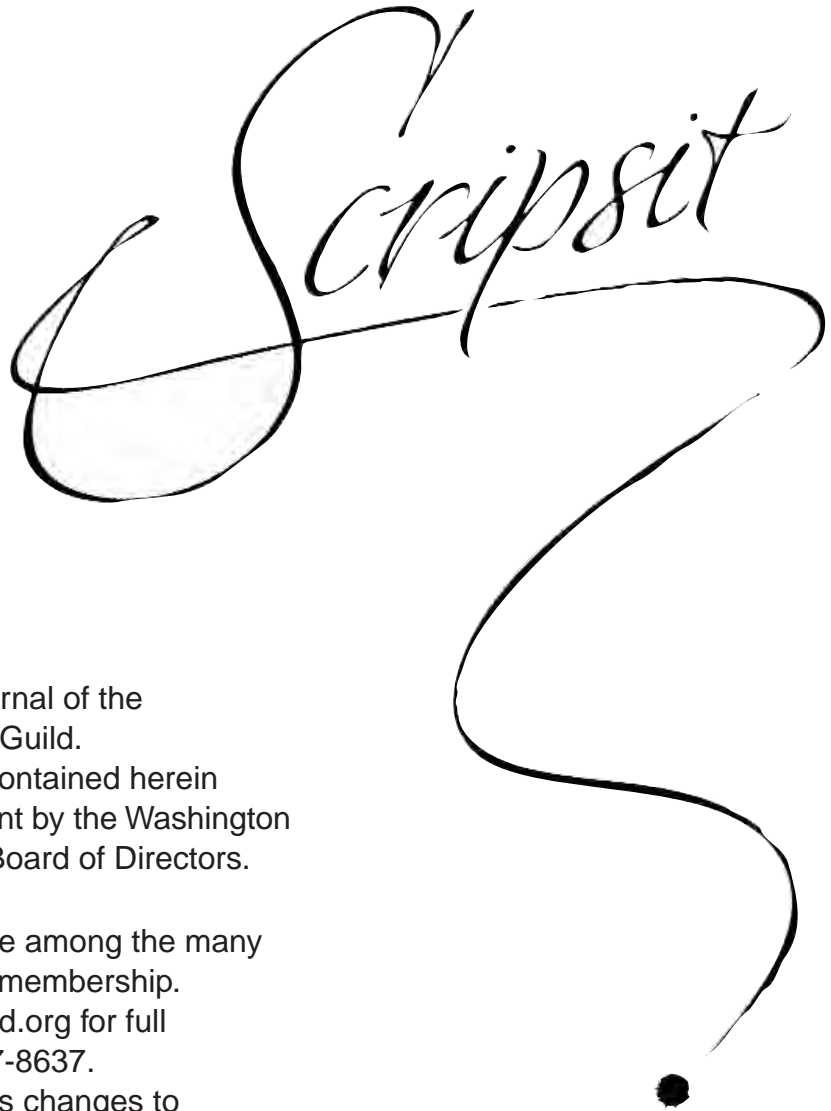


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About the Graceful Envelope Contest

*I*n this era of instant communication, when e-mails clog our computer inboxes and phone calls reach us on the street, there is something special about receiving a letter, invitation or greeting card in the mail. And, when the message is placed in a beautiful envelope with the recipient's name gracefully displayed, the correspondence is like a gift on paper.

It was in this spirit that the Washington Calligraphers Guild agreed to adopt the Graceful Envelope Contest in 2001 when the contest's originator, the Smithsonian Institution's National Postal Museum, asked for our help.

We are pleased to devote this issue of *Scripsit* to showcasing some of the envelopes that were named winners in 2001 and 2002, under the Guild's administration, as well as winners from previous years. We are grateful to the National Postal Museum for entrusting the Graceful Envelope Contest to us, and for providing the images of envelopes from 1995 through 2000 that appear in this issue.

*T*he National Postal Museum's education staff had no idea they were creating a contest seven years ago when they issued a call for calligraphers to mail them envelopes artfully addressed to "The Graceful Envelope." Their purpose was to mount an informal display of expert calligraphy to accompany a workshop they were offering.

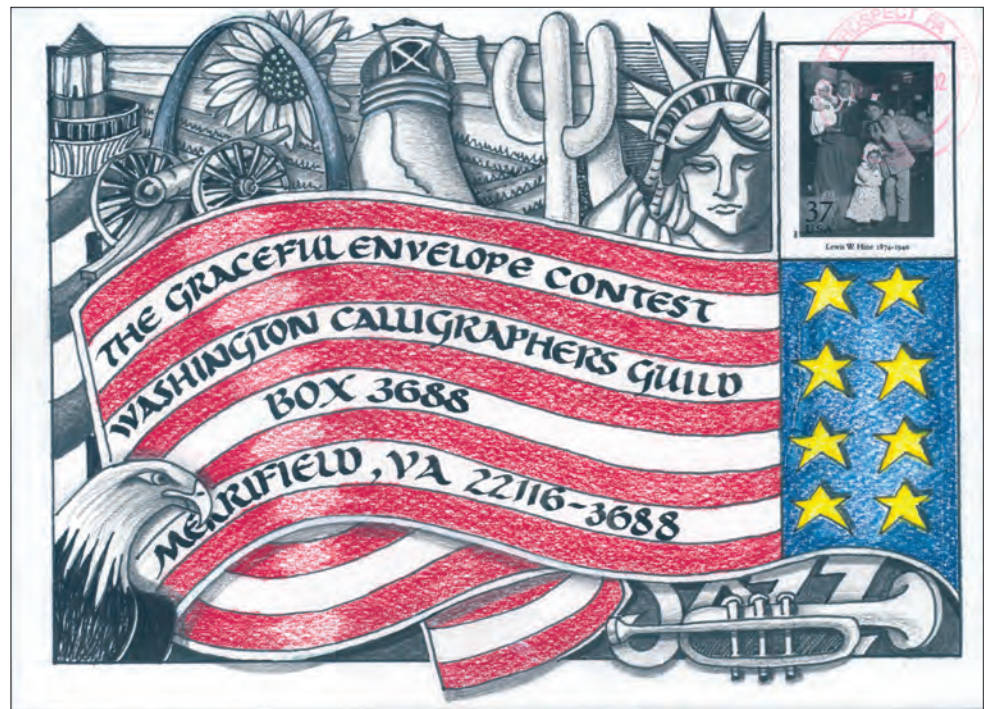
The response was overwhelming. The museum received more than 200 stunningly crafted envelopes from calligraphers worldwide. The remarkable assortment of artful covers inspired the museum to offer the program annually and, from each year's best, produce an exhibition.

