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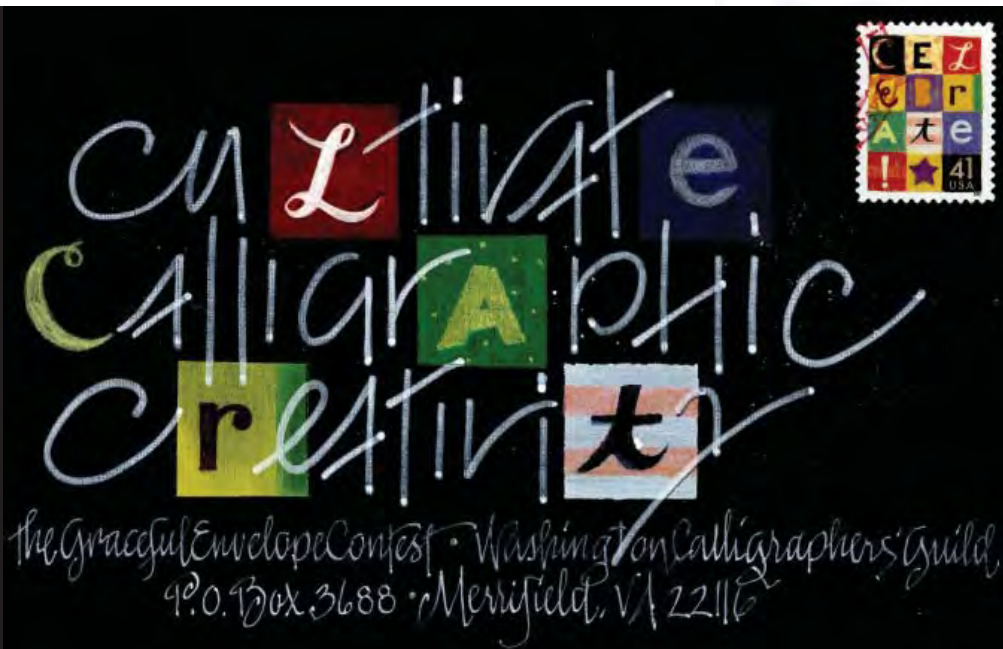
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Opposite: envelope by Jo Forsyth, Shoreline, WA (2008)

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Current contest winners are exhibited at the National Association of Letter Carriers headquarters in Washington, DC.

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About the Graceful Envelope Contest

This is the third time that *Scripts*, the journal of the Washington Calligraphers Guild, has showcased the annual Graceful Envelope Contest. This issue features some of the winners from 2006, 2007 and 2008.

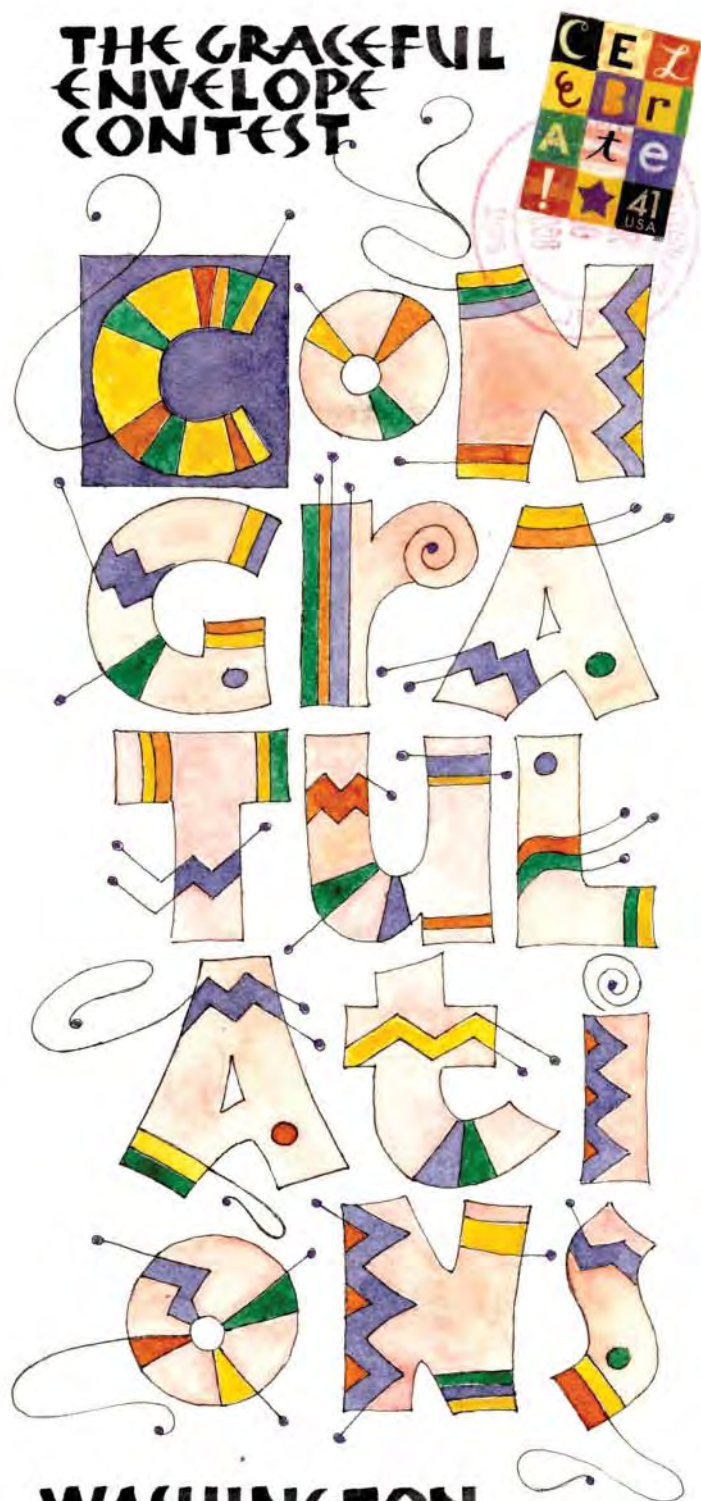
The Fall 2005 *Scripts* reprinted envelopes from 2003, 2004 and 2005 and the December 2002 issue highlighted a selection from 1995 through 2002.

The contest was created in 1995 by the Smithsonian Institution's National Postal Museum, which administered it until delegating responsibility to the Washington (DC) Calligraphers Guild in 2001. Beginning in 2003, the National Association of Letter Carriers agreed to partner with the Washington Calligraphers Guild to sponsor the contest and exhibit the winners. Participants from around the world design, handcraft and mail their small masterpieces in a competition that celebrates the art of written correspondence and, by extension, the letter carriers who deliver it.

Each year contestants are encouraged to incorporate the given theme in a creative and artistic way while using calligraphy to address the envelope. Entrants underscored the 2006 theme, "A Fine Line," with everything from fishing lines to felines. The 2007 theme, "A Mailable Feast," inspired a banquet of culinary creativity. In 2008, lettering artists interpreted the theme "C's the Day" with words and phrases beginning with the letter C.

The Graceful Envelope contest theme and call for entries are announced each year in early January at www.calligraphersguild.org.

