



The Graceful Envelope

Call for Entries

2024 Contest Theme: Mapping The World's Cities

The world's great cities have distinctive landmarks, cultures, histories, cuisines, or geography that are said to put each town "on the map." Your challenge is to pick a city and consider what contributes to its unique character. For example, what makes New York bustling, Paris romantic, Tokyo energetic, and Sydney beautiful? Then—using artistry, lettering and the integration of postage stamps—create a map on your Graceful Envelope that captures the spirit of the city of your choice.

RULES:

1. Entries must be postmarked no later than **Monday, March 18, 2024** 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:
www.calligraphersguild.org

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 on the guild's website in Summer, 2024. 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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