The WCG intends to continue this tradition. This year's winners are exhibited in the lobby of U.S. Postal Service Headquarters in Washington through January 31, 2003 and indefinitely on the Washington Calligraphers Guild website, www.calligraphersguild.org (an overview of the 2002 judging appears on page 4). The ninth annual Graceful Envelope Contest will be announced in Spring 2003 and details will be available at www.calligraphersguild.org.

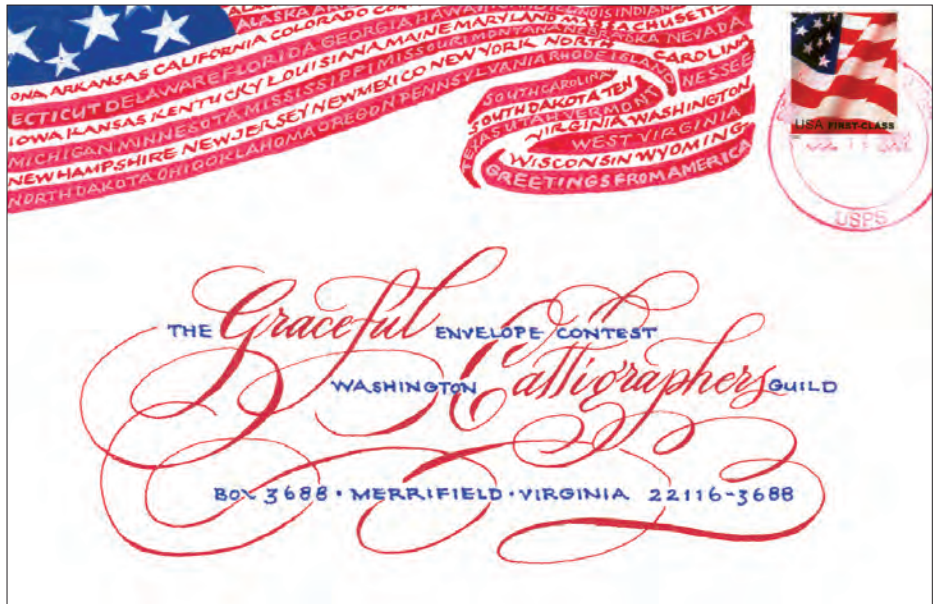


Gayle Klawitter
Missoula, MT

Sue McKendrick
Wrightsville, PA



2002
Theme: Greetings from America



Glorie Austern
Secaucus, NJ



Donna Whitman
Ripton, VT

Flo Cole
Kent, WA



The Graceful Envelope

About the 2002 Contest

Because the National Postal Museum could no longer sponsor the Graceful Envelope Contest, the Washington

Calligraphers Guild looked for another partner willing to provide modest financial support and suitable exhibition space. When the WCG approached the United States Postal Service, which is headquartered in Washington, DC, USPS Community Relations Specialist Cathy Yarosky enthusiastically agreed.

The Postal Service set the theme of the 2002 contest as "Greetings from America," based on a sheet of 50 postage stamps it was issuing that celebrates the unique character of each of the 50 states.

Contestants were encouraged to incorporate the theme in a creative and artistic way while using hand-executed calligraphy or fine lettering to address the

envelope. Inventive relationships between the postage stamp and the envelope design were also encouraged.

Guild President Pat Blair and Ms. Yarosky selected as judges three professionals in the graphic, design and lettering fields: Terry McCaffrey, Manager of Stamp Development for the U.S. Postal Service; Rick Paulus, Chief Calligrapher at The White House; and Mary Lou O'Brian, a calligrapher and artist at Washington's Inkwell Studios.

"Judging the Graceful Envelope exhibition was a unique and rewarding experience. It gave me the opportunity to see how many different, creative ways the contestants interpreted the theme," said Mr. McCaffrey.

"On a more personal level it was interesting to see how the artists incorporated the stamps that are developed by my group at the Postal Service."

The judges gathered at a conference room at USPS headquarters, where the 175 entries were laid out on a large table.

"The jurors examined all the entries many times," reported Ms. O'Brian. "If they wished to vote for a particular envelope, they placed a paper chip—each judge was given a unique color—on that envelope."

Entries with three chips became automatic winners. However, the number of winners did not reach the total of 50 stated in the call for entries, so the

judges then reviewed each envelope that received two votes.

"Each juror was given an opportunity to defend their selection and attempt to persuade the other jurors," Ms. O'Brian explained. "Did the envelope show strong design skill? Was the lettering good? Was the stamp thoughtfully integrated? Did the entry show a skillful use of color?"

Added Mr. Paulus, "After several enlightening conversations around the pieces, we found that on several occasions a judge who had voted for a piece was persuaded to rescind his or her vote, while one who did not vote for a piece was convinced otherwise."

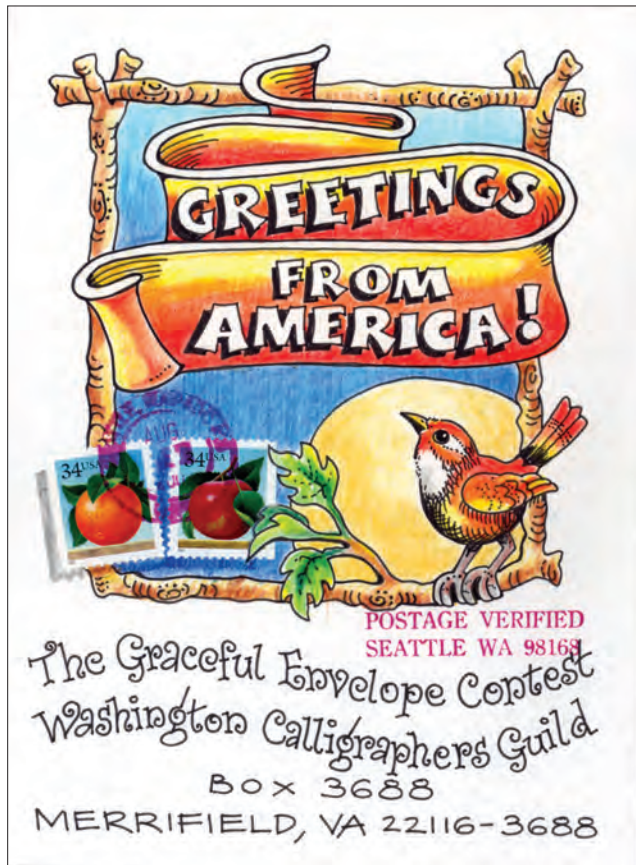
Mr. Paulus said he was fascinated to see how "the elements of design, execution, quality of letterform, and theme were constantly in flux. With this contest all of those measurements come into play, and where contestants may have fallen short in one area, they may have excelled in another," he said.

The 50 entries that were ultimately selected as 2002 contest winners range from colorfully contemporary and whimsical to elegantly inscribed and richly rendered. They are on display in the lobby of U.S. Postal Service Headquarters through January 31, 2003 and indefinitely on the Washington Calligraphers Guild website:

www.calligraphersguild.org.