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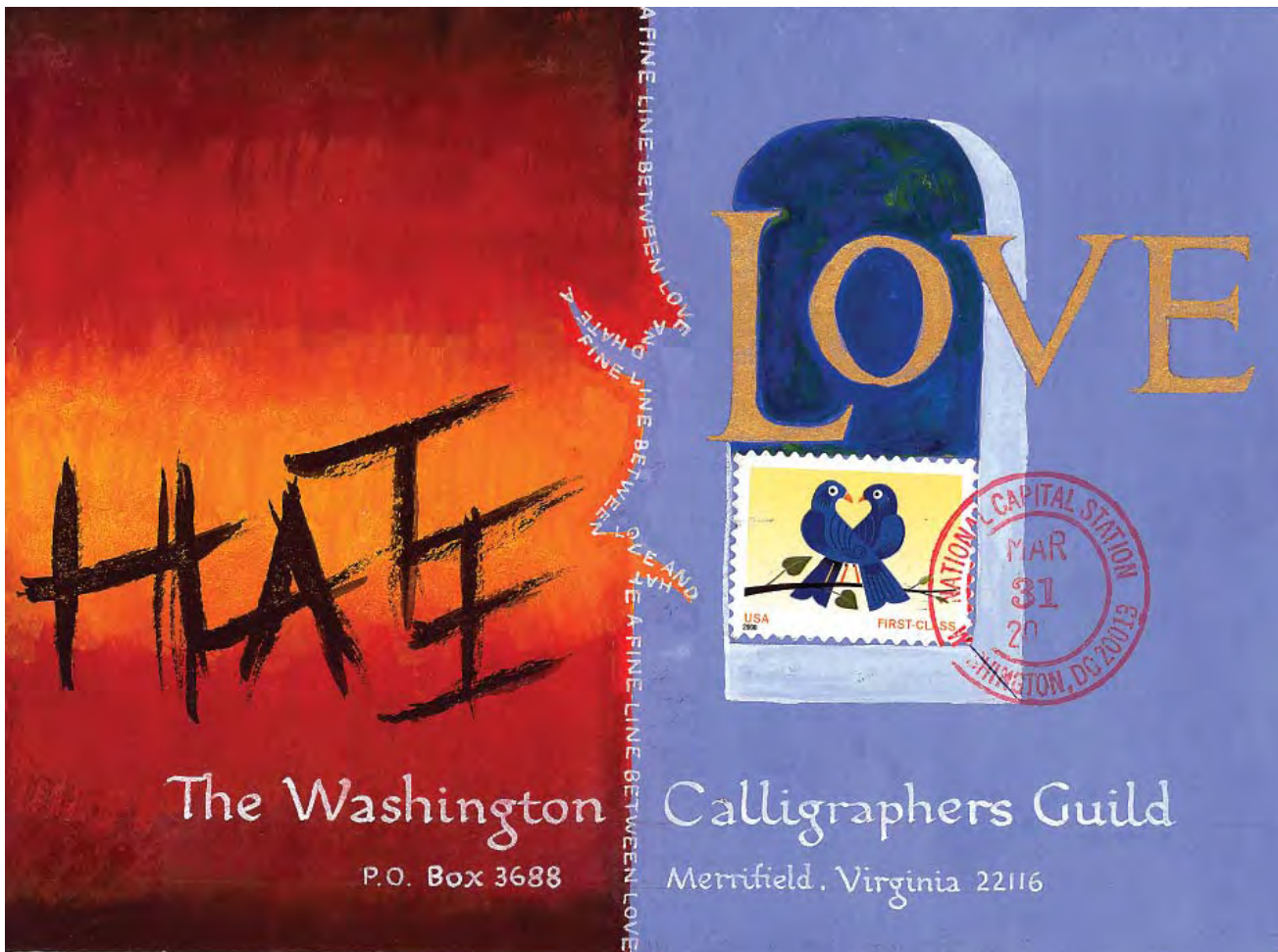
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Best in Show: Julie Gray
Sandia Park, NM

2006

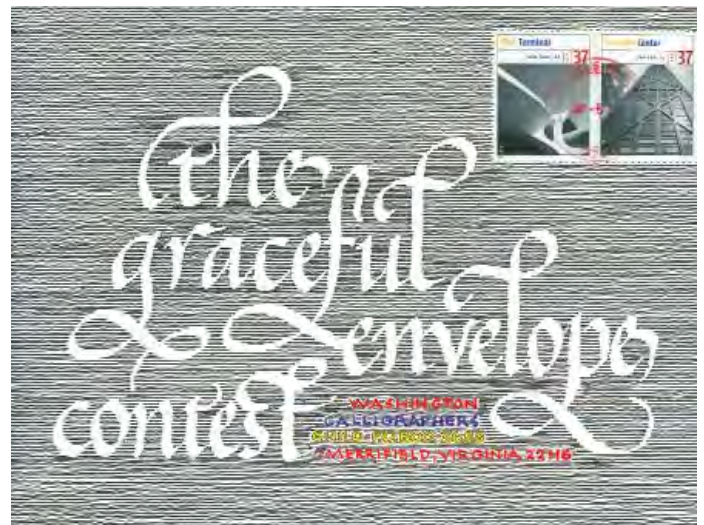
A Fine Line



Best in Show: Shane Perry
Cheverly, MD

Entrants interpreted the theme of the 2006 Graceful Envelope Contest, “A Fine Line,” with lines of every description, from bee lines, clotheslines and fishing lines to line dancing and even felines. And they addressed their envelope entries with fine lines of lettering.

Two envelopes dramatically depicting a “fine lion” with its fine lines of mane and whiskers, and the “fine line” between love and hate, were honored as Best in Show (above). Contest jurors also selected 10 more envelopes as Winners and awarded Honorable Mention to 39 entries, some of which are reproduced on these pages.



Gloria Austern
Secaucus, NJ

The 2006 entries were judged by three professionals in the graphic design and lettering fields: Sammy Little, a professional calligrapher whose clients include the White House and presidential inaugurations; Ann Czapiewski, calligrapher, photographer and graphic designer for the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Michael Shea, graphic designer for the National Association of Letter Carriers. The jurors looked for creative interpretation of the theme, skill in lettering and illustration, and effective use of color and design.



