

# Rogue Pens

*The Calligraphers' Guild  
of Southern Oregon*

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

*Apr - May - June 2025*



*Copper Embossing by Michael Rowbottom*

## From the President's /Editor's Desk

It was great to see members show up for the June Social, in spite of the inclement weather. Virginia was most accommodating by providing an indoor venue for our buffet and materials-to-share table.

Now is the time to start thinking about the upcoming Planning Meeting, which will be held on Saturday, August 9 at 11:00 am. at JoAnn Evans' home. What do you want to learn or try or investigate in the coming year? This will be your chance to make your voice heard and influence the direction in the future.

Zoom will still be available for our meetings but recordings will only be made if there are members joining in online.

Enjoy our scorching summer and stay safe and cool. Be sure to use suntan lotion, look both ways before crossing streets and ALWAYS be sure your ink bottle is tightly capped after use.

Cheers, *Michael*



### Thank you's

Thank you's to Virginia Silbowitz, Cynthia Griffin, Brenda Eury, Joann Cleckner, Patt Herdklotz, Diana Brown, Judith Rose, Mae Gilliland, Pam Evans, Eleanor Lippman, Bea DeFoe and your co-editors.



JoAnn Evans embossed copper and brass sheets and wrapped them around mat board for her piece. The lettering surrounding these pieces was types of coffee.



The Friends of Calligraphy in San Francisco is hosting an art exhibit at the San Francisco Public Library from June 7 to August 31, 2025. This exhibit celebrates their guild's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

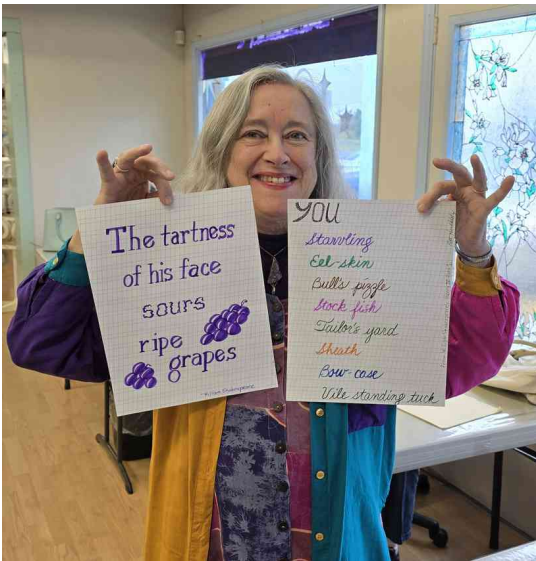


Virginia Silbowitz submitted a piece inspired by Rumi. She typically makes two or more similar gestural pieces and then chooses one for the exhibit.



# April Meeting

Our April meeting was focused on “Insults”, which appeared in a variety of formats.



*Left Top: Patt Herdklotz*



*Left Middle: JoAnn Evans*

*Left Bottom: Cynthia Griffin*

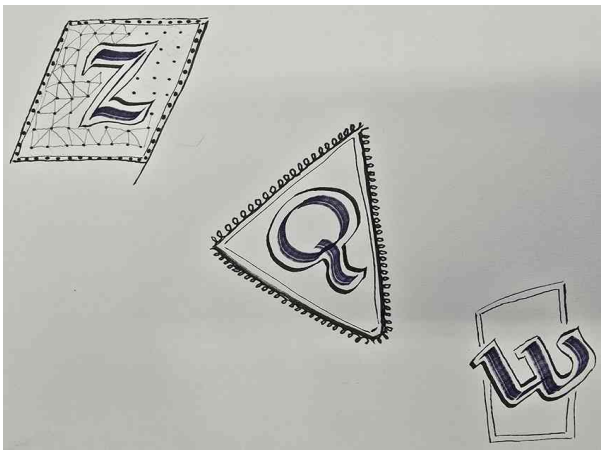
*Below: Joann Cleckner*



# May Meeting

The May meeting was a wrap-up of our exhibit on Poetry at the Medford Library and art pieces were returned to their owners.