2002 winners



Elaine Beermann
Enumclaw, WA



Virginia Meltzer
Missoula, MT

- Sonjia Amensen—Story City, IA
 Glorie Austern—Secaucus, NJ
 Kathy Barker—Bellevue, WA
 Elaine Beermann—Enumclaw, WA
 B.T. Berger—Indianapolis, IN
 Sherry Bishop—Santa Fe, NM
 Jane Brenner—Santa Rosa, CA
 Erin Austin Brown—Lakewood, OH
 Hulya Cakmakci—Fairborn, OH
 Ginger Carrle—Havertown, PA
 Kathy Chilton—Albuquerque, NM
 Flo Cole—Kent, WA
 Jacqueline Davis—Shakopee, MN
 Pamela Day—Dayton, OH
 Ann R. Erickson—Vidalia, GA
 Barbara Garfield—Lavina, MT
 Julie Gray—Asheville, NC
 Marilyn Gray—Coral Springs, FL
 Kathleen Carroll Hantsoo—Owings, MD
 Catherine Hibbitt—Bristol, RI
 Caroline Ising—Louisville, KY
 C.J. Kennedy—Sutton, MA
 Gayle Klawitter—Missoula, MT
 Kim Lincoln—Owings, MD
 Debra Lyman—San Diego, CA
 Cheryl McCullough—Wilmington, IL
 Susan T. McDonald—Escondido, CA
 Sue McKendrick—Wrightsville, PA
 Virginia Meltzer—Missoula, MT
 Jeanette Mustacich—Santa Barbara, CA
 Sherry Neidigh—Charlotte, NC
 Andrea Perkins—Salem, OR
 Cindy Romo—Saskatoon, SK, Canada
 Donna Hovanec Ryan—Charlotte, NC
 Jan Saunders—Carmel, CA
 Carole Sauter—Maple Valley, WA
 Anna Scetinina—Chisinau, Moldova
 Peggy Shields Schiefelbein—
 Washington, DC
 Leslee Sipress—Santa Barbara, CA
 Merle Sturm—Baltimore, MD
 Lorraine Swerdlhoff—Washington, DC
 Marsha Vanetsky—San Marcos, CA
 Delphine Vasquez—Davenport, IA
 N. v.d. Endt, Maassluis—Netherlands
 Myrlin von Glahn—Bay Village, OH
 Shelley Wallisch—Charlotte, NC
 Kathleen Weedman—Westminster, CA
 Donna Whitman—Ripton, VT
 Jean Wilson—Des Moines, IA
 Karen Zander—Columbus, WI



Gloria Eckhart
Plantation, FL



Ginger Hopkins
Silver Spring, MD

2011

Themes: 25th Anniversary of the Washington Guild ~or~
Celebrating 200 years of Washington as the Nation's Capital

