

PARTICIPANTS EXHIBIT

All participants are invited to bring along a matted but non-framed piece for this exhibit. It is a self-hung exhibit, and hanging supplies will be provided. The exhibit will be held in the Duke Art Building, so visit when you arrive to hang your piece!

FIRST TIME AT A CALLIGRAPHY CONFERENCE?

You are warmly invited to participate in Letterforum's Welcome Newcomers Meeting. It will begin at 5:00 pm on the Saturday of your arrival. Mary Ann David has graciously volunteered to coordinate this meeting. If you have any questions for Mary Ann, you may address them to Letterforum2006@aol.com to her attention.

DORM INFO...KEY CHARGE

Every participant and guest staying on campus will receive a key card, which will be their access pass to the dorms as well as their meal pass. Please guard this card carefully, as there will be a lost key charge of \$20.

MONEY MATTERS

Our excellent treasurer, Susan Reeves, has been processing everyone's registrations and has been working overtime to handle everyone's accounts accurately and thoroughly. Upon your arrival and registration, you will receive a receipt with your charges and ending balance. Additional charges which may be added are: the optional upgrade charge for a single room, a room in the Bluestone area, a tour, or the Tuesday barbecue. If you have any questions, feel free to contact letterforum2006@aol.com.

HAVE PEN WILL TRAVEL

Whether you are an experienced teacher, or one who is contemplating it, this is a unique opportunity for you to make yourself known to the calligraphic community. Your promotional material will be distributed to all the guild's representatives, so they might consider you when preparing their upcoming workshop schedules.

Please send 150 copies of your flyers to Kathy Markham, 221 Jerome Avenue, Carle Place, NY 11514. You can also drop them off at the Letterforum Office by Sunday, July 23rd.

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FROM THE DIRECTORS

Well, we are in our final countdown mode! Everything is now in the last stages of preparation and there really is a light at the end of the tunnel. Pat and I as well as our trusty gang of volunteers have devoted many hours to make this a fulfilling and unforgettable experience for you. The old hands at this will understand what I am talking about. A conference is very different from your weekend workshop. It's just so much more! Here you will have the opportunity not only for extensive, uninterrupted study, but also to meet with calligraphers and teachers from places both near and far away. You will be able to view exhibits up close and be on top of the newest tools and books that are available for your use and perusal.

So, we are awaiting your arrival to welcome you to Letterforum — another calligraphic experience for you to store up in your memories and to treasure!

See you in July!

Pat Blair and
Marta Legeckis



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LETTERFORUM WEEK PREVIEW

SATURDAY - July 22

Arrival and check-in, 11:00 am — 6:00 pm....After 6:00 pm, please register at the Letterforum Office. You will receive directions to your dorm where you will have time to unpack and relax. Your registration packet will contain: Letterforum catalog and calendar, scheduling information and tutorial assignment (if you've signed up) and a campus map. You will also receive your special gift, the Scribe Sampler, when registering.

THINGS TO DO AFTER UNPACKING:

- Bring your unframed art to the Participants Gallery in Duke Hall
- Stop by the Peanut Gallery to pick up your conference pre-order
- Start shopping! Visit the Commercial Trade Show (open through Tuesday), John Neal Books and Paper and Ink Arts (open through Friday) and the Peanut Gallery (open through the week).
- Stop by the Letterforum Office (The "Nuthouse") to say "HI", and find out about last minute events or make a reservation for a tour or a serendipity.

5:00 — Newcomers Meeting....plan to attend if this is your first conference, or if you would like to get to know a little about the campus.

5:00 — 7:00 — Dinner in Gibbons Hall Cafeteria

6:45 — Classroom Monitors Meeting

7:30 — Opening Presentation

8:15 — Gallery Walk — official opening of the Letterforum Exhibits.

SUNDAY — July 23

Classes begin.

4:45 — Cyberscribes meeting

7:30 — Julian Waters offers Keynote Address

9:00 — Evening Social and Serendipity — Root Beer Social sponsored by Paper and Ink Arts

MONDAY - JULY 24

Classes 8:30 — 4:30.

4:45 — ACA Annual Meeting

7:30 — Evening Program

9:00 — Evening Social and book signing, sponsored by John Neal Books

TUESDAY — July 25

Classes 8:30 — 11:30.

12:00 — Deadline for dropping off for Business Card Exchange.