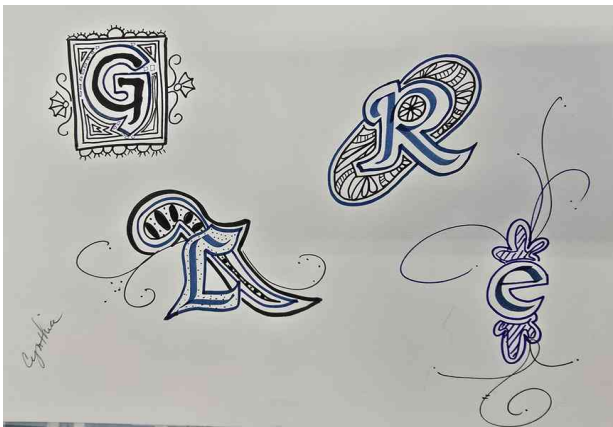
JoAnn Evans demonstrated a easy, simplified version of Decorated Versals with a detailed handout and a sheet of good sketch paper for each participant. Since time was limited, everyone was encouraged to continue adding to their versals at home at a leisurely pace.



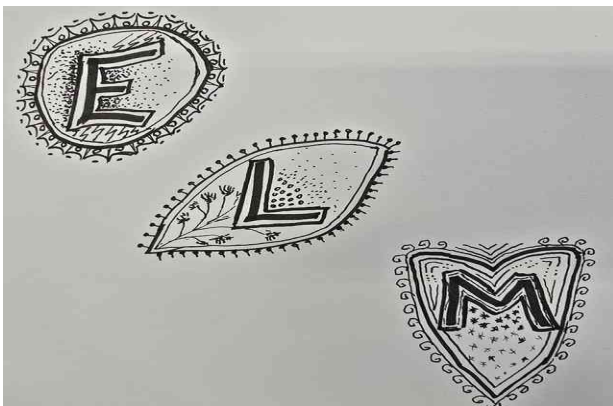
Joann Cleckner



Brenda Eury



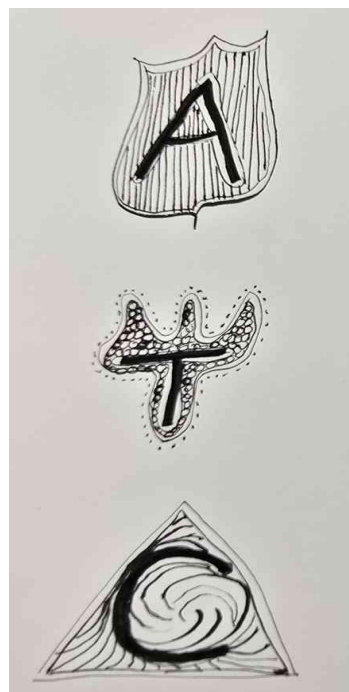
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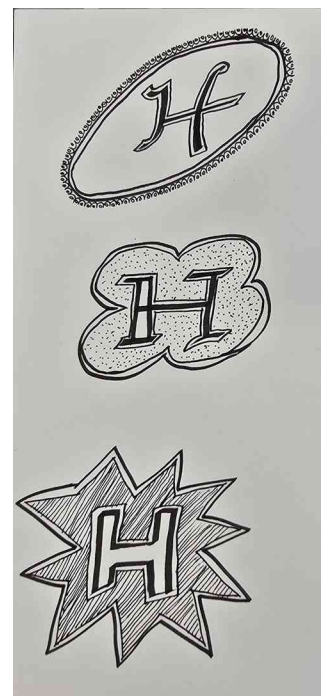
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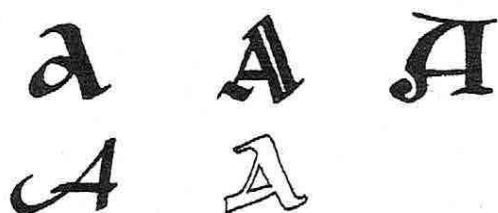
Patt Herdklotz



