

Information for Calligraphy Independent Study Summer 2021

Overview

Completely customized learning – this is a unique study opportunity to improve all aspects of your calligraphy. Guided by Maryanne Grebenstein and conducted virtually, this program will provide you with one-on-one guidance and critique, and can cover the full range of calligraphic skills, including:

- improving the consistency and beauty of your lettering
- creating decorated capitals
- incorporating color into your calligraphy
- gilding
- utilizing multiple sizes of lettering in you layout
- creating layouts and strong compositions
- creating a hand lettered manuscript
- drawing and painting medieval beasts
- drawing and painting medieval herbs, medicines and flowers

Scheduling

Because this is completely customized learning, scheduling is flexible. Based upon your desired project or goal and your current skill level, Maryanne will make a recommendation on the frequency and number of sessions you'll need. Next, she will work with you to arrange a meeting schedule. Generally, virtual meetings will be one-hour segments and will be a combination of instruction and demo. At the end of each meeting you'll receive an assignment designed to build your skills.

The initial offering of *Calligraphy Independent Study* sessions will be scheduled for June, July and August, 2021.

Skill Level

The *Calligraphy Independent Study* program is geared to students with a familiarity of basic calligraphic concepts (pen angle and pen scale) and some experience using a dip pen.

Curriculum

The curriculum is open and can include nearly any aspect of calligraphy. The intention is to build on your existing skills, improve consistency in lettering, and introduce you to more advanced techniques, ultimately creating professional looking calligraphy.

Supplies

A detailed discussion regarding supplies will be part of the registration conversation, but minimum requirements are:

- Multiple sizes of calligraphy dip-pens and holders
- Ink
- .3 mm or .5 mm mechanical pencil
- Drafting table /light box
- Drafting tape
- Drafting vellum (or tracing vellum, *not* tracing paper)
- Selection of Gouache
- Calligraphy paper and/or high quality art paper

- Ordinary yellow (i.e. Dixon Ticonderoga) pencil
- White plastic eraser
- T-square
- Comfortable work area with good lighting

Cost

The cost of *Calligraphy Independent Study* will vary depending upon the number of sessions you'll need for your desired skill or project. **Sessions are grouped into packages consisting of four one-hour, one-on-one virtual sessions for \$200 per package.** Sessions will generally be a combination of instruction and demo, assignment of a follow-up project, and critique of the project.

How to Register

- (1) Go to this web page:
<https://theabbeystudioblog.com/product/independent-study-4sessions/>
to purchase a package of 4 one-on-one virtual sessions for \$200 per package.
- (2) Fill in the **Questionnaire** (<https://theabbeystudioblog.com/questionnaire/>) available from that page regarding your calligraphy experience and your desired topic(s) for independent study.

Maryanne will contact you separately to schedule your online sessions.

FAQs

- *I'm a beginner. Can I participate in the Independent Study program?*
Calligraphers with some experience will benefit the most from *Calligraphy Independent Study*. For those interested in calligraphy but without experience, please consider one of the general calligraphy workshops offered through The Abbey Studio, such as *Intro to Italic* or *Copperplate Script*, to start your journey, which will provide a solid foundation of calligraphic skill.
- *Will the sessions be recorded?*
Most sessions will be recorded and the recording will be available to you for one week.
- *Will Independent Study packages be offered in person?*
Currently all sessions are offered virtually via Zoom. When Covid safety protocol recommendations allow in-person meetings, we will reassess the offering format.

After reading this information, please contact Maryanne Grebenstein at info@theabbeystudio.com or 781-740-9000 for additional information and to answer any questions you may have.