Free time in the afternoon..... OR.... Take a tour! — 12:30 — 5:30

(sign up at the Letterforum Office or on your registration form, additional fee)

7:00 — Barbecue on the Quad

(sign up at the Letterforum Office or on your registration form, additional fee)

WEDNESDAY — July 26

Second Half-Week Classes begin and full-week classes continue.

7:30 — Evening Program

9:00 — Evening Social and Serendipity

THURSDAY — July 27

4:45 — Guilds Representative Meeting

7:30 — Evening Program

9:00 — Evening Social — "Pub Night" — ACA Auction Winners announced

FRIDAY — July 28

Week's End "Show of Hands"

7:30 — Closing Ceremonies

8:30 — "Mad Hatter Night" and Dance

Please note: above activities and times are subject to change....please consult the Letterforum "calendar of events" upon arrival at Letterforum.



PEANUT PATTY

The last newsletter began a journey into the world of the peanut. Here are some more facts about this beloved legume.

The peanut plant is believed to have originally come from Brazil or Peru. After the Spaniards came to the New World, they brought the little peanut back to Spain, where it is still grown. Traders and explorers took the peanut to Africa and Asia. In Africa, the peanut was thought to be one of several plants possessing a soul! When the Africans were brought to North America as slaves, they brought the peanut with them.

Here is a peanut recipe to try:

(Results not Guaranteed!)

PEANUT PORK KEBABS

Ingredients:

- 2 to 3 pounds pork tenderloin cut into 1" cubes
- 2 c. soy sauce
- 2 tbsp. molasses
- 1 c. hot water
- 1 c. chunky peanut butter, natural if possible
- 2 garlic cloves peeled
- 1/8 tsp. crushed red pepper
- juice of 1 1/2 lemons

Preparation:

In a food processor, combine all the ingredients except the pork. Put pork cubes in a non-metallic dish and pour the marinade over them, coating on all sides. Cover and Marinate in refrigerator overnight, turning occasionally (wake up your husband if you don't want to get up!). Thread pork on skewers and broil or grill over hot coals for about 15 — 20 minutes or until done.

Serves 6 to 8.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO JMU

From the Baltimore/D.C. area:

- From Baltimore, take 95 South to the Washington D.C. beltway (495) towards Silver Spring and Northern Virginia.
- Take exit 49 for Rt. 66 West.
- Take 66 West to where it ends at I 81 and take I 81 South.

Traveling Southbound on Interstate 81

- Take exit 245 (Port Republic Rd.) on 81 South.
- Make a right at the top of the ramp and stay in the right lane.
- At the first traffic light, take a right onto Bluestone Dr.
- Follow Bluestone Dr. around until you see the Bookstore on your left. *If you have gone across the RR tracks, you have gone too far.*
- Park in the G parking lot by the Bookstore. Leave your luggage in the car, follow signs that will direct you up Bluestone Dr. and cross the RR tracks to Warren Hall for registration.

Traveling Northbound on Interstate 81:

- Take exit 245 (Port Republic Rd.) on 81 North
- Make a left at the top of the ramp and get in the right lane.
- At the second traffic light, take a right onto Bluestone Dr.
- Follow Bluestone Dr. around until you see the Bookstore on your left. *If you have gone across the RR tracks, you have gone too far.*
- Follow instructions for parking given above.

From Richmond/Charlottesville;

- Take Interstate 64 West to Interstate 81.
- Head North on Interstate 81 and follow instructions given above.

AIRPORT & SHUTTLE INFO.

Letterforum will be running a shuttle service between Dulles International Airport and JMU starting at 10 A.M. You MUST have a reservation and be pre-paid in order to take advantage of this service. If you are not arriving by plane on Sat., July 22nd but would still like to take advantage of the shuttle service, please make sure you contact us, so that we can put you on our shuttle list. Once you let us know when you will be at Dulles, we will assign you to a specific shuttle.

When you arrive, please go to the luggage claims area. Look for Letterforum signs and balloons that will lead you to the Letterforum Greeters who will be waiting to welcome you. Make sure that your name is checked off on their list of registered passengers for the shuttle. The ride to JMU should take about 2 hours through the lovely Shenandoah Valley with the Blue Ridge Mountains to your left.

Your contact in case your flight is late, missed, etc., will be Jenny Nicholson (202) 997-4922. Please keep her cell phone number handy in case you have to let her know of any problems that you might encounter in making a shuttle. If you arrive early, there are coffee shops and gift shops to while away your time. Remember to relax and enjoy!

WHAT TO PACK

Comfortable summer clothing, since the temperature will most likely be in the 80's (we hope!) and possibly the 90's. All buildings are air-conditioned, so be prepared for some cooler temperatures inside.