# Decorated Initials

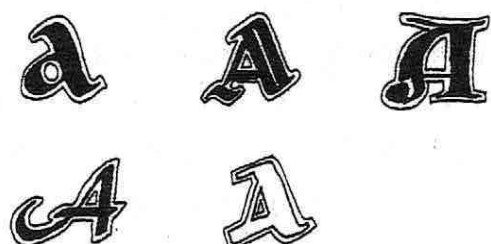
by Bill Lang

1. *Start with an initial which relates to your calligraphy*

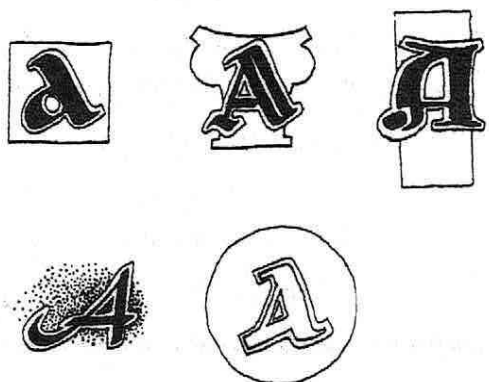


2. *Outline the initial*

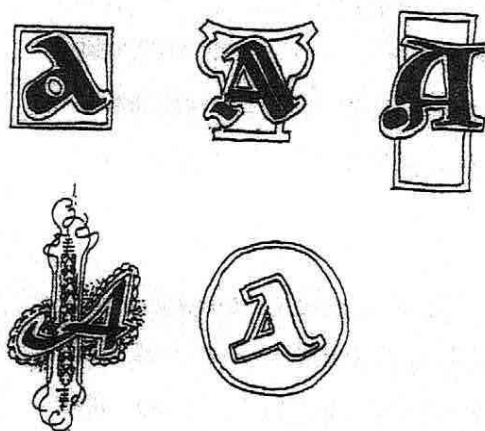
*(at a comfortable distance to do it quickly)*



