



Trying out the art of paper marbling

Random Act of Kindness project (This example was left in a playground for a child to find.)



Bev Lokseth's alphabet accordion book - a different technique for every letter

Melanie McCracken, who was a founding member of the BVCG, is the workhorse of the group, doing a lot of the organizing, and fielding calls and requests. (Email her at [HRUC@rebus.net](mailto:HRUC@rebus.net) to hear about upcoming classes and workshops.) Luckily, she gets to do a lot of this during her workday. How stellar is her job?

We've received lots of feedback about how super-chill our group is, and our relaxed atmosphere, coupled with the beautiful surroundings, really lends itself to beginners feeling at ease when taking classes with the Highwood United Calligraphers. Try not to feel inspired with the sun shining through the stained-glass windows.

Take the drive out to learn with us. It's almost as lovely as our members!



Always looking for next-generation - calligraphers; the group encourages youth involvement by offering free classes and workshops

# Carolyn Kaiser

*Our dear friend Carolyn Kaiser passed away in September. Besides her creative pursuits and volunteering with the Bow Valley Calligraphy Guild, Carolyn was passionate about her family and her faith. She was a dedicated volunteer with Operation Christmas Child and her church. Carolyn enjoyed her nursing career, and outside of work—Toastmasters, Red Hatters, gardening, pool buddies, and travelling. Carolyn's friends and family were appreciative recipients of her cards and her home was decorated with calligraphy, meaningful words she and others have scribed. Volunteering with Carolyn was a pleasure. Friends share the following tributes:*

- She had a practical sense of what needed to get done, never afraid to dive right in and get to work, and always with a bit of fun to spice things up. Carolyn lived life, full of life, and we miss her.
- Carolyn was an inspiration to so many. Always willing to help and share her knowledge in a practical way. If you wanted or needed something she made it happen. We would inspire and teach each other to do calligraphy related projects whenever we got together in each other's homes.
- Carolyn spoke fondly of a family trip to Mexico, enjoyed prior to her diagnosis in the spring of 2017, and the memories of this time and place. Carolyn passed her final weeks with dignity and grace, allowing friends to visit, as time and strength permitted. Her positive spirit never wavered.
- Her focus was always on her kids and family. Her faith was central to everything she did. I wish that I had known her better. She was such a high energy girl!