MEAL VOUCHERS

Meal vouchers to dine in Gibbons will be available for purchase for visitors. The Dining Hall at JMU has received top marks as one of 10 best University cafeterias in the country! If you would like to join us for a meal, just stop by the Nuthouse in Taylor 307 to obtain your vouchers. The Top Dog Café and Starbucks will also be open.

GUILD BANNERS

Letterforum2006 will be displaying the banners of calligraphy guilds and societies from around the world during the week. Check with your guild president to ensure that your organization will be represented with a banner.

Ship banners to arrive at JMU between July 10 – 18 to:

JMU
Events and Conferences,
(Letterforum) Attn: Joyce Bentz
Taylor Hall, Room 233
MSC 3501
Harrisonburg, VA 22807

MINI WORKSHOPS

You can still register for the workshops below by mailing your \$25 payment before 7/15, which is also when any waiting lists expire. You will also be able to register on-campus at the Nut House (Letterforum office) in Taylor Hall. Workshops that will still be available will be posted at the door.

Saturday, July 22

2:00 – 3:30 • Pastel Dust

4:00 – 5:30 • Alphabet Book and Other Shapes • Leaf Painting
• Paperbag Scrapbooks

Tuesday, July 25

2:00 – 3:30 • Alphabet Book and Other Shapes

• Iris Folding • New Tool Tour - **NEW!**
• Oops, Now What?

4:00 – 5:30 • Artist Trading Cards • Casual Roundhand - **NEW!**

• Multi-Section Recycled Books • Paperbag Scrapbooks

7:30 – 9:00 • Oops, Now What?

As you pack your class materials, be sure to include any supplies for your Minis!



EVENING PROGRAMS

Evening programs will be held at the Grafton-Stovall Theatre. Our first evening program will be on Saturday where we will introduce you to the Faculty and officially open our exhibits with a Gallery Walk.

- Sunday - Julian Waters will be our keynote speaker, a long-time member and instructor known to many.
- Monday - Carl Rohr, will introduce us to his latest finds from his European travels.
- Tuesday - will be an evening of relaxation and doing whatever suits your fancy.
- Wednesday - evening programs resume with a presentation from book-artist Carol Barton.
- Thursday - Ieuan Rees, a well-known stone carver and lettering artist from Wales, will tell us of all the "good stuff" out there and will it last.
- Friday - a power point presentation of what went on during the conference followed by...

THE MAD HATTERS PARTY!

Wearable top-of-the head art will be the theme of our last night's party! Be it a hat or some fantastic creation – all are acceptable – as long as they are on top of your head! There will be a live band to send us on our way until next year's "Island Magic"!



SERENDIPITY

Serendipity...."discovery of things not sought." Come visit serendipity night and see fellow participants demonstrate a painting technique or new lettering style....show case a craft or try a new tool....You're sure to discover a new idea or interest. Bring your notebook, camera and curiosity! *Following the programs on Sunday and Wednesday nights.*

If you would like to demonstrate either a technique, lettering style, new tool, share a talent or craft, email letterforum2006@aol.com with your name and topic. Or visit the Letterforum office, "The Nuthouse" to sign up for Sunday or Wednesday night.

COMMERCIAL TRADESHOW

Our commercial trade show will run from Saturday, July 22 through Tuesday, July 25 at 5:00. After registering on Saturday, head over to Transitions, right next door to the registration desk, to visit our outstanding vendors! You'll see a wide variety of new calligraphy and craft art supplies, and be able to find some new and exciting products. If you know of vendors who are interested in participating, please have them contact Cynthia Campbell at letterforum2006@aol.com.

In addition to the Trade Show, we are proud to offer John Neal Booksellers and Paper and Ink Arts as our weeklong vendors. Their shops will be located in Phillips, right next to the Grafton-Stovall Auditorium where our nightly programs will be held. There is a Snack Bar located in the building, so plan to stop for a cup of coffee and a wonderful shopping experience.

BUSINESS CARD EXCHANGE

Look for the Business Card Exchange Box at the Letterforum Office (The "Nuthouse"), Room 307 of Taylor Hall to drop off your group of business cards to exchange. Cards must be banded together in groups of ten and placed in a large envelope. Your name and the number of cards enclosed must be written on the outside of the envelope.

The deadline for leaving your cards is lunchtime on Tuesday. You can pick up your new collection of cards at The Nuthouse on Thursday.

SHIPPING SERVICE

On Friday afternoon there will be a shipping service available.

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