3. *Determine a shape or a free-form.*

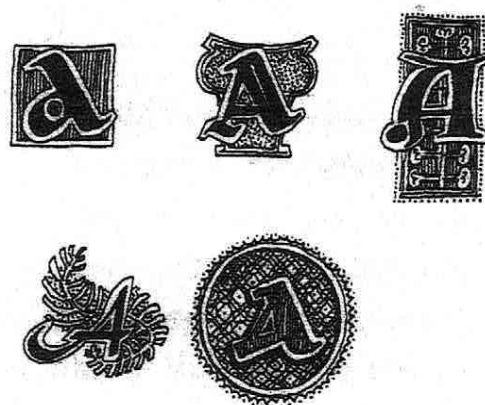


4. *Inline the shape*



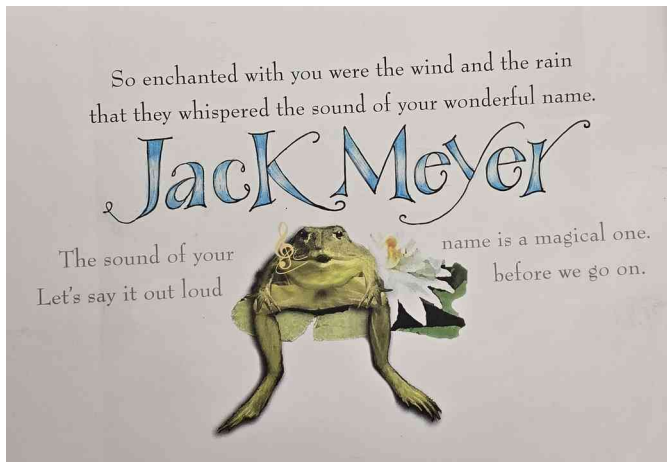
5. *Fill the spaces*

*(with geometric lines OR with growth patterns)*

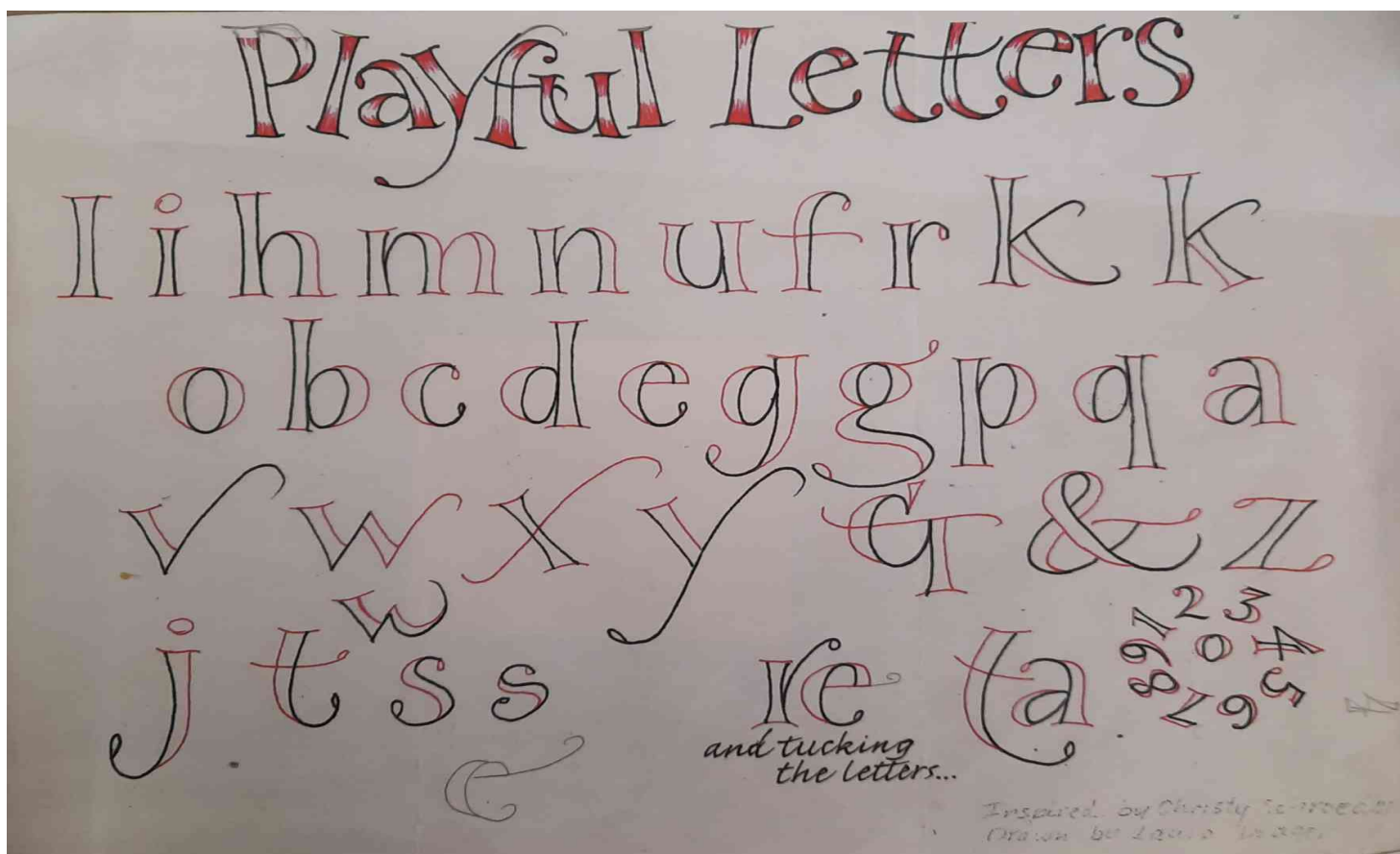
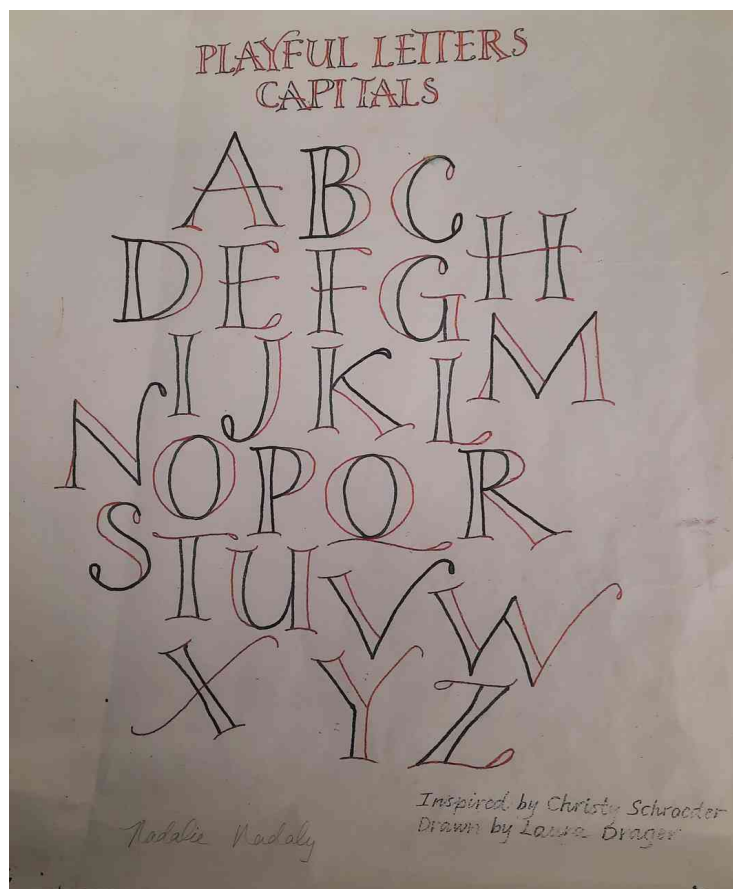