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Torrance, CA

Kaisa-Leena Tunkkari
Shangani, Zanzibar, Tanzania



Susan Miller
Parksville, B.C., Canada



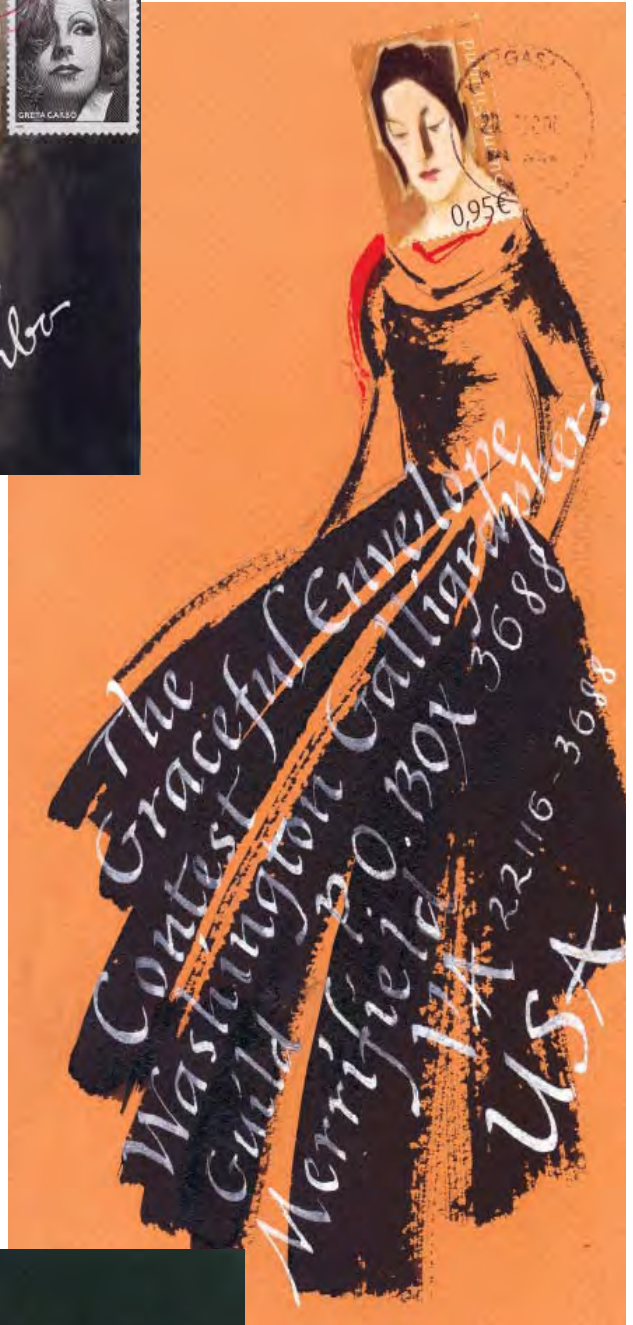
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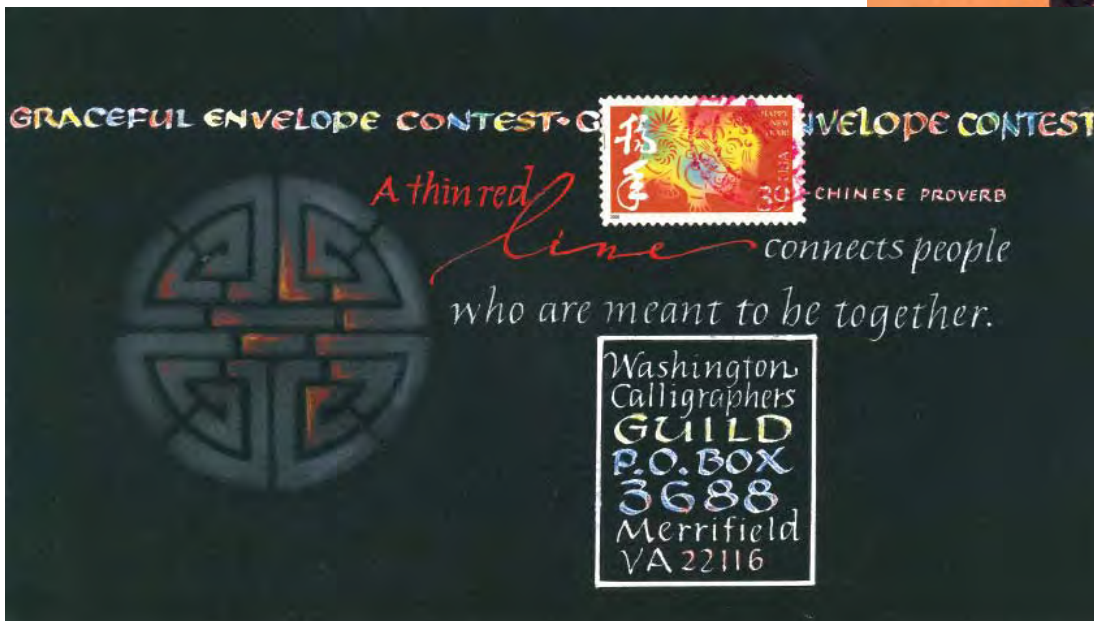
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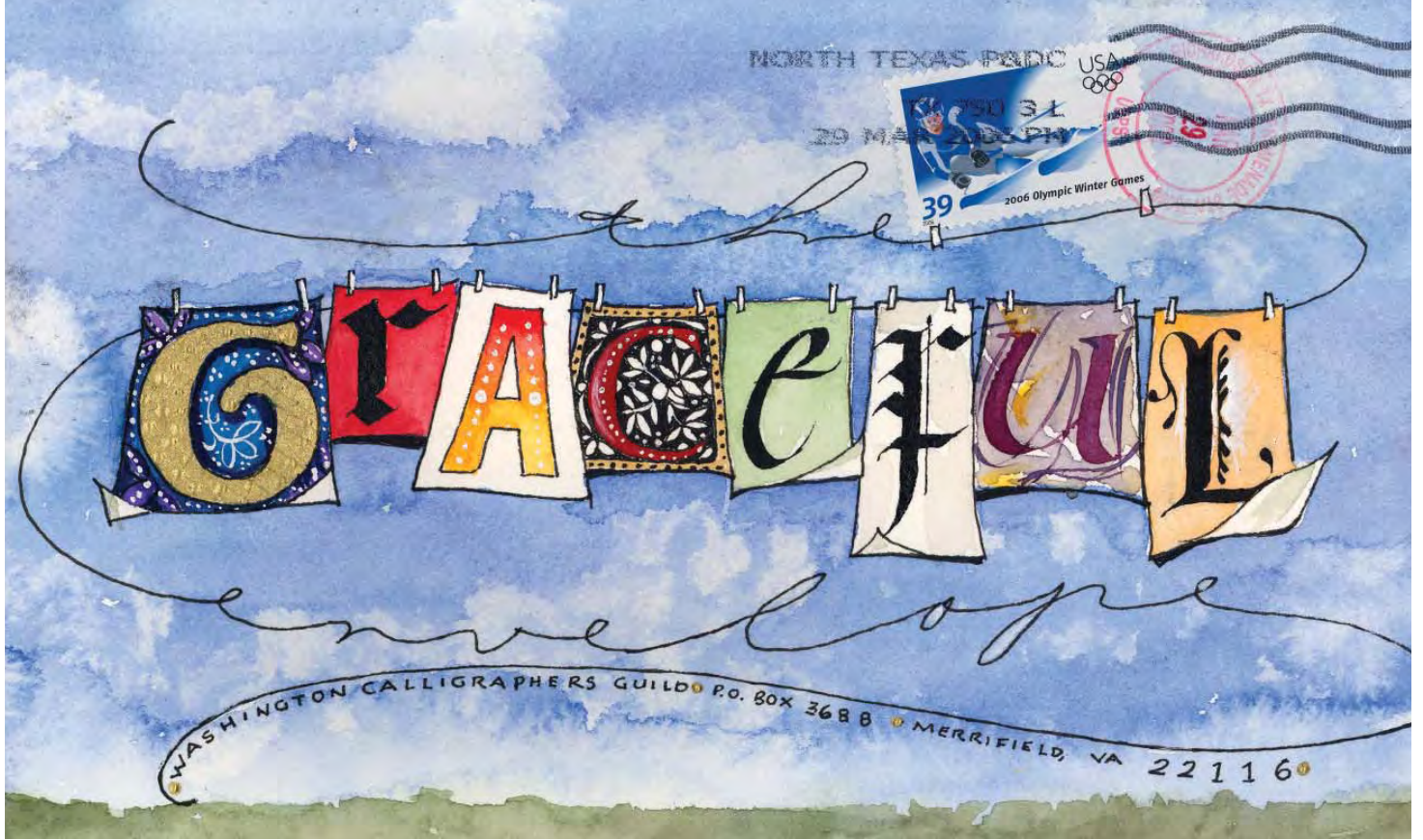
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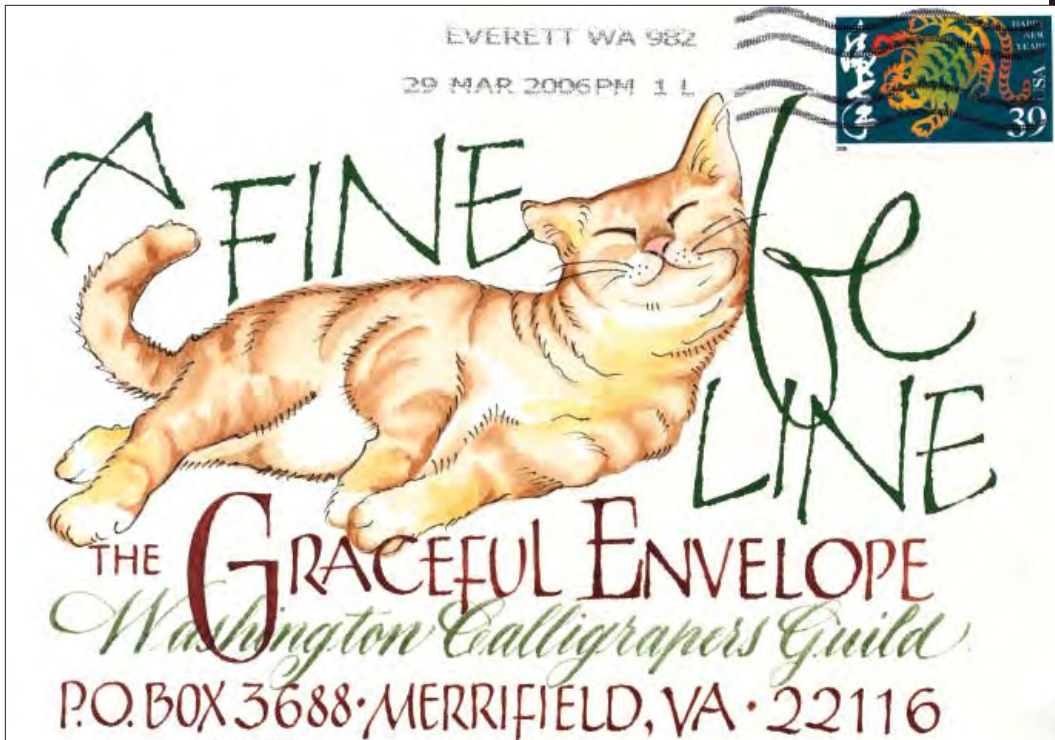
Dick Borgstrom
Fountain Hills, AZ