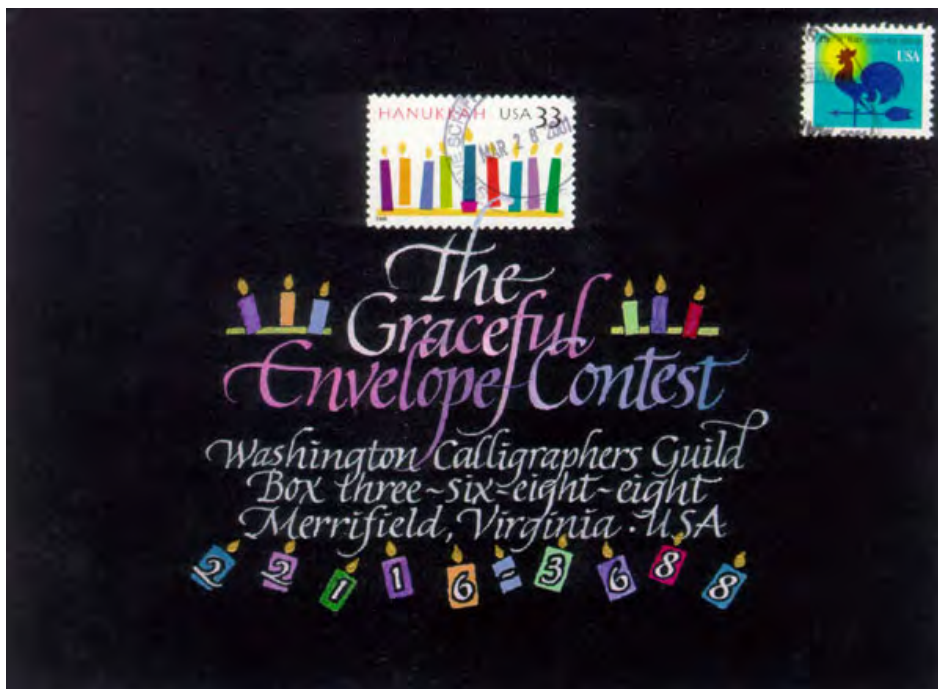
Ellen Macdonald
Asquith, NSW, Australia



Marlean Tucker
Atlanta, GA



Sandra Callahan
Carlisle, IA



Amy Jones
Albuquerque, NM

Carole Sauter
Maple Valley, WA



2001 winners



Jean Larcher
Cergy, France

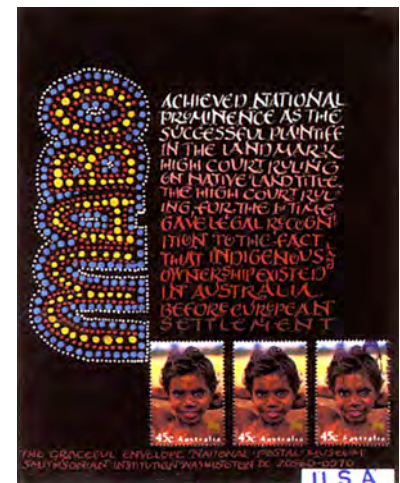


Virginia Meltzer
Missoula, MT

- Trix Bodde—New London, CT
 Dorothy A. Boyd—Southport, NC
 Sheryl Bracey—Hendersonville, TN
 Erin Austin Brown—Lakewood, OH
 Sandra Callahan—Carlisle, IA
 Lillian Dabney—Seattle, WA
 Carol Dutoit—Salem, OR
 Gloria Eckhart—Plantation, FL
 Susan Fay—Encinitas, CA
 Risa Gettler—Murrieta, CA
 Catherine Hibbitt—Bristol, RI
 Ginger Hopkins—Silver Spring, MD
 Milissa C. Hudak—Key West, FL
 Ella Jankowiak—Baltimore, MD
 Rosemary Johnston—Fremantle,
 Western Australia
 Amy Jones—Albuquerque, NM
 Sachiko Kanasashi—Hamamatsu-
 shi, Japan
 Sandy Keating—Portland, OR
 Sharon Kelley—Williamsburg, MI
 Gerry Jackson Kerdok—Hudson, MA
 Gayle Klawitter—Missoula, MT
 Catherine Langsdorf—Charlotte, NC
 Jean Larcher—Cergy, France
 Judith Leitch—Lake Mary, FL
 Linda J. Lundy—Ellensburg, WA
 Debra Lyman—San Diego, CA
 Ellen Macdonald—Asquith, NSW,
 Australia
 Debra Yellick Manly—Grinnell, IA
 Sue McDonald—Escondido, CA
 Virginia Meltzer—Missoula, MT
 Jeanette L. Mustacich—Santa
 Barbara, CA
 Bonnie Noehr—Monte Sereno, CA
 Charyla Bridges Olsen—Hemet, CA
 Mary Moser Perkins—
 Albuquerque, NM
 Carole Sauter—Maple Valley, WA
 Peggy Shields Schiefelbein—
 Washington, DC
 Margaret Snyder—Glendale, CA
 Jane L. Stanfield—Waco, TX
 Merle Sturm—Baltimore, MD
 Pat Topping—Los Angeles, CA
 Marlean Tucker—Atlanta, GA
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 Cindy G. Yount—Frederick, MD
 Alesia Zorn—Portland, OR



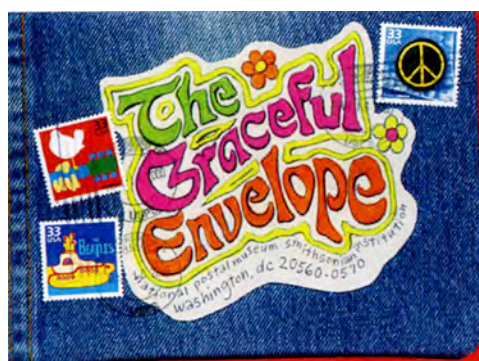
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St. Petersburg, FL

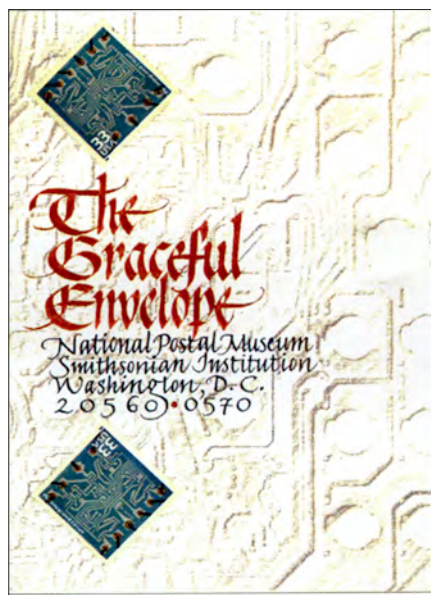
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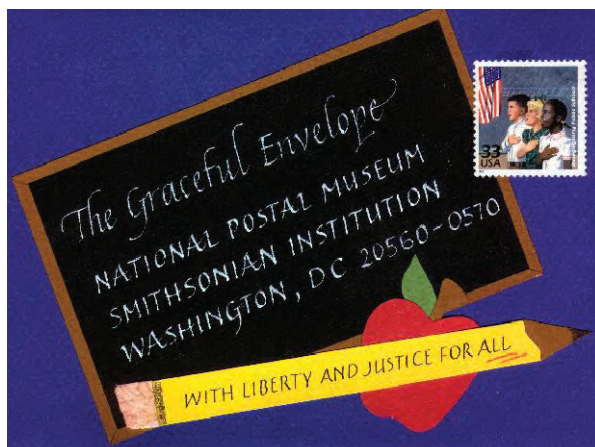
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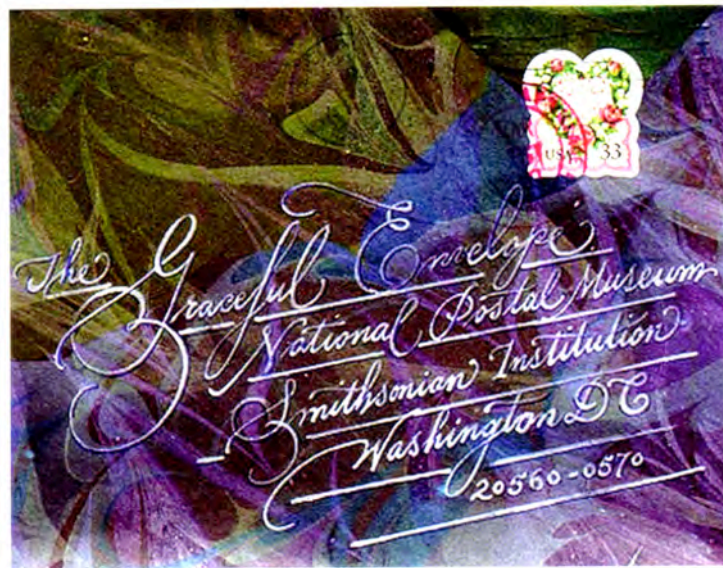
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 Nancy Anderson—Albany, OR
 Jolene Armstrong—Edgewater, CO
 Linda F. Baker—Lawrenceville, NJ
 Charles Bird—Oriental, NC
 Bart Blubaugh—Boise, ID
 Elizabeth Bolton—Cosmopolis, WA
 Dorothy Boyd—Southport, NC
 Sheryl Bracey—Hendersonville, TN
 Lorraine Brown—San Diego, CA
 Gilles Champagne—Montreal, Canada
 Kathy Chilton—Albuquerque, NM
 Joanne Chynoweth—Victoria, Australia
 Pam Clark—Wausau, WI
 Susan Crawford—Minerva, OH
 Dawn Davis—Boise, ID
 John DeCollibus—Southboro, MA
 Nina Dickins—British Columbia, Canada
 Ernest Wizard Downs—Raiford, FL
 Carol E. DuBosch—Portland, OR
 Carol Dutoit—Salem, OR
 Gloria Eckart—Plantation, FL
 Lisa Engelbrecht—Long Beach, CA
 Elaine Frost—Hudson, OH
 Larry Gabler—Cuyahoga Falls, OH
 Risa Gettler—Murrieta, CA
 Renee Gibbons-Sammartino—Lyndon Sta., WI
 Carol Gray—Avondale Estates, GA
 Wilma Hardenburgh—Missoula, MT
 Yvonne Carey Howell—Hartville, OH
 Bud Jenkins—Ontario, OR
 Shari L. Jobst—Aberdeen, WA
 Nan Johnson—Sunnyvale, CA
 Amy Jones—Albuquerque, NM
 Sachiko Kanasashi—Hamamatsu-shi, Japan
 C. J. Kennedy—Sutton, MA
 Gerry Jackson Kerdock—Hudson, MA
 Gayle Klawitter—Missoula, MT
 Naomi Lesberg—Poway, CA
 Jill Lichty—Camp Hill, PA
 Kathy Litts—Wilsonville, OR
 B. J. Livingston—Seattle, WA
 Ellen Macdonald—Asquith, Australia
 Marlene Majeski—Lacey, WA
 Wendy Wallin Malinow—Portland, OR
 Jeanette McCollum—Atlantic Beach, FL
 Susan McDonald—Escondido, CA
 Ginger Meidel—St. Petersburg, FL
 Deborah Parsons Menke—Missoula, MT
 Denise Lamott Moore—San Francisco, CA
 Kathy Nolte Orf—St. Louis, MO
 Carol S. Patterson—Portland, OR
 Jackie Peterson—Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
 Ann Rabinovitz—New Orleans, LA
 Jody Reiner—Colorado Springs, CO
 Cindy Romo—Saskatoon, Canada
 Melanie L. Rowan—Harrisonburg, VA
 Esther Rumaner—North Fort Myers, FL
 Merritt A. Russell—Oxford, NY
 Wanna Ryon—Astoria, OR
 Donna M. Sabolovic—Richardson, TX
 Cynthia L. Schubert—Portland, OR
 Donna Spencer—Fort Washington, MD
 Lorraine Swerdloff—Washington, DC
 Marlean Tucker—Atlanta, GA
 Myrlin von Glahn—Bay Village, OH
 Emilie Weathers—Gervais, OR
 Penny White—Jefferson, OR
 Susan Wickes—Corvallis, OR
 Jean Wilson—Des Moines, IA
 Kay G. Woolfolk—Cupertino, CA
 Deb Yellick-Manly—Grinnell, IA
 Cindy G. Yount—Frederick, MD