# Guild Gallery 1

## Judith Rose



Our Rogue River member, Judith Rose, shared a project she has been working on for some time. She wanted to dedicate a special book for a child. She also shared the letter style she chose for her project.





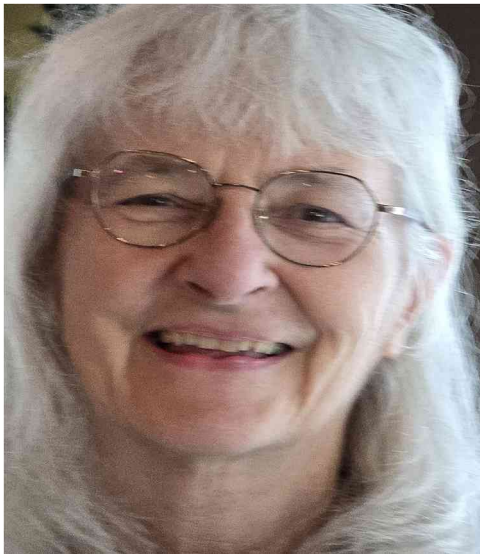
# June Social Gathering

June was a social, potluck, art give away and project show 'n share at Grizzly Peak Winery near Ashland.

The weather was uncharacteristically cool and showery so we met in the spacious event venue. Members went home with lots of books and art supplies, as well as an ample supply of snacks and goodies.



*Joann Cleckner*



*Long-time member, Pam Evans, was also able to attend.*



*The give-away table was popular.*



*Sketch books were passed around.*



*Letter styles were shared.*

## *Guild Gallery 2*



## *JoAnn Evans*

made a mandala birthday card for a friend. She used metallic watercolors in an Auto Pen and FineTec gold accents with a pointed pen.

## *Mae Gilliland*

has been making floral cards and bookmarks.

She is working on her Foundational Hand and experimenting with color techniques.