Wendy Watson Diedrick
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Shirlee DiBacco
Voorhees, NJ





2006

Best in Show:

Julie Gray - Sandia Park, NM
Shane Perry - Cheverly, MD

Winners:

Yukimi Annand - Torrance, CA
Joan Gooderham - Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada
Ruth Korch - Santa Cruz, CA
Jill Lichty - Mechanicsburg, PA
Anna Fong Lum - San Jose, CA
Susan Miller - Parksville, B.C., Canada
Monica Lima Mirones - Pinecrest, FL
Donna M. Sabolovic - Richardson, TX
Leena Vierikko - Kangasala, Finland
Flo Wilkins - Everett, WA

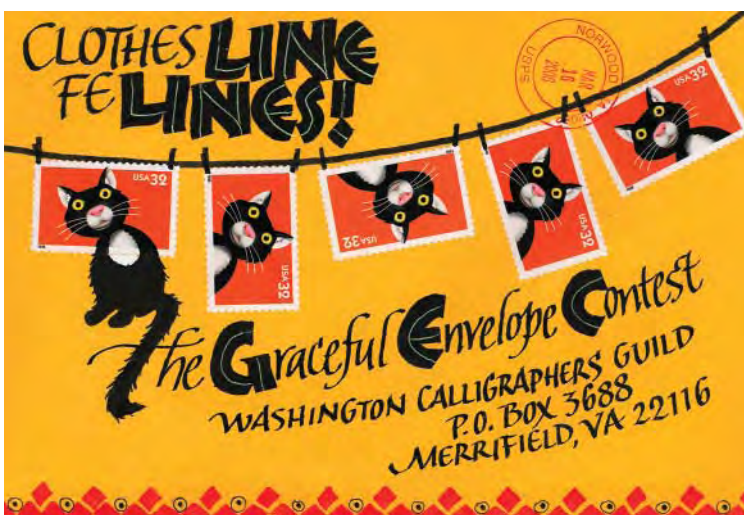
Honorable Mention:

Marie Adamson - Rockwall, TX
Paul Antonio - London, England
Gloria Austern - Secaucus, NJ
Dick Borgstrom - Fountain Hills, AZ
Sheryl G. Bracey - Hendersonville, TN
Dawn Rochelle Davis - Boise, ID
Shirlee DiBacco - Voorhees, NJ
Wendy Watson Diedrick - Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Gloria Eckart - Plantation, FL
Jean-Marie Ferrara - Monterey, CA
Jo Forsyth - Shoreline, WA
Lorrie Frear - Canandaigua, NY
Linae Frei - Scottsdale, AZ
Yogi Grunwald - Calgary, AB, Canada
Elaine I. Hartman - Cherry Valley, MA
Heather Victoria Held - St. George, Ontario, Canada
Jeri Hobart - Iowa City, IA
Catherine Hogan - Moriarty, NM
Yvonne Carey Howell - Hartsville, OH
Lorna Ingram - Penryn, CA
Margaret James - Monroe, NC
Sharon Kelley - Williamsburg, MI
Audrey Kincaid - Fresno, CA
Catherine Langsdorf - Charlotte, NC
Beth Lee - Tallahassee, FL
Marn Majeski - Lacey, WA
Virginia Meltzer - Missoula, MT
Carol Meetze Moates - Julian, NC
Kathy Orf - Saint Louis, MO
Patti Peterson - Colfax, CA
Cindy Rudolph - Norwood, MA
Donna H. Ryan - Charlotte, NC
Georgiana Shearn - Rush, NY
Kaisa-Leena Tunkkari - Shangani, Zanzibar, Tanzania
Delphine Vasquez - Davenport, IA
Katherine Vorstius - Belle Vista, N.S.W., Australia
Eric Willis - Richmond, KY
Debbie Thompson Wilson - Guelph, Ontario, Canada
Elaine Hurney Young - West Linn, OR

Flo Wilkins
Everett, WA

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Norwood, MA

Lorna Ingram
Penryn, CA





Joan Gooderham
Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada

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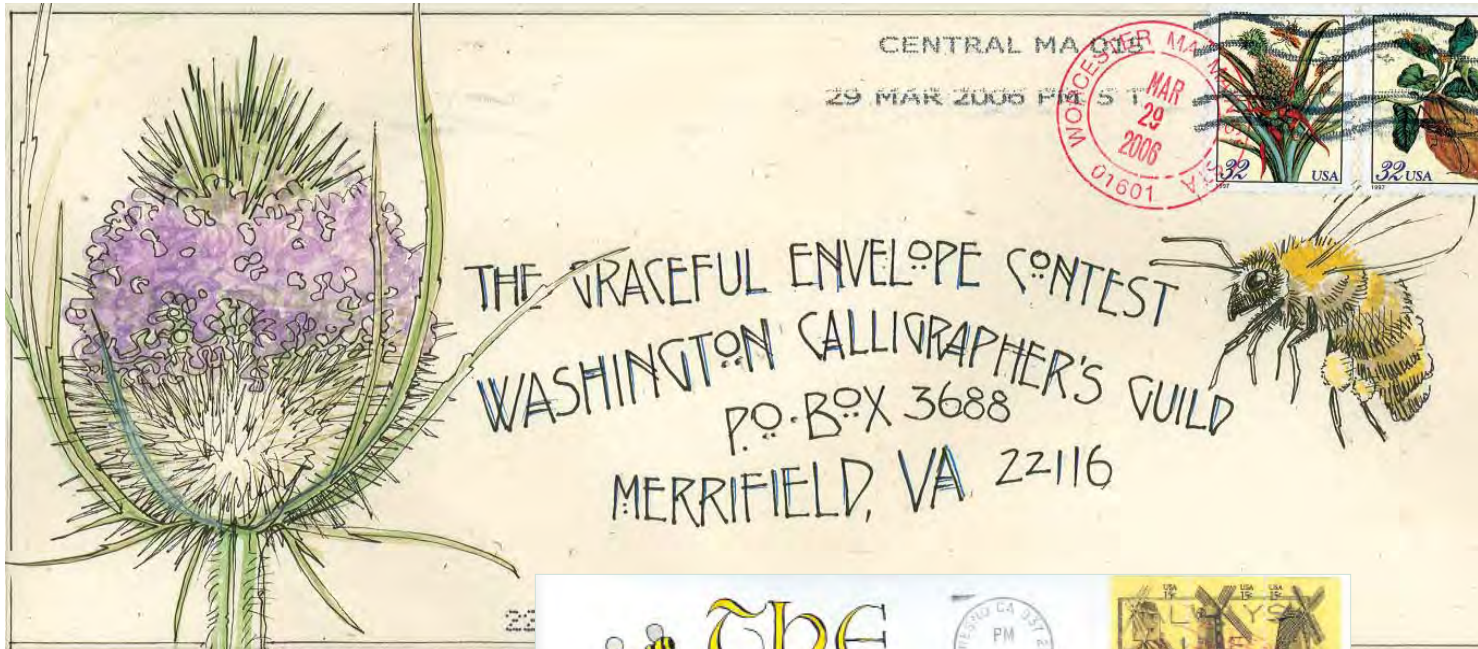
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Mechanicsburg, PA



