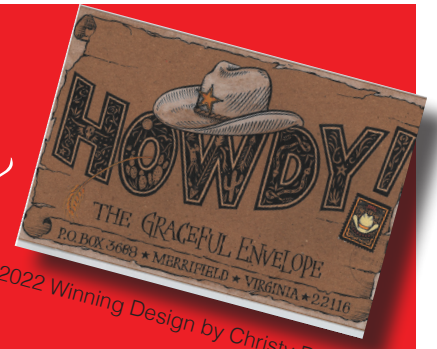


## 2023 CALL FOR ENTRIES



2022 Winning Design by Brigitte Stermann

# The Graceful Envelope



2022 Winning Design by Christy Robb



2022 Winning Design by Hannah Weston

## 2023 Contest Theme: Fan Mail

While the term “fan mail” is about a century old, folks have been addressing personal messages to their heroes and idols for as long as there have been famous people and a postal service. Fans want their mail to stand out. So, use your creativity to design an envelope that would capture the attention of an actor, artist, athlete, politician, singer, writer or other public figure, living or dead. Address your fan mail to your choice of celebrity c/o the Graceful Envelope Contest—and try to make the postage part of the design.

### RULES:

1. Entries must be postmarked no later than **Monday, March 20, 2023** and addressed artistically by hand to:

**[Name of celebrity]**  
**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.

### 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 2023. 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.

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