Karen Renay White
Sunnyvale, CA



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Myrlin von Glahn
Bay Village, OH

Theme: *The Beauty in Nature*



Joanne Chynoweth
Cranbourne, Victoria, Australia



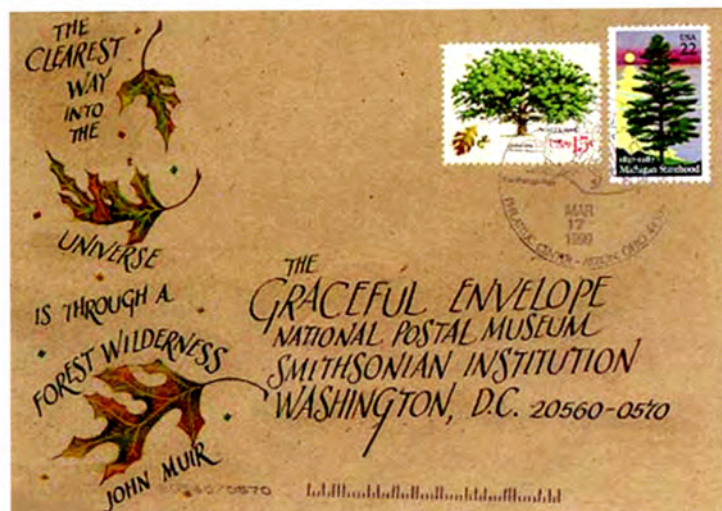
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Boise, ID



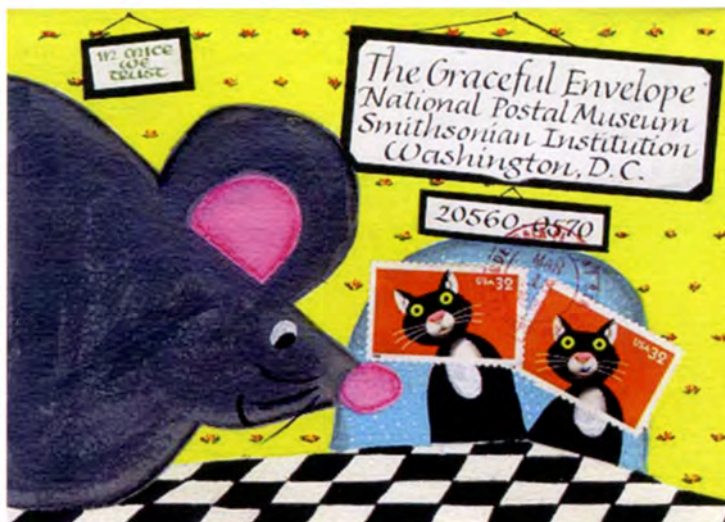
Larry Gabler
Cuyahoga Falls, OH

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 Jennifer Allen—Madison, WI
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 Robert R. Auth—Yellow Pine, ID
 Joan Barta—Portland, OR
 Gela Baga—Portland, OR
 Anne K. Bennett—Leesburg, VA
 B.T. Berger—Indianapolis, IN
 Sue Bins—Sheboygan, WI
 Elizabeth Bolton—Cosmopolis, WA
 Dorothy Boyd—Oak Island, NC
 Kate L. Boyer—Kinston, NY
 Sheryl Bracey—Hendersonville, TN
 Beth Branner—Timberville, VA
 Dianne Cassidy—Lake Oswego, OR
 Kathy Chilton—Albuquerque, NM
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 Joya Helmuth—South Bend, IN
 Carla Hoefft—Naperville, IL
 Rosemary Johnston—Fremantle,
 Western Australia
 Janet Kasper—Itasca, IL
 Kathy Keller—Aldie, VA
 Gerry Jackson Kerdok—Hudson, MA
 Gayle Klawitter—Missoula, MT
 Jane Labanz—New York, NY
 Rebecca Langenheim—Mead, WA
 Catherine Langsdorf—Southport, NC
 Paula J. Leman—Chino Hills, CA
 B.J. Livingston—Seattle, WA
 Marian L. Lord—Louisville, KY
 Ellen Macdonald—Asquith, Australia
 Sarah Marcis—Harrisonburg, VA
 Ginger Meidel—St. Petersburg, FL
 Christine Meissner—Milwaukee, WI
 Deborah Parsons Menke—Missoula, MT
 Gerald Moscato—Downers Grove, IL
 Jacquie Myers—British Columbia, Canada
 Lee Ann Novak—Virginia Beach, VA
 Purvee Patel—Fairfax, VA
 Sally F. Robbins—Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
 Joan Roberts—Dallas, TX
 Bobbi Robertson—North Fort Myers, FL
 Carole Sauter—Maple Valley, WA
 Dorothy R. Savok—Barrow, AK
 Judi Slingerland—Corpus Christi, TX
 Donna Spencer—Fort Washington, MD
 Jane Stanfield—Waco, TX
 Joan Stenger—Cuyahoga Falls, OH
 Susan Stern—La Mesa, CA
 Heather Taylor—Nepean, Ontario, Canada
 Marlean Tucker—Atlanta, GA
 Sylvia Ramos Valle—Lake Forest, CA
 Myrlin Von Glahn—Bay Village, OH
 Emilie Weathers—Gervais, OR
 Gwen Weaver—Virginia Beach, VA
 Karen Renay White—Sunnyvale, CA
 Donna Whitman—Ripton, VT
 Juanita Wiggins—Daphne, AK
 Kay G. Woolfolk—Cupertino, CA



