

FOLD N' STITCH: THE BOOK AS CONTAINER

Join us as we kick off the 2012 schedule **on Saturday, January 21st, 12:30 PM** with a hands-on program led by our own multi-talented member, **Jean Formo**, a sought-after instructor of all things calligraphy, as well as of the book arts.

What—a book as a container? What kinds of things will you put in your book? Bring your imagination and let it run free as you explore not only how to create this book, but how to use it when it is finished. If it will hold keepsakes and treasures, what kind?

Be inspired by Jean's description: "*Fold and stitch your way to an artistic book of your own making, embellished with your favorite decorated paper! Let your book be the harbinger of precious ephemera, photos, snippets of calligraphic practice that are too good to discard, and all manner of small, flat treasures. This sewn, non-adhesive binding, with its origami pocket fold, is for all skill levels. We will cover folding, marking up, and finally stitching its colorful, decorative spine.*"

THIS FREE PROGRAM IS A HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS!



You will be provided with pre-cut papers for pages and covers, thread and handouts!"

Along with your enthusiasm, **please bring these supplies:**

- ✂ Small paper scraps for collage (marbled, hand-painted or paste paper)
- ✂ Scissor
- ✂ Fresh glue stick
- ✂ Eraser
- ✂ Small cutting mat
- ✂ Bull-dog clip
- ✂ Darning or tapestry needle with long eye
- ✂ Snap-off knife or X-acto
- ✂ Cork-backed metal ruler
- ✂ Sharp pencil
- ✂ Bone folder
- ✂ Beeswax or white votive candle.

- Photos by Jean Formo

Photos of the "Fold n' Stitch" book, top to bottom: front cover; open book, showing some pockets; unfolded, standing up; and closeup of spine.

Please note that there will also be a pre-meeting **"Brush-Up Class"**, from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

BRUSH-UP CLASS

Pre-January Meeting, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, 01.21.12

We had a great interactive time in September with our "Brush-up Italic" session. This time, we have a list of possible topics: creating variations (for many hands), dealing with corrections, choosing papers, centering/justifying/writing on a curved line, copyright issues, finding inspiration, etc. Come be part of this fun "class" where we are all teachers and all learners.

Do you want to be part of this fun and educational time? Do you have additional ideas or questions we might consider? Email ardie@grantedpeace.com—it helps if we know ahead of time that you are coming!

Materials List

Please don't buy anything – just bring what you have. We'll share!

- ✂ Pen holder and several sizes of nibs
- ✂ Ink
- ✂ Water container
- ✂ Practice paper
- ✂ Ruler
- ✂ Pencil
- ✂ Eraser
- ✂ Bone Folder

-Ardie Gallant