



Transform an ordinary envelope into a work of art!

Each contestant may enter only one envelope. There is no entry fee. Entries must be postmarked no later than Thursday, April 30, 2009, and must be addressed using hand-executed lettering to:

The Graceful Envelope Contest
Washington Calligraphers Guild
P.O. Box 3688
Merrifield, VA 22116

Graceful Envelope Contest

2009 contest theme: Address the Environment

Think green with all the colors of the rainbow! Focus on flora or fauna, accentuate the air, highlight H₂O—or give a big hug to Mother Earth herself. Design an envelope that promotes the preservation of our natural world.

Entries must be processed and delivered through the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail and may not be wrapped in a separate envelope or protective covering.

Only the front of the envelope will be judged. Legibly print your name, complete address and e-mail on the **BACK** of the envelope (entries will not be opened) and indicate your age group:

- ☛ Adult
- ☛ Junior (Grade 7 through Grade 12)
- ☛ Child (Grade 1 through Grade 6)

Winners will be chosen based on artistic hand lettering, creative interpretation of the theme and effective use of color and design. Computerized type and images are not permitted.

The 15th annual Graceful Envelope Contest is sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers and administered by the Washington (DC) Calligraphers Guild.

Artistically addressed envelopes based on this year's theme—Address the Environment—will be selected for display in the lobby of NALC headquarters in Washington, DC.

For complete rules or to view last year's winning envelopes, go to www.calligraphersguild.org.

Deadline for entries: April 30, 2009

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Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged; artists will be notified of the final status of their entries in July 2009 and winners will receive certificates. No prizes will be awarded.

Winning envelopes will be displayed at National Association of Letter Carriers headquarters in Washington, DC and on the Internet. All entries become the property of the Washington Calligraphers Guild for use in publications or exhibitions and will not be returned.