

A 2016 winning envelope by Susan Gale Welch



## CALL FOR ENTRIES

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*Transform an ordinary envelope into a work of art!*

# Graceful Envelope Contest

There is no entry fee.

Entries must be postmarked no later than Monday, March 27, 2017, and addressed artistically by hand to:

The Graceful Envelope Contest  
100 Indiana Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20001

See [www.calligraphersguild.org](http://www.calligraphersguild.org) for complete rules.

### 2017 Contest Theme: *Pushing the Envelope*

This is the year to challenge your creativity. **Push the envelope** by applying some big ideas to a small canvas. And so much the better if your design can **push the envelope** by promoting the exchange of letters!

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. You may enter only one envelope.

Legibly print your name, mailing address and e-mail address on the **BACK** of the envelope. Students must also indicate their grade, because judges will consider entries in the following categories:

- Adult
- Grades 9-12
- Grades 5-8
- Grades 1-4

**Deadline for entries:  
March 27, 2017**

The 23rd annual Graceful Envelope Contest is sponsored by the Washington, DC Calligraphers Guild and the National Association of Letter Carriers.

For the complete Call for Entries and to view last year's winning envelopes, go to [www.calligraphersguild.org](http://www.calligraphersguild.org).

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).



The Washington Calligraphers Guild

[www.calligraphersguild.org](http://www.calligraphersguild.org)



National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO  
[www.nalc.org](http://www.nalc.org) 202-662-2851

Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged and entries will not be returned. Artists will be notified of the final status of their entries in early June 2017 and winners will receive certificates. No prizes will be awarded.

Winning envelopes are displayed online. Adult winners are also exhibited at the National Association of Letter Carriers Headquarters building in Washington, DC.