## Guild Gallery 3

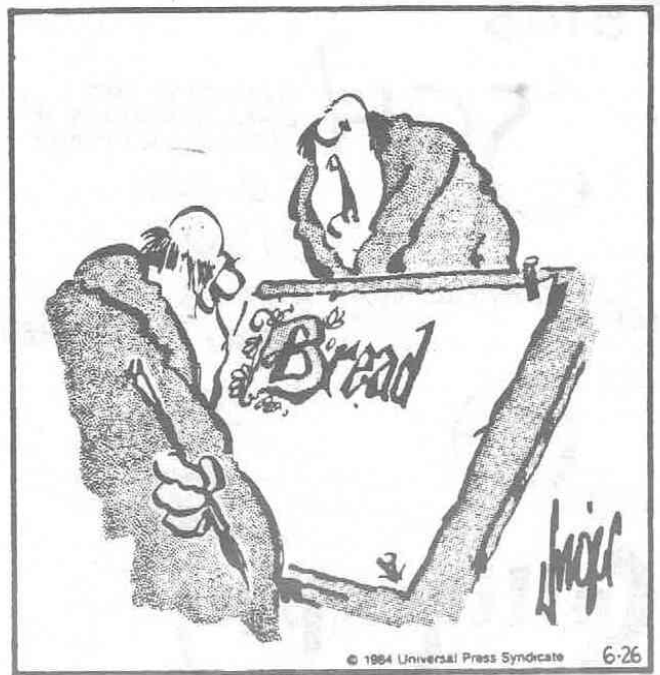
### Diana Brown

Diana made 24 copies of this quote for a memorial, done on exquisite watercolor paper. The quote is from Charlie Mackesy's wonderful novel, *The Boy, The Mole, the Fox and the Horse*.



In a later version, she added the flowers to the quote for a birthday present.

Herman ☐ by Jim Unger



"It's a grocery list,  
Brother Clarence!"



# Shakespearean Insult Kit

*This list of Shakespearean Insults was collected by a Vicar from New Zealand and found in a CyberBits column. To construct a Shakespearean insult, combine one word from each of the three columns below, and preface it with "Thou."*

## Column 1

artless  
bawdy  
beslubbering  
bootless  
churlish  
cockered  
clouted  
craven  
currish  
dankish  
dissembling  
droning  
errant  
fawning  
fobbing  
froward  
frothy  
gleeking  
goatish  
gorbellied  
impertinent  
infectious  
jarring  
loggerheaded  
lumpish  
mammering  
mangled  
mewling  
paunchy  
pribbling  
puking  
puny  
qualling  
rank  
reeky  
roguish  
ruttish  
saucy  
spleeny  
spongy  
surly  
tottering  
unmuzzled  
vain  
venomed  
villainous  
warped  
wayward  
weedy  
yeasty

## Column 2

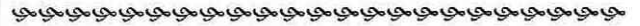
base-court  
bat-fowling  
beef-witted  
beetle-headed  
boil-brained  
clapper-clawed  
clay-brained  
common-kissing  
crook-pated  
dismal-dreaming  
dizzy-eyed  
doghearted  
dread-bolted  
earth-vexing  
elf-skinned  
fat-kidneyed  
fen-sucked  
flap-mouthed  
fly-bitten  
filly-fallen  
fool-born  
full-gorged  
guts-gripping  
half-faced  
hasty-witted  
hedge-born  
hell-hated  
idle-headed  
ill-breeding  
ill-nurtured  
knotty-pated  
milk-livered  
motley-minded  
onion-eyed  
plume-plucked  
pottle-deep  
pox-marked  
reeling-ripe  
rough-hewn  
rude-growing  
rump-fed  
shard-borne  
sheep-biting  
spur-galled  
swag-bellied  
tardy-gaited  
tickle-brained  
toad-spotted  
unchin-snouted  
weather-bitten

## Column 3

apple-john  
baggage  
barnacle  
bladder  
boar-pig  
bugbear  
bum-bailey  
canker-blossom  
clack-dish  
clotpole  
coxcomb  
codpiece  
death-token  
dewberry  
flap-dragon  
flax-wench  
flirt-gill  
foot-licker  
fustilarian  
giglet  
gudgeon  
haggard  
harpy  
hedge-pig  
horn-beast  
hugger-mugger  
joithead  
lewdster  
lout  
maggot-pie  
malt-worm  
mammet  
measle  
minnow  
miscreant  
moldwarp  
mumble-news  
nut-hook  
pigeon-egg  
pignut  
puttock  
pumpion  
ratsbane  
scut  
skainsmate  
strumpet  
varlet  
vassal  
whey-face  
wagtail



## From the Rogue Pens archives:



(This bit of doggerel was published some years ago in our *Rogue Pens*. Given the kind of spring and summer we've had here in the valley, it seems appropriate to renew this sentiment.)

