

Weathergrams

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Raw & incomplete when just written, the weathergram needs the graphic touches of wind, rain, sun and ice - depending on the season. During its three months of weathering, it starts going back to nature; this makes it a true weathergram, a "weather-writing".

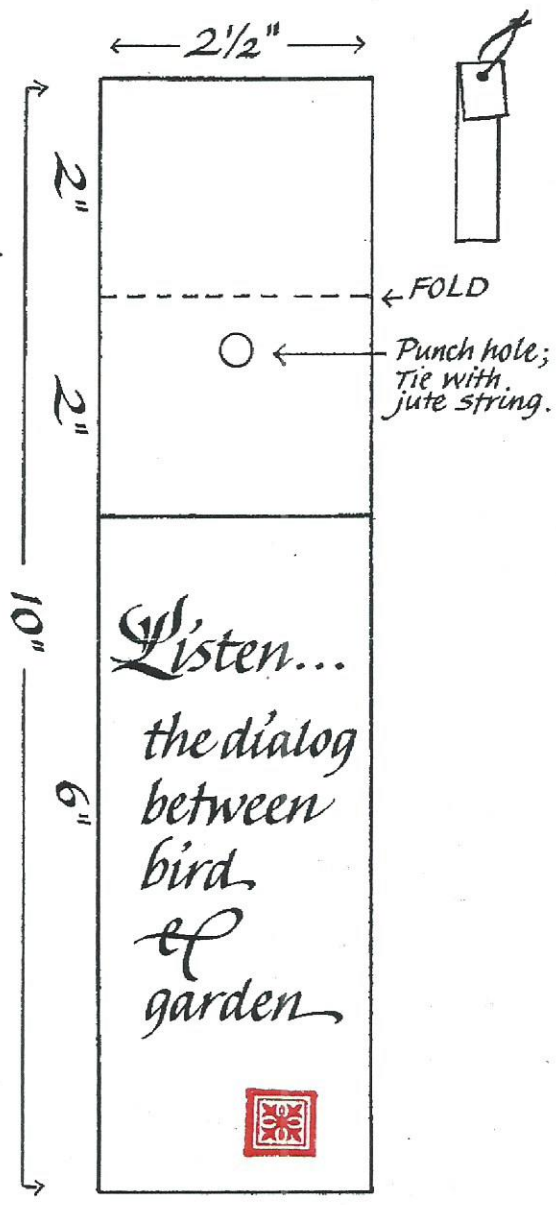
The weathergram is written on brown kraft paper cut from grocery store paper bags. The strip is 2 1/2 x 10 inches, before the top is folded over.

Acrylic vermilion is used for the first initial & begins waterproof India ink for the rest. The writing will last as long as the paper does - or longer.

They are to be given away & are strictly non-commercial.

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The Weathergram is a very short poem of about ten words - or less. It comes as a sudden insight; and hence brevity is essential. Furthermore, no one will stop to read any lengthy statement while standing in wind and rain.

The weathergram is hung on a bough or branch in the garden, at a campsite, or along a mountain trail. The subject matter is usually seasonal, and the weathergram is left out between solstice and equinox or between equinox and solstice.

The weathergram is written on kraft paper cut from grocery store paper bags. The strip is two and a half inches by ten inches, before the top is folded over. A larger size would be too conspicuous. White paper would look like a washing hanging out to dry. It should be part of the scene.

Acrylic vermilion is used for the initial, and Higgins waterproof India ink for the rest. The writing will last as long as the paper does - or longer. Any other color or ink will wash out or fade away.

Current cursive Italic is the letter form for the weathergram - not formal calligraphy. The writing should be spontaneous and should not look contrived or self-conscious.

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- ☞ The space between flowers is a flower
- ☞ Night sky sends dewdrops; morning sky recalls them
- ☞ Snow in the robin's nest as if it belonged there
- ☞ The first lawn-mowing of spring - & the dandelions are spared

- ☞ Lightning - or the sky unscarred
- ☞ Lightning joins heaven and earth instantly
- ☞ Snowfall at year's end, the curtain down, down, and down

- ☞ Scampering leaves and the kitten stop the garden rake
- ☞ Harvest moon, empty garden, cold comfort
- ☞ Pussy willows purring

- ☞ In the beached rowboat a yellow maple leaf floating
- ☞ The valley wedges down between its mountains