Kath Harney
Bothell, WA



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Plantation, FL

John DeCollibus
Southboro, MA



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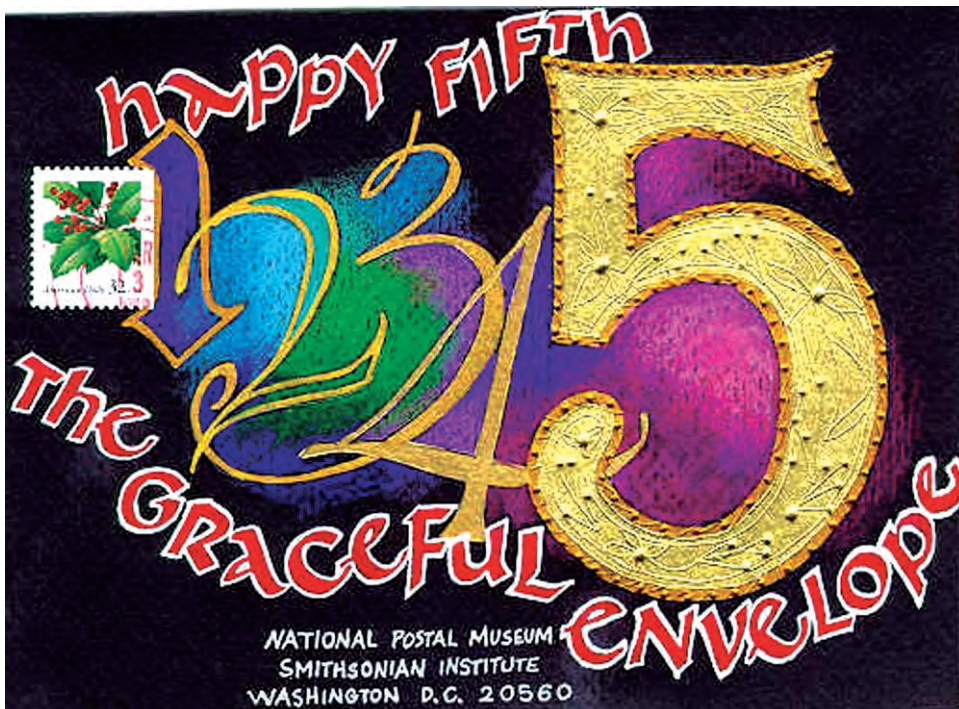
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Washington, DC



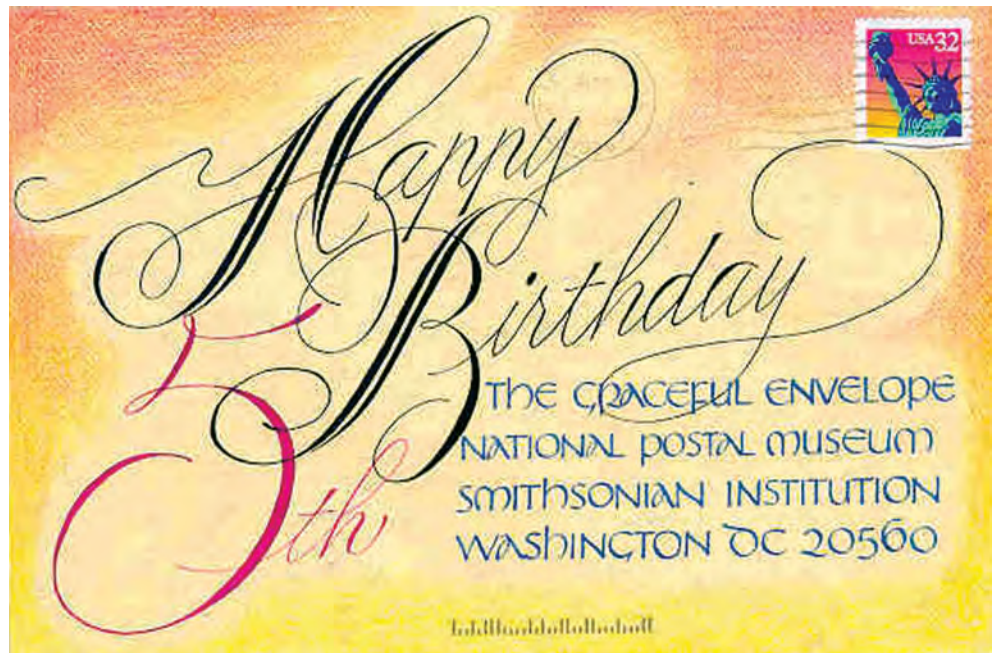
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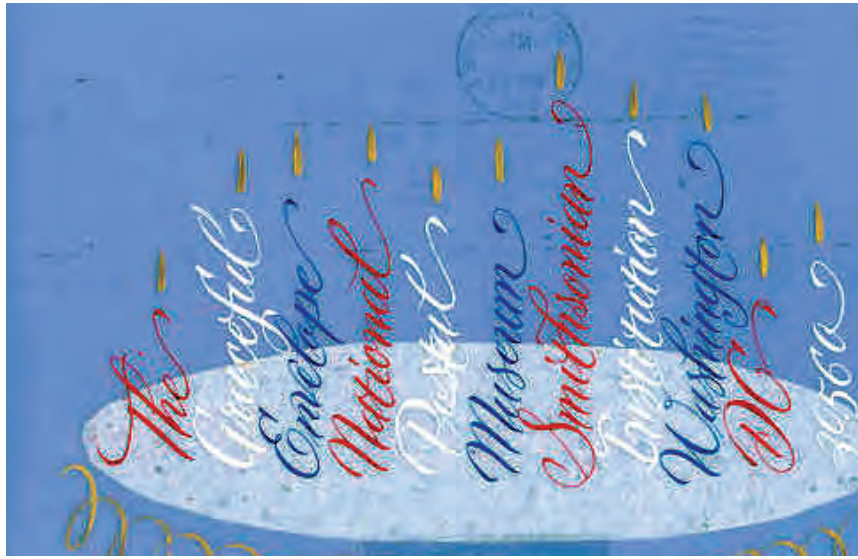
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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada



