



The Graceful Envelope

2022 CALL FOR ENTRIES

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Greetings and Salutations

Whether somebody has written Hey there, Hello, Hola, Wuz up, Cher ami, Hi, or Good day, those lines launch the kind of connection you can't get from an email or a tweet. "Greetings & Salutations" is the theme of this year's Graceful Envelope Contest. The design of your envelope should celebrate the magic of beginning to read (or write) a personal letter.

RULES:

1. Entries must be postmarked no later than **Monday, March 21, 2022**, and addressed artistically by hand to:

The Graceful Envelope
P.O. Box 3688
Merrifield, VA 22116

2. You may enter only one envelope. Size may not exceed 7x9 inches. Standard #10 business envelopes are also permitted. There is no entry fee.

3. 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 (unless multiple entries are coming from one class).

4. On the back of the envelope, print "FROM" and your name, address and **email** (or teacher's email). Students need to indicate their grade level.

5. To see full contest rules and past winning Graceful Envelopes, visit:
<http://www.calligraphersguild.org/envelope.html>

JUDGING:

Winners will be chosen based on artistic hand lettering, creative interpretation of the theme and effective use of color and design, including incorporation of postage stamp(s).

Judges will consider entries in these categories:

- *ADULT**
- *Grades 1 to 4**
- *Grades 5 to 8**
- *Grades 9 to 12**

WINNER NOTIFICATION:

WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL.

Winning artists will be displayed online beginning in early June 2022. Adult winning envelopes will be displayed at **Penny Post**, a stationery and lettering arts shop in Old Town Alexandria, VA. Winning envelopes will receive publicity and certificates; Penny Post will also have customers select a "People's Choice" awardee. Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged and entries will not be returned.

The Washington Calligraphers Guild

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