### THE SUMMER WEEDS

*The summer weeds—have come to stay;  
They're everywhere.*

*I look around—the lawn is gone;  
The grass is rare.*

*No rain has come—the ground is dry;  
No cloud is in the sky.*

*I can't believe, how weeds multiply.*

*There's dandelion—and shepherds purse,  
And cocklebur.*

*In early spring—I dug them out,  
And thought I'd won.*

*But now I see—many more, so free;  
They're green and lush and vast,*

*And crowding out—Bermuda grass.*

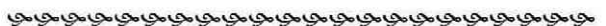
*My back is stiff—my hands are sore,  
My bucket's full.*

*I dig away—I struggle on;  
I will prevail.*

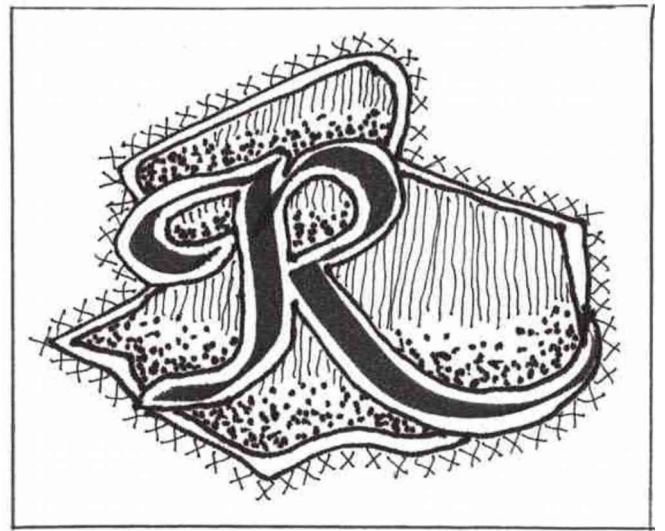
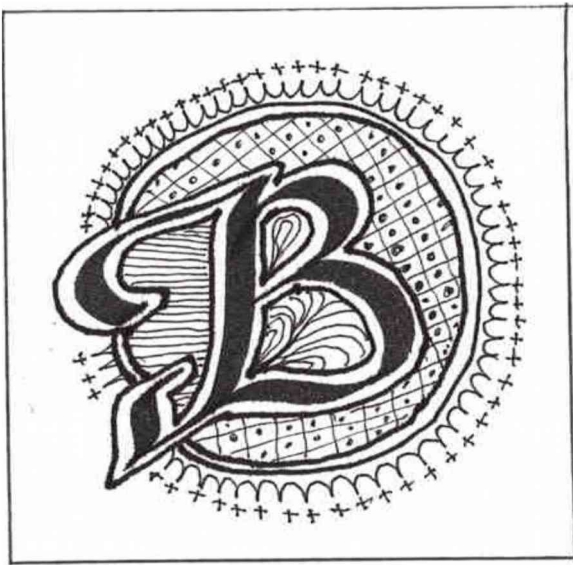
*But as I weed—some hope I need  
To carry on the fight;*

*For summer weeds—have gone to seed.*

*By JoAnn Evans  
(With apologies to Frank S. & Summer Wind)*







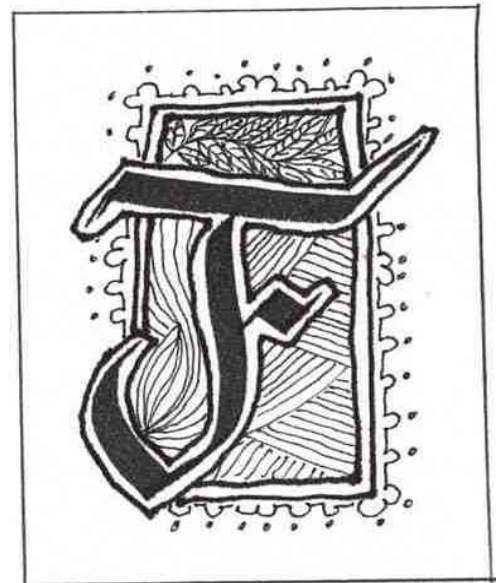
#### *Guild Gallery 4*

### *JoAnn Evans*

These three versals were used in the May demonstration of Decorated Versals. Their purpose was to show a variety of techniques within the limit of three figures. Students were encouraged to further explore variations later at their leisure.




The thought below could apply to a variety of situations.



*The water won't clear up  
until you get  
the hogs outta the creek.*





A B C D E  
F G H I J K  
L M N O P  
Q R S T U  
V W X Y Z