

Calligraphy as A Spiritual Discipline

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Description:

Joining God and Self, Word and Image with expressive calligraphy gives you the ability to deepen your personal spiritual growth as well as touch the lives of others....bringing encouragement and hope. Learn to practice your passion for calligraphy to create unique, life giving designs.

We will meditate on and think through your selection of thought provoking words, choosing the phrases that speak to you and learn to arrange them in a variety of impactful layouts. Interpret the spirit of the text with imagery, decoration, flourishes and multiple lettering styles changing the weight, height and mood of the letters, first in pencil layouts and as time permits, finalize with watercolor, colored pencil, simple collage or with other tools and materials that you have with you.

Create a simple portfolio in which to carry your designs home or gift them to another.

Whatever your faith or spiritual bent, you are welcome in this class as we “feed the soul by making meaningful words beautiful.”

Supply List:

Speedball Textbook (reference for lettering styles, I will have one handout with a few styles)

Pigma Micron Pens

Pencil - HB lead

Mars Staedtler eraser - or another favorite

Tracing Paper for sketching (or bond paper) - My fav is Clearprint

D'Arches HP or CP 90 or 140lb - cut 4 in manageable sizes 11x11

Watercolors - I prefer WN, but you may bring what you have. Pan or tube colors are fine.

Bring at least 3+ colors and a metallic, plus Chinese white for mixing.

OR Watercolor Pencils. Gouache is acceptable, but is harder to layer.

Brushes - I prefer WN Series #7, but you can bring similar small brushes (or synthetic)

We will be working within an 11x11 size page, so designs will be on the smaller side, so judge your brushes accordingly.

Lettering Pens - I prefer Mitchell pens (all nib sizes) but bring the brand that you have

Water Pot, Paint rag - for cleaning pens

Ruler for drawing lines

Saral Paper - flat sheets or roll, for transferring designs.

Alternative: Portable light box for tracing - only if you have it already (optional)

Optional: Scraps of colored and/or unique papers to use as collage /mixed media in your designs. Glue stick. Gel Pens for a little bling. A few favorite colored pastels, and materials/tools that you would like to work with as we create.

Bring 3+ meaningful verses, quotes that speak to your heart and/or encourage others.

For Portfolio: 1 sheet black or off-white Canson paper, bone folder (we can share)

See image samples on next page.....(others available)

THEREFORE LET US STOP PASSING JUDGEMENT ON ONE ANOTHER. INSTEAD, MAKE UP YOUR MIND NOT TO PUT ANY STUMBLING BLOCK OR OBSTACLE IN YOUR BROTHERS WAY. THOMAS à KEMPIS

We carefully count others offenses AGAINST US. But we rarely consider what others may SUFFER BECAUSE OF US.

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FOR THIS REASON I REMIND YOU TO Fan into flame THE GIFT OF GOD WHICH IS IN YOU

2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7

THROUGH the laying on of my hands for God gave us a Spirit... NOT OF FEAR BUT OF POWER and LOVE and SELF-CONTROL

PRaise and MAGNify

Let your joyful heart sing
Let your joyful heart sing
Let your joyful heart sing

So GOOD AND GLORIOUS A CREATOR

William Law

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LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24

Great is thy Faithfulness

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER ceases. HIS MERCIES come to us like the early morning. HIS MERCIES NEVER COME TO AN END. THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING. Great is thy faithfulness. GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I have hope in Him."

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