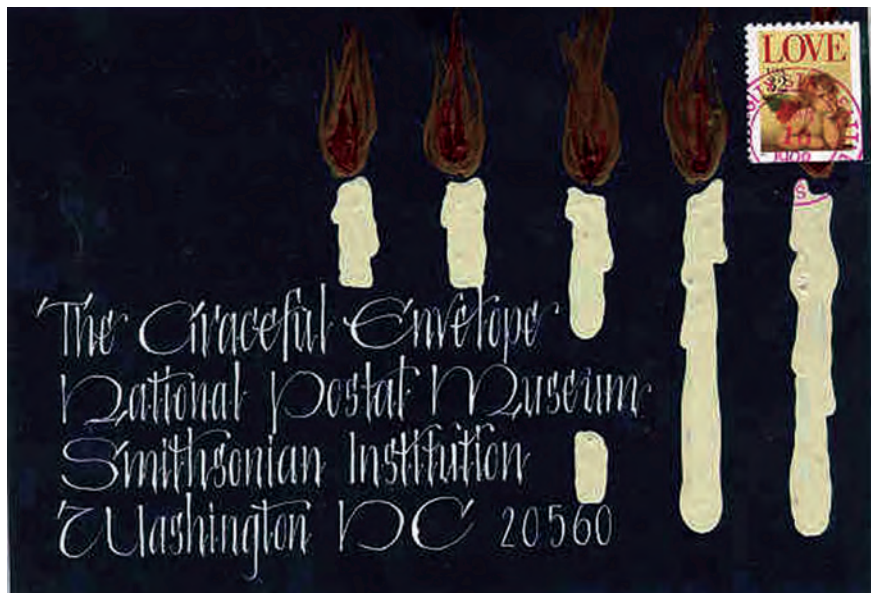
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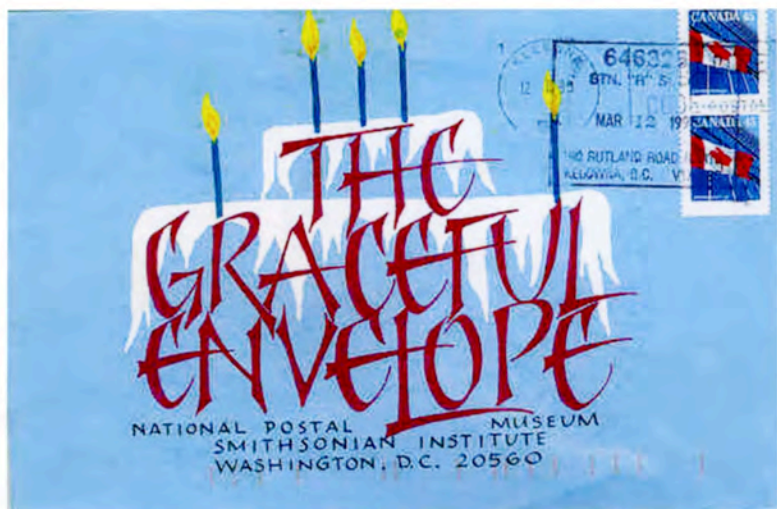
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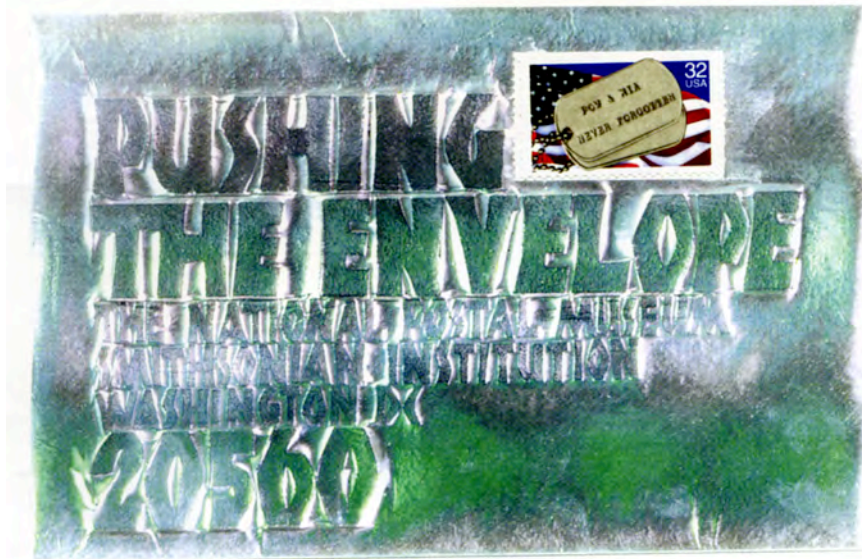


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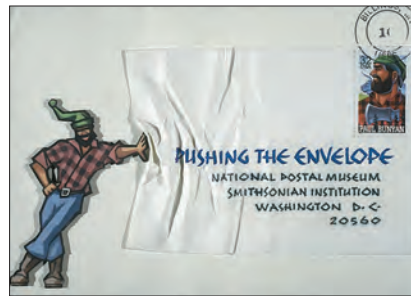
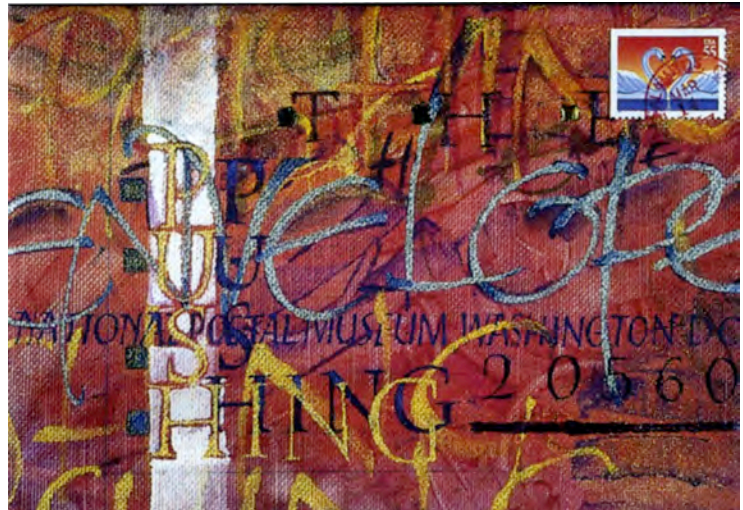
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 Kathleen Borkowski—Winsted, CT
 Christine Bosker—Harrisonburg, VA
 Sheryl Bracey—Hendersonville, TN
 Judi R. Bradford—Hermitage, TN
 Marcia Buch—Canton, CT
 Jean Cattaneo—Dublin, OH
 Joanne Chynoweth—Victoria, Australia
 Ruby Coe—Zephyrhills, FL
 Flo Cole—Kent, WA
 James Coley—Greenville, IL
 Gloria Cooper—Minneapolis, MN
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 John DeCollibus—Southboro, MA
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 Barbara Garfield—Ryegate, MT
 Risa Gettler—Murrieta, CA
 Cynthia Griffin—Jacksonville, OR
 Lynda Haines—Santa Fe, NM
 Sharon Haney—Ashburn, VA
 Suzanne Heany—Severna Park, Md
 Nancy Jacobs—Omaha, NE
 Wilma Hardenburgh—Missoula, MT
 David Hobbs—Washington, DC
 Carla Hoefft—Naperville, IL
 Gerry Jackson Kerdok—Hudson, MA
 John Kim—Harrisonburg, VA
 Ed Knipper—Waco, TX
 Margaret Lammerts—Tofield, Canada
 Paula Jones Leman—Chino Hills, CA
 Amanda Lewis—Perth, Ontario, Canada
 B.J. Livingston—Seattle, WA
 Marian Lord—Louisville, KY
 Weedy McCauley—Aberdeen, WA
 Katherine Malmsten—Seattle, WA
 Linda Matheson—Brazoria, TX
 Jacque Myers—Kelowna, BC, Canada
 Bonnie Noehr—Monte Sereno, CA
 Lee Ann Novak—Virginia Beach, VA
 Rev. & Mrs. Nicholas Novak—Ligonier, PA
 Rosemary Oliver—North Ft. Myers, FL
 Ann Pasquier—Quaker Hill, CT
 Wendy Paterson—Saskatoon, Sk, Canada
 Maura Pflueger—Harrisonburg, VA
 Pat Pleacher—Rineyville, KY
 Ann Pope—Washington, DC
 Mikel Quelle—Los Alamos, NM
 Colette Roberts—Columbia, MD
 Sally Robbins—Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
 Cindy Romo—Saskatoon, Sk, Canada
 Merrill Russell—Oxford, NY
 Donna Sabolovic—Richardson, TX
 Patty Sackinger—Salem, OR
 Kathy Saunders—Webster, NY
 Laurel Siegmund—Auburn, WA
 Devri Surpluss—Harrisonburg, VA
 Barbara Sweet—Washington, DC
 Sherri Trial—Columbia, SC
 Leor Warner—West Hollywood, CA
 Sally Wightkin—Monroeville, PA
 Jean Wilson—Des Moines, IA
 Kay Woolfolk—Cupertino, CA
 Frieda Wyatt—Dallas, TX
 Cindy Yount—Clemmons, NC