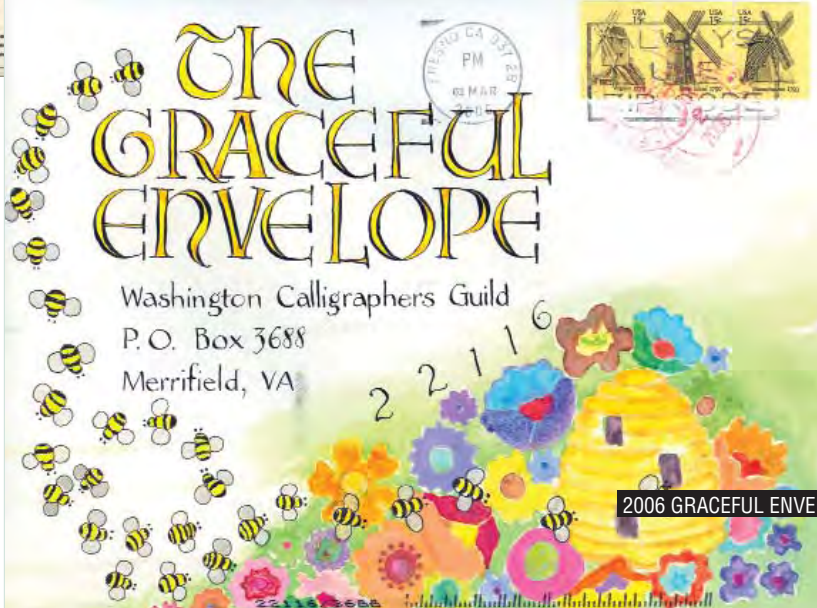
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Audrey Kincaid
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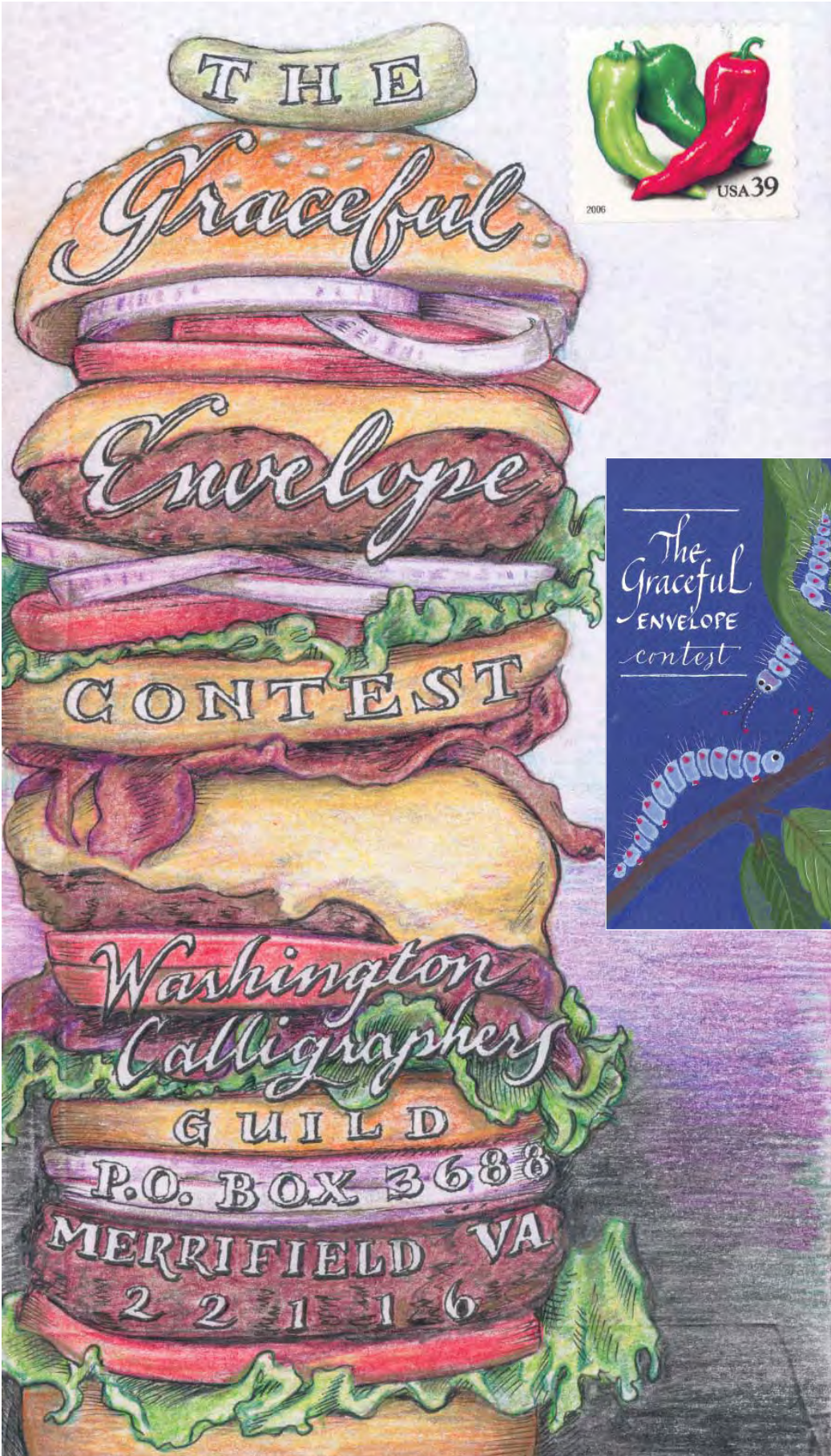
Patti Peterson
Colfax, CA

The culinary theme of the 2007 Graceful Envelope Contest, “A Mailable Feast,” must have made many mail carriers’ mouths water. Cornucopias of fruits and vegetables competed with big-bellied bugs and other satiated subjects. The envelope honored as Best in Show (opposite page) combines a beautifully drawn hamburger with stacks of toppings that whimsically carry the contest’s address.

In addition to the top winner, a panel of jurors made up of White House chief calligrapher Patricia Blair, Smithsonian Institution calligraphy instructor Caroline Gillin, and National Association of Letter Carriers graphic designer Mike Shea, selected 10 more envelopes as Winners and awarded Honorable Mention to 18 entries in the contest’s adult division. The judges also selected winners in the junior and children’s divisions. Some of the adult honorees are reproduced on the following pages.



2007 A Mailable Feast



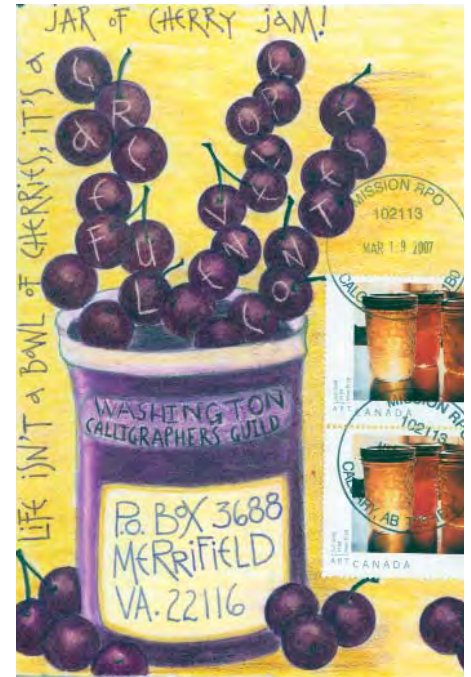
Best in Show:
Rhonda Robison
Hilton, NY

Jan Boyd
West Roxbury, MA





Dawn Rochelle Davis
Boise, ID

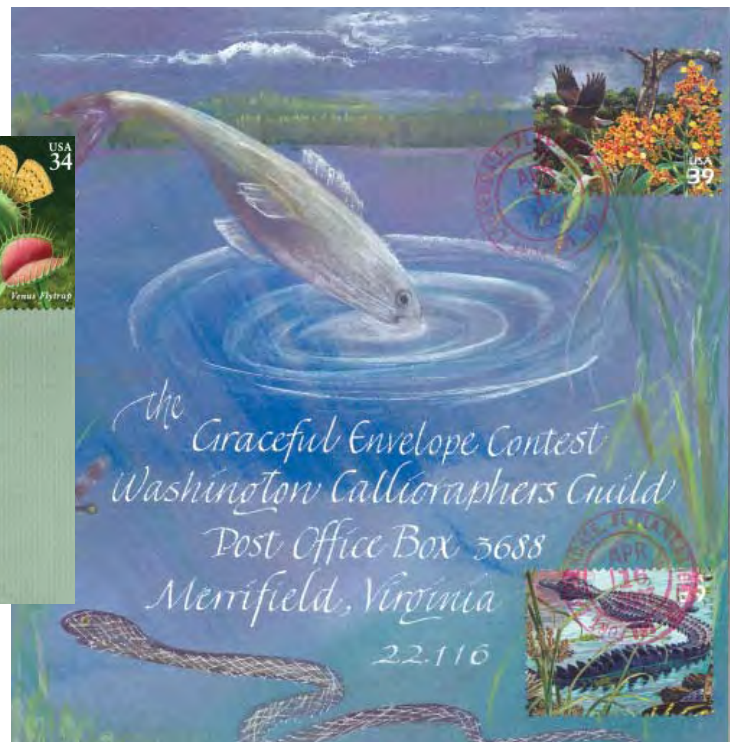


Yogi Grunwald
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Jeri Hobart
Iowa City, IA



