERNEWS

The Society for Calligraphy & Handwriting



Whimsical Face by Janice Hammock

Winter-Spring 2021-2022



PLEASE NOTE:

In-person meetings will be held at Titan Robotics, 18080 NE 68th St, Suite B130, Redmond, WA 98052. Covid-19 protocols will be in force: Masks must be worn, and attendees must be fully vaccinated. Except for February, there will be a Zoom link as well.

Members will receive a link via email before each meeting; the regular schedule of 7 PM on the third Thursday of the month from September through May, excluding December, will be maintained, unless notified otherwise.

Please note that our Zoom meetings will no longer be recorded. The workshops will be recorded, and the link made available to attendees for a short time after the workshop.

Website: <http://calligraphysociety.org/>

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President's Message

Dear Friends,



I want to start by making a few announcements. The first one is to congratulate four of our members for receiving Honorary Lifetime Membership in SCH: Carole Sauter, Nan Robkin, Joy Newburn and Sue Gruhn. They have guided our guild through many years of growth and this is a small way to express our gratitude for their extraordinary contribution to our calligraphy community. At the end of May 2022, we will need to add two positions so if you would like to join our board, please contact me. We welcome all volunteers and will find the best fit for you!

It is also with regret that we lost a calligraphy icon, Jaki Svaren on November 20th at the age of 92 (<https://obits.oregonlive.com/us/obituaries/oregon/name/jacqueline-svaren-obituary?id=31705095>). Her book Written Letters and teaching legacy has inspired countless students and it was an honor to have her in my Dad's final class on Chinese Brush painting in 2017. It made us realize that the time to honor those who have impacted our lives is now, so take a moment to thank the teachers/mentors in your life today.

And finally, our board had an in-person holiday party at the new Redmond warehouse and it was a big success! Thanks to Kathy Barker for the new map. We briefly took our masks off for the photo op but we were able to conduct our business meeting, exchanged handmade cards/gifts and enjoyed each other's company. It was wonderful. From the online survey conducted, it seems that half of the people who responded could attend while the other half had some hesitancy in resuming in person meetings or are out of state. January 20, 2022 is the presentation with Jocelyn Curry trying our new hybrid format which will allow people who are unable to travel to Zoom in live. For those who can make the drive, I wanted to stress that we will have Covid protocols in place for the safety of all attendees. That means everyone is required to wear a mask indoors and be fully vaccinated. We also ask that you bring your own drink container, to minimize cross contamination. Our hospitality chair Kathy Barker will provide coffee and tea, and some light refreshments in the kitchen, but we ask that if you are unmasked while eating, to please stay a safe distance from others. Luckily, with the spacious new location in Redmond (18010 NE 68th St, Suite B130, Redmond, WA 98052), you will be able to do that. As a bonus to those who can attend in person, we'll be holding mini-silent auctions of 5-10 items per meeting to help generate some revenue as well as enthusiasm. This is made possible by some generous donations from Peninsula Scribes, South Sound Calligraphers, and individual donors.

As we embark on a new year, use your talents to reach out and inspire the next generation in calligraphy, and perpetrate some random acts of kindness to make someone's day!

-Lisa Leong-Tsang