
CALLIGRAPHERS' GUILD OF MANITOBA

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President's Message - WOW what a fantastic couple of months we've had! So many good things happening to our lil' guild. We have **seven new members** who joined our guild. **Welcome to Dave, Angela, Stephanie, James, Lauren, Aiden and Laurie.** We can't wait to calligraphy with you. We had a very successful first monthly Cookies n' Calligraphy member meet up and the first successful workshop of the new 2026/27 guild year! Last week we hosted a spectacular book signing celebration for long time member and past president Kathie McIlvride. A heartfelt THANK YOU to our guild members who attended our events. We would not have had all these successful events without you and your support. We appreciate you so much.

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Of Manitoba 2026/27

Calligraphy is a kind of
music not for the ears , but
for the eyes.

V. Lazursky

September 17, 2026 was the day of our first **Cookies n' Calligraphy meet up** which are held monthly at Janet's house.

This lighthearted monthly meet up is meant to get members out for a nice social two hours filled with fun and laughter. Cassandra started us off with a fun ice breaker activity followed by coffee, snacks and more laughs. It was a delightful evening and everyone left with a lighter heart! Thank you Cassandra for leading us into this fun evening. Thank you Janet Murata for opening your home to us for these events. Also thank you to our members who made it out to join us live or online.



Photo Credit Janet Murata

September 26, 2026 was the champagne date of our first workshop of the year and it did not disappoint. The Gilding workshop enticed 16 registrants to participate who then left 5 Star reviews. The instructor, long time guild member Patricia Wilcock, delivered an amazing workshop with her thorough teaching style, gilding knowledge and generosity with supplies. The Guild has been so lucky to have someone like Patricia who has taught many winning workshops to its membership over the years. Patricia thank you! We love your workshops.

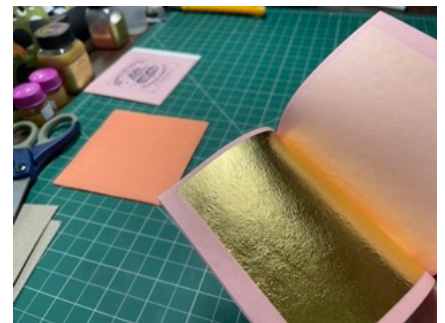


Photo credit Patricia Wilcock & Janet Murata
Gilding Workshop



Kathie McIlvride's book signing celebration was held on October 8, 2026. What a great evening! Thank you to member Jackie Kozminchuk for securing the perfect venue for us. Thank you also to all who came out for the evening contributing to our delicious potluck and celebratory vibes. It truly was a magical evening for everyone especially Kathie. Photo credits to Janet Murata, Catherine Charette, Isobel Simpson.



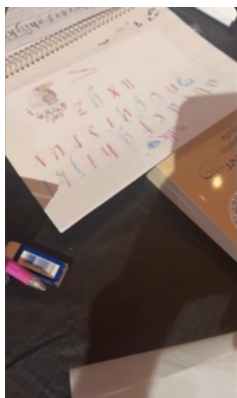


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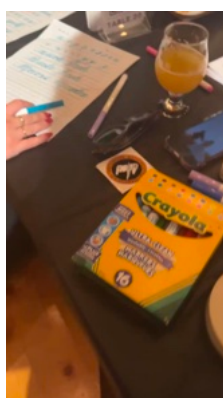


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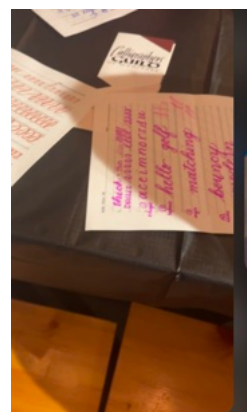


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Another first for the guild was our public open house at Kilter Brewing Co. It was October 14, 2026 and it was a HUGE success! The open house had approximately 18 guests who participated in some brush calligraphy and other art lettering. Thank you to all who participated and to our executive volunteers Cassandra Hammond, Michael English and Janet Murata who made the evening possible.

What are the free Calligraphy Public Open House meetings at venues across the city? These monthly meet ups are new to the guild for 2026! Our goal for these is two-fold. Firstly, to spread awareness of our existence, and bring curiosity to the public. We hope to share that we are all different levels of skillsets, varying in ages and interest, and that calligraphy and the lettering arts can look like more than just people creating official documents and perfect letters. Secondly, it is an opportunity for guild members to meet in an unstructured but consistent way - to visit, quietly journal, work on a project, or ask questions. We hope to reduce the intimidation factor of checking out who calligraphers are. Please join us for a casual evening, as we explore different venues and invite a friend or two, or family members!

WORKSHOP ALERT

January 23-24, 2027

Online Zoom

Shaded-Base Spencerian

With internationally renowned

NINA TRAN

Details & Registration online at
www.calligraphymanitoba.com

Nina Tran is a world renowned calligrapher whose workshops need to be booked two years in advance. We acknowledge the work of the previous executive in planning the workshop with Nina that will take place in January 2027.

What are monthly Cookies and Calligraphy

meetings? These are monthly meet ups for our guild members held at Janet's house (200 Wildwood) 7pm to 9pm. They are light hearted calligraphy / art / lettering gatherings and members are invited to bring a small snack or drink to share. We will learn about a relevant topic or activity together. This fosters our community, gets you inspired by something or someone, and is just good clean learning and fun. Our membership is growing and these meet ups allow us to get to know each other better. We look so forward to these meet ups and seeing you.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 22 to 25, 2026 Flourish Festival of Letters and Arts, Calgary, Alberta

Thursday, November 12, 2026 Cookies n' Calligraphy at Janet's house 7pm to 9pm. Topic Fibre arts/prints with Sharon Donnelly.

Thursday, November 23, 2026 Calligraphy Public Open House at Papiiro Stationary 5pm to 7pm.

Sunday, November 29, 2026 Holiday Card Exchange & Potluck at Charlotte Konrad's house. Members can elect to create a seasonal greeting card for each member, (optional) or just attend the potluck.

Thursday, January 14, 2027 Cookies n'Calligraphy (Janet's house) 7pm - 9pm. Topic - Book of Kells (Gretta Bileski).

Saturday, January 23 and Sunday, January 24, 2027. CGM hosting online workshop Shaded Base Spencerian with internationally renowned instructor Nina Tran. Details and registration are available at www.calligraphymanitoba.com

Tuesday, January 26, 2027 - Calligraphy Public Open House at The Forks 5pm to 7pm.

Thursday, February 11, 2027 - Cookies n' Calligraphy (Janet's house) 7pm-9pm. Topic - Roman Letters (Ann Rivera).

Tuesday, February 23, 2027 - Calligraphy Public Open House at The Leaf 6pm to 8pm

Did You Know?

If you have ideas for workshops, please send your ideas to:
Calligraphymanitoba@gmail.com.

We would love to hear from you.

Ongoing: Do you have artwork that you love and are proud of? If you do, and are willing to have it shared on our guild Instagram account, please email your photos, spelling of your name (and any related info of your work) to Petra. Photos must be taken under strong bright light, be in focus. They may not include political, religious affiliation, or profanities.

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