Marilyn Gray
Newberry, FL





Linae Frei
Scottsdale, AZ

2007

Best in Show:

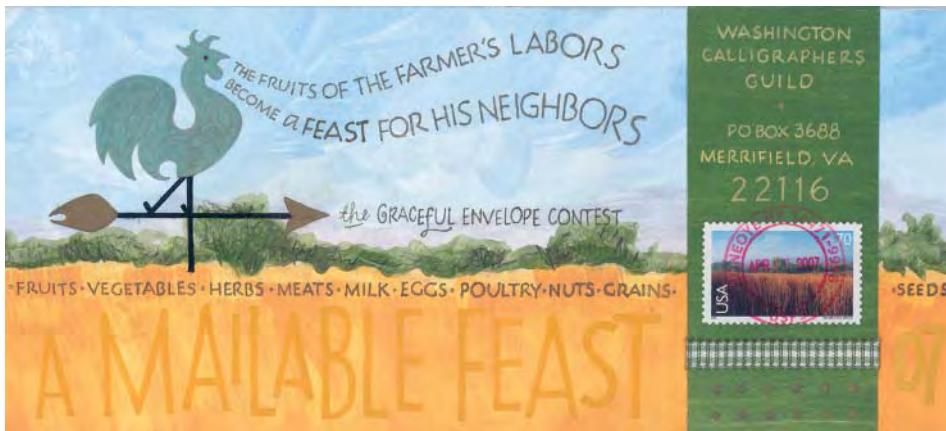
Rhonda Robison - Hilton, NY

Winners:

Jan Boyd - West Roxbury, MA
 Gloria Eckart - Plantation, FL
 Jo Forsyth - Shorline, WA
 Lorrie Frear - Canandaigua, NY
 Linae Frei - Scottsdale, AZ
 Jeri Hobart - Iowa City, IA
 Gerry Jackson Kerdok - Hudson, MA
 Monica Lima Mirones - Pinecrest, FL
 Patti Peterson - Colfax, CA
 Yael Harris Resnick - Valley Village, CA

Honorable Mention:

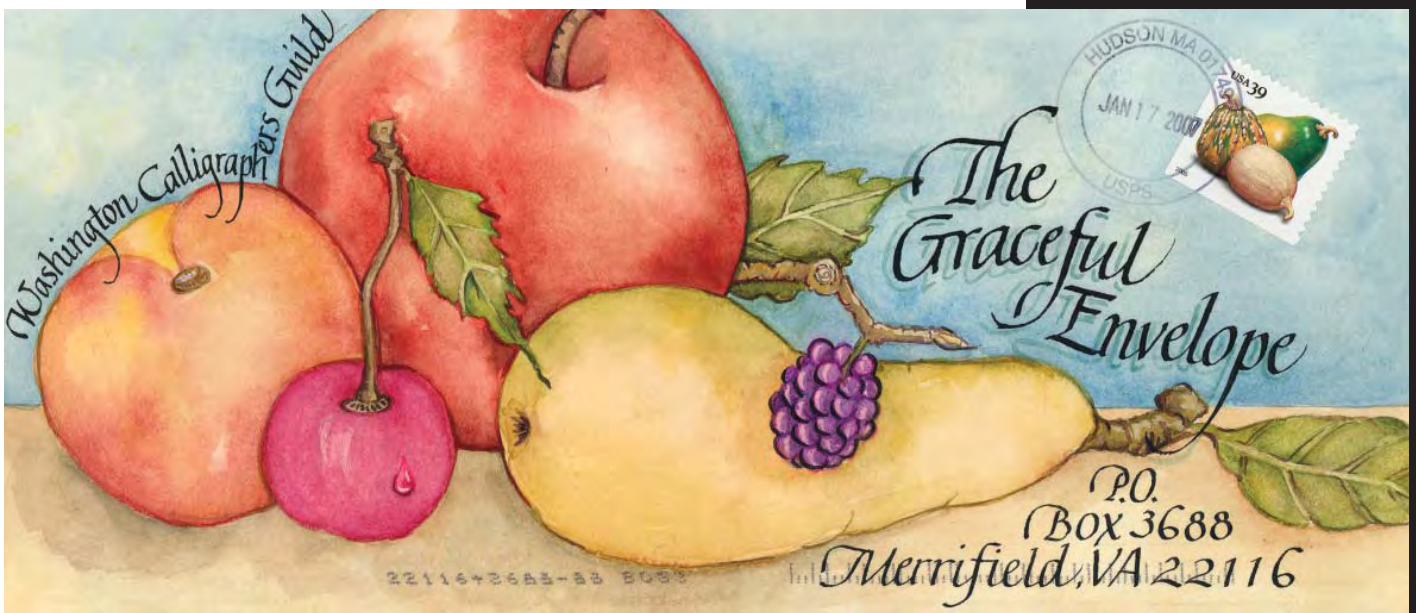
Yukimi Annand - Torrance, CA
 Paul Antonio - London, England
 Charley Bruns - Fallbrook, CA
 Margaret Challenger - Cobourg, ON, Canada
 Kathy Chilton - Albuquerque, NM
 Cindy Cooper - Brown Deer, WI
 Dawn Rochelle Davis - Boise, ID
 Joan Gooderham - Fort Erie, ON, Canada
 Julie Gray - Sandia Park, NM
 Marilyn Gray - Newberry, FL
 Yogi Grunwald - Calgary, AB, Canada
 Kathy Harney - Bothell, WA
 Heather Victoria Held - St. George, ON, Canada
 Carol Meetze-Moates - Julian, NC
 Peggy Shields Schiefelbein - Washington, DC
 Linda Schneider - Liberty Lake, WA
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✦ Gloria Eckart
Plantation, FL

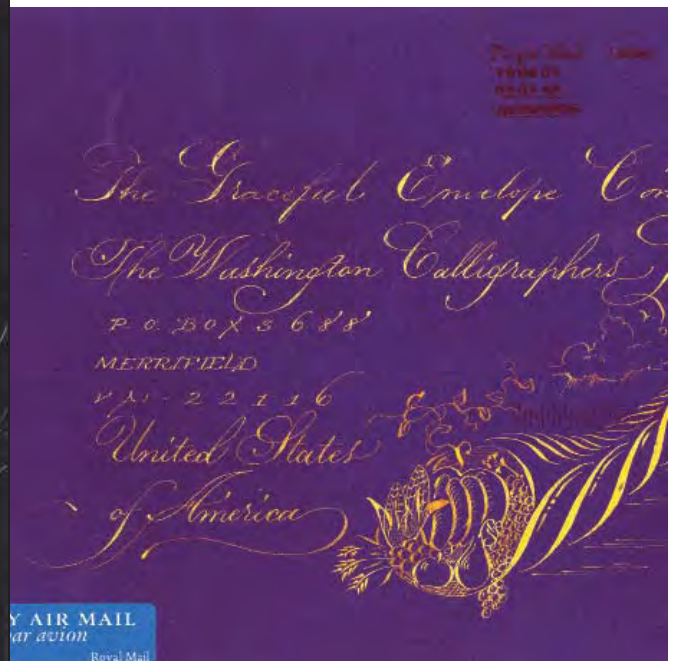
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Gerry Jackson Kerdok
Hudson, MA ✦