1997

Jean Wilson
Des Moines, IA



Lisa Englebrecht
Long Beach, CA



Robert Clifton Morrison
Billings, MT

Theme: Pushing the Envelope



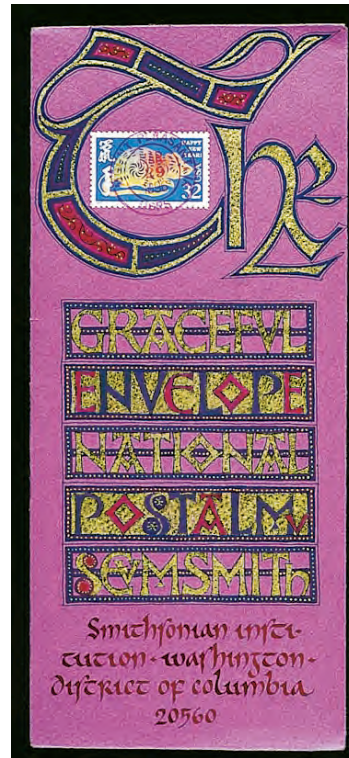
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Lyndon Station, WI



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Themes: Mother's Day or stamp-related



Phoebe Wong
Valencia, CA

1995

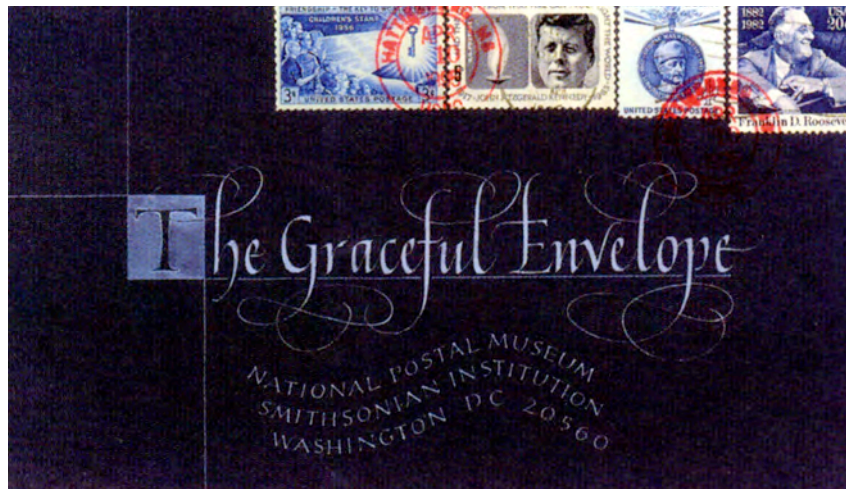


Karen Leigh and Gini Ogle
Kalispell, MT

First year — no theme



Gerry Jackson Kerdok
Hudson, MA



Sherri Trial
Hattiesburg, MS

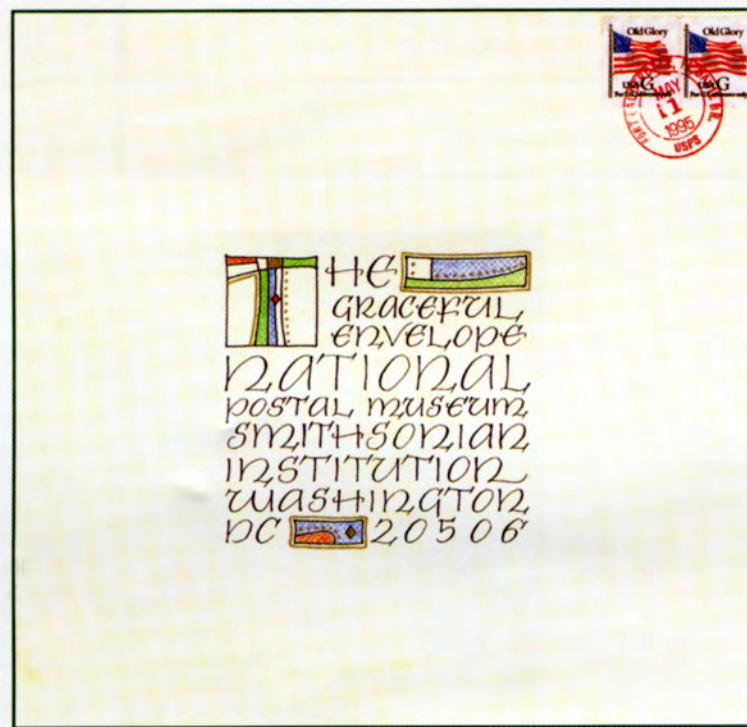


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Missoula, MT

Cheryl Adams
Des Moines, IA



Brenda Casey
Plantation, FL



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