

Saturday 25th March 2023

10am—4pm

Fee : **£45 plus materials**

Tutor : Liz Barrow



This workshop is an introduction to traditional calligraphy: You will learn to write with an edged nib, in two traditional calligraphic styles (Gothic script and Lombardic Versals - the latter is a form of decorative capital letter). You will use some colour, and use your new skills to make a small concertina booklet, either using a favourite quotation, or as an unusual Christmas or birthday greeting. Please note this is not a 'Modern Calligraphy' workshop. Suitable for complete beginners as well as those with a little calligraphic experience.

Learning Aims :

- Write a short text using the Gothic script
- Draw some Lombardic versal letters
- Choose decorative style to embellish
- Plan and complete a concertina booklet, combining the two scripts

About Your Tutor

I first took up calligraphy in the late 1980s when someone bought me a pen set - after a few years of attending evening classes I went on to study at the Roe-hampton Institute, where I gained the Certificate in Calligraphy & Bookbinding in 1995. Since then I've worked to commission, specialising in hand-scribed Quaker, and other, Marriage Certificates, and also doing various calligraphic work for the University of Cambridge, such as Degree Certificates and Benefactors Books. In 2017 I became a CLAS (Calligraphy & Lettering Arts Society) Accredited Tutor, and very much enjoy sharing my passion for calligraphy with the students who come along to my various classes and workshops.

The tutor will have pens, ink, coloured paint, small paint containers, and paper available for sale on the day*. The overall cost for these items will be approx £6-£10 depending on what you choose to purchase. Please ensure you bring some cash if you wish to purchase items, as the tutor cannot take card payments

- (*If you prefer to bring your own pens, please note we will be using broad-edged nibs and NOT pointed nibs.)
- You may bring your own ink but please ensure it is non-waterproof.
- If you bring your own paper it needs to be A3 not A4.
- You may like to bring your own gouache paints if you have them.
- (All these items will be available and so you do not need to bring them if you don't already have them.)

In addition, you will need to bring the following items (which will not be on sale from the tutor):

- Ruler
- Pencil
- One or two small round artist brushes, size 2, 1, or 0.
- An old or cheap brush (approx size 6) for loading ink into the pen – optional - alternatively you can just dip the pen into the ink
- Jam jar (to use as a water pot)
- Eraser
- Glue stick
- Masking tape, if you have it (can be shared between students if not everyone has it – you don't need much)
- Old cloth or tea towel for protecting table
- (optional) coloured pencils – if you prefer to use these rather than paints

- If you have a cutting mat, craft knife and cutting ruler, please bring them, but there will be some available for everyone to use as well, so no need to purchase specially.
- If you happen to have a portable drawing board, please bring it. The tutor will bring some flat boards for students to borrow. If you wish to borrow a board, please bring two rolls of kitchen towel to prop the board up on the table, and two blobs of blu-tac to stop it sliding.

How to book

You may enrol by:

- Phone: 01954 288751
- Email: community@astreacottenham.org

Course fees are payable in full at the time of booking. Bookings and course fees must be made at least 5 working days before the start of the course.

Ways to pay

- Payment can be taken by cheque, payable to Astrea Academy Trust or by credit/debit card in person at Cottenham Village College.
- Credit/debit card payments can be taken over the telephone on 01954 288751

Please note refunds can only be made if a class is cancelled or closed.

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