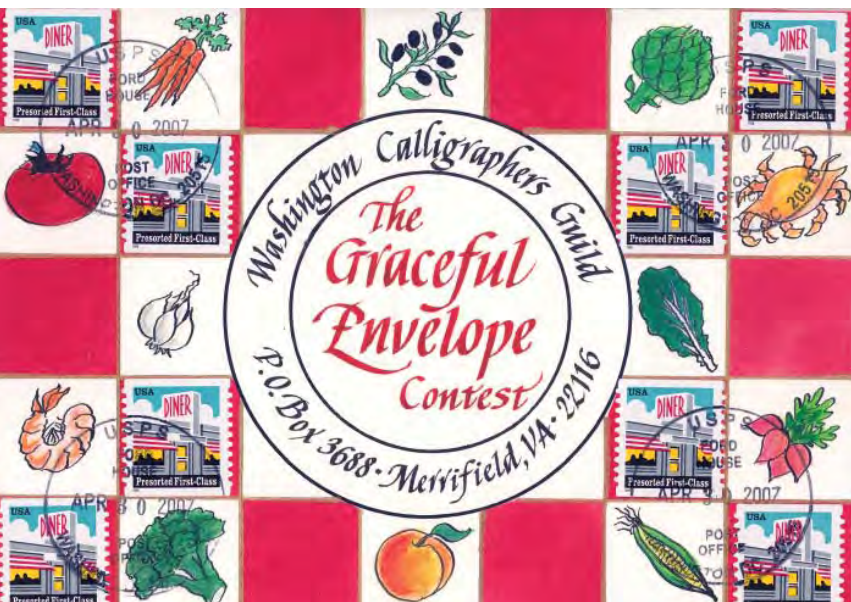




Linda Schneider
Liberty Lake, WA



Paul Antonio
London, England



Peggy Shields Schiefelbein
Washington, DC



Cindy Cooper
Brown Deer, WI

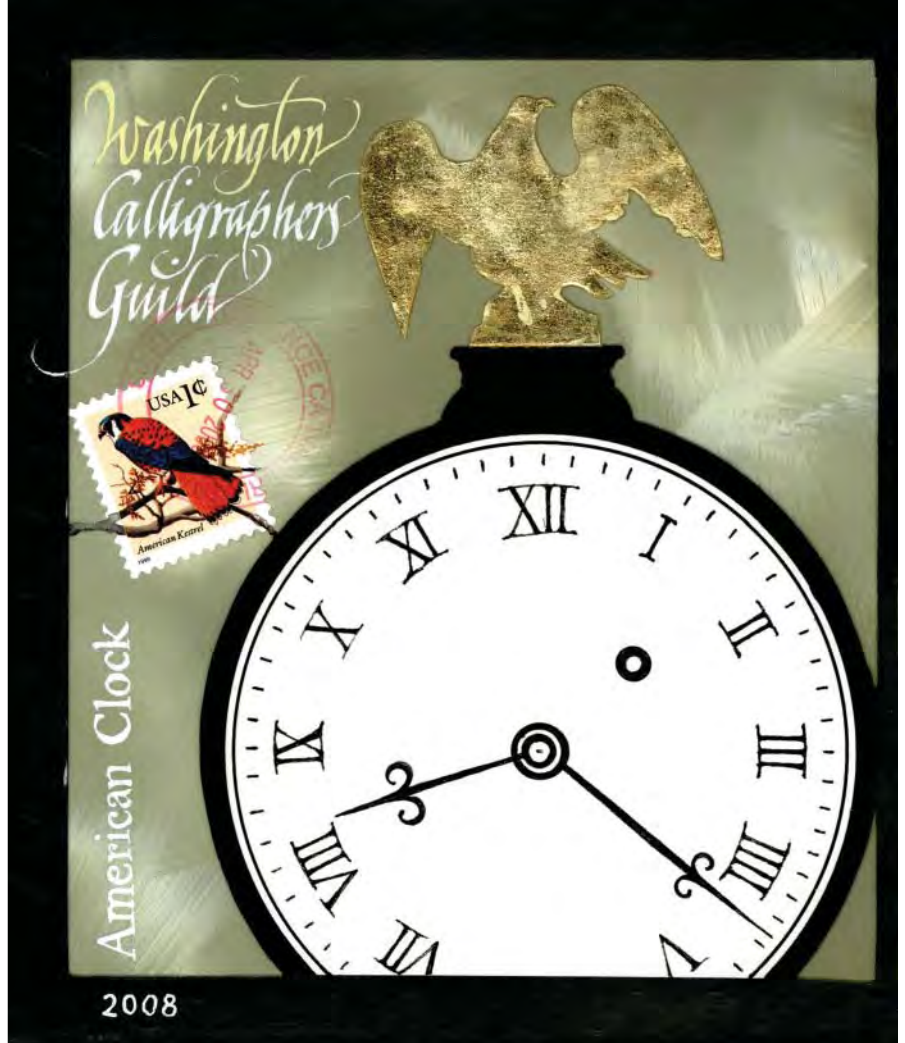
Joan Gooderham
Fort Erie, Ontario,
Canada



Julie Gray
Sandia Park, NM

Kathy Harney
Bothell, WA





Colorful, curious, clever—these are just some of the adjectives describing the entries to the 2008 Graceful Envelope Contest. The best were chosen as champions of the annual competition, which had “C’s the Day” as its theme. Entrants interpreted the theme with words and phrases that begin with the letter C, sound like the letter C, or play on the phrase “seize the day.” Submissions included everything from cartoonish cats to stormy seas.

The envelope awarded Best in Show (above right) recreated the image from an American Clock stamp with a level of craft that impressed the judges, using cut-out lettering and gold leaf. A striking envelope intricately depicting a crossword puzzle of calligraphy terms (opposite) was honored as First Place. Ten additional envelopes were named as Winners and 17 awarded Honorable Mention. Some of these envelopes are reproduced on the following pages and the back cover.

Judging the 2008 contest were: Sheila Waters, internationally known master calligrapher, illuminator, teacher and author of *Foundations of Calligraphy*; professional designer and calligrapher Lee Ann Clark whose clients include the Washington Ballet and the Prince of Wales Foundation; and Michael Shea, graphic designer for the National Association of Letter Carriers.

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Deborah M. Russell
Carmel, CA

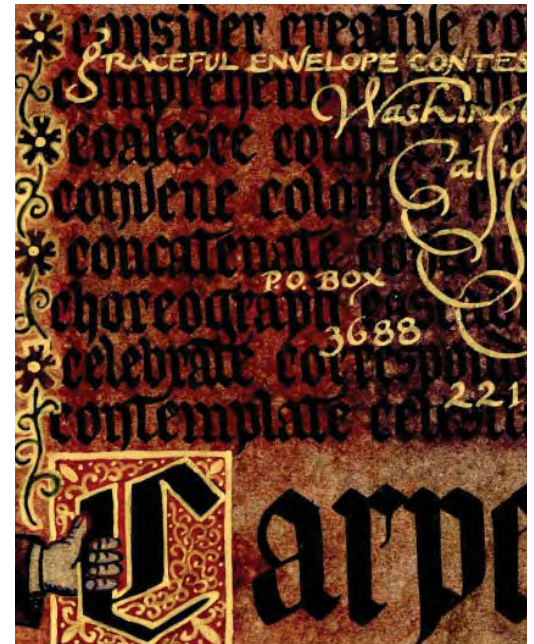


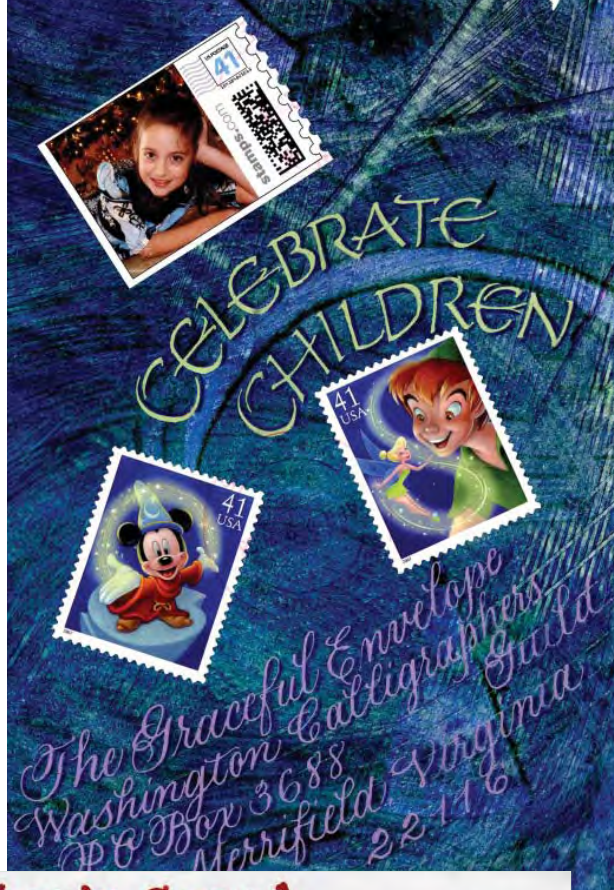
Marion McKenzie
Southampton, England

Deb Strawn
Manitou Spring, CO



Steven Patchel
Boston, MA





Sheryl Bracey
Hendersonville, TN

Marn Majeski
Lacey, WA

2008

Best in Show:

Yukimi Annand - Torrance, California

First Place:

Jeri Hobart - Iowa City, IA

Winners:

- Sheryl Bracey - Hendersonville, TN
- Brenda Cropper - Conroe, TX
- Jo Forsyth - Shoreline, WA
- Linae Frei - Scottsdale, AZ
- Catherine Langsdorf - Hendersonville, NC
- Marn Majeski - Lacey, WA
- Marion McKenzie - Southampton, England
- Deborah M. Russell - Carmel, CA
- Elizabeth Walsh - Olympia, WA

Honorable Mentions:

- Sonja Amenson - Story City, IA
- Cheryl Cary - Colorado Springs, CO
- Carol DuBosch - Portland, OR
- Lorrie Frear - Canandaigua, NY
- Julie Gray - Sandia Park, NM
- Heather Victoria Held - St. George, ON, Canada
- Betty J. Locke - Duncan, BC, Canada
- Carol Meetze-Moates - Julian, NC
- Deb Parsons Menke - Missoula, MT
- Jenny Muffler - Rockville, MD
- Steven Patchel - Boston, MA
- Patricia Peterson - Colfax, CA
- Cindy Rudolph - Norwood, MA
- Margaret Snyder - Louisville, KY
- Deb Strawn - Manitou Spring, CO
- Debbie Thompson Wilson - Guelph, ON, Canada
- Beverly Womack - Placentia, CA



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Linae Frei
Scottsdale, AZ

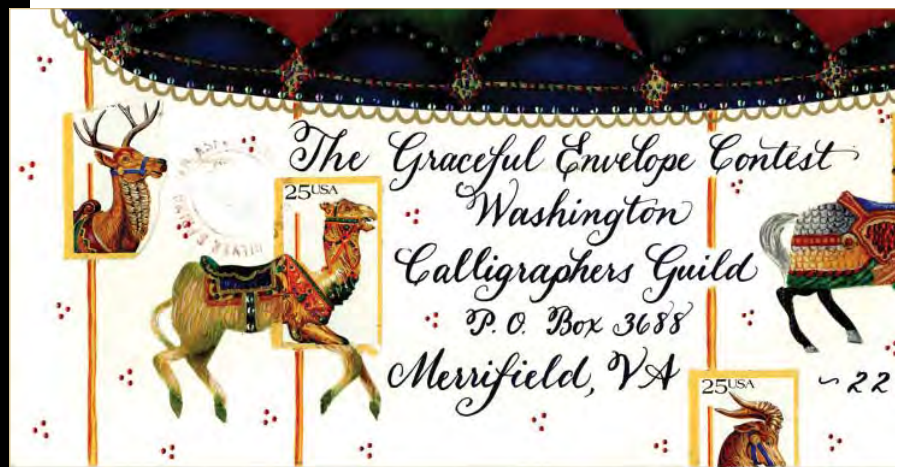


Cheryl Cary
Colorado Springs, CO

Carol DuBosch
Portland, OR



Brenda Cropper
Conroe, TX





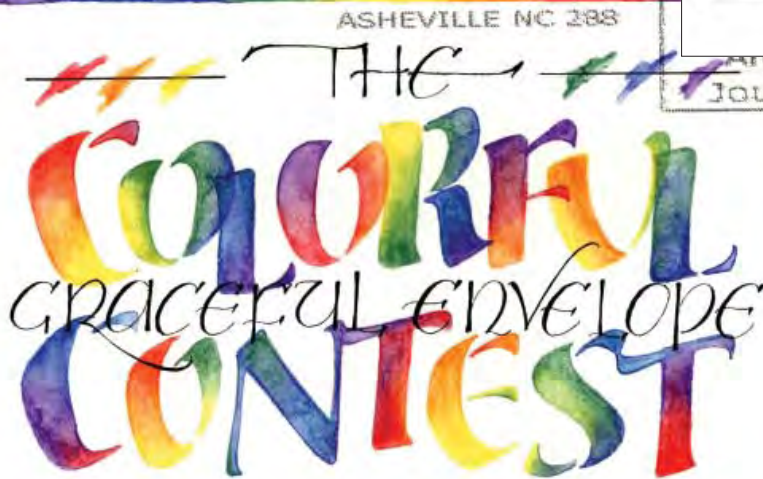
Jenny Muffler
Rockville, MD



Margaret Snyder
Louisville, KY



Deb Parsons Menke
Missoula, MT



CANARY YELLOW WASHINGTON CALLIGRAPHERS GUILD
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Catherine Langsdorf
Hendersonville, NC

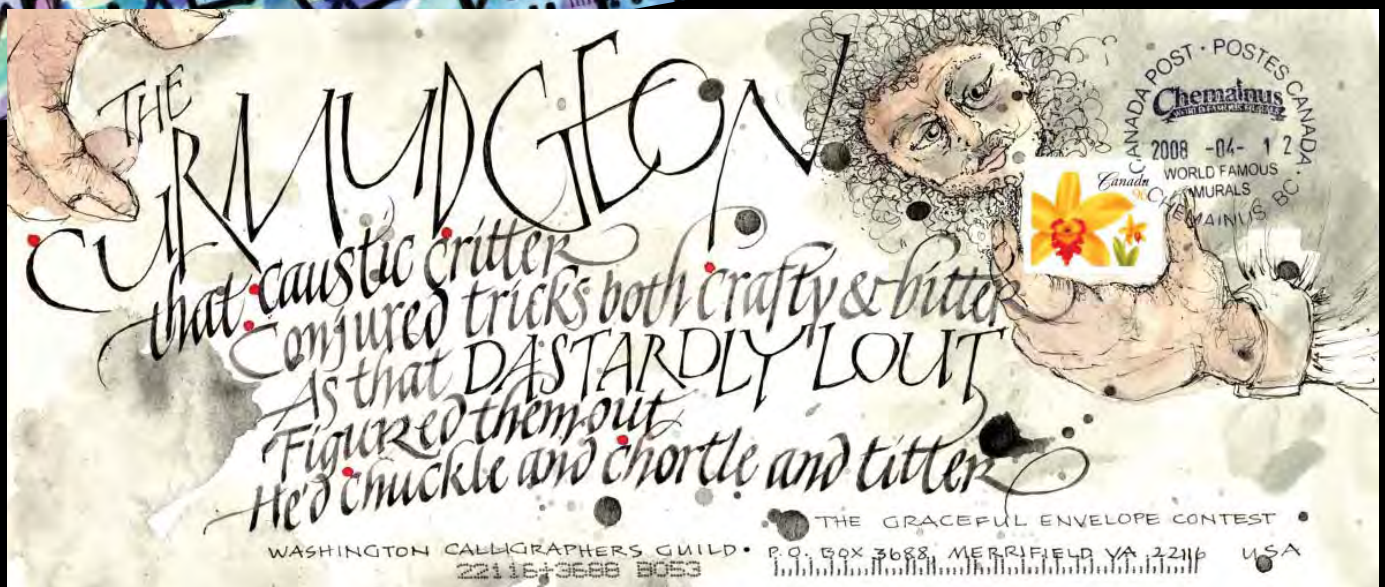


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Julian, NC



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