



**Lois Siemens** cannot imagine life without color, form and shape. She loves her job as Pastor and Spiritual Care Coordinator at Bethany

Manor and is always looking for ways to bring creativity into worship. When she is not writing sermons she is sitting with her calligraphy pen creating beautiful letters or photographing wild flowers (some call them weeds) in ditches. She remembers the first time she saw calligraphy as her pastor's wife, Joan, took up a pen and showed her how to shape the letter J. She was hooked! Lois took her first calligraphy class in the early 90's and since then has taken classes with Debra Goertz, Martin Jackson, Georgia Angelopoulos, Roann Mathias and Courtney Siemens (no relation). Lois is a member of the Bow Valley Calligraphy Guild. COVID brought the unexpected opportunity of monthly zoom classes with calligraphers from South Africa to Belgium to New Zealand. Lois has taught classes for beginners and workshops for Scrapbookers. Sixteen years ago she became more serious with her work and began creating cards for pastoral care, and a series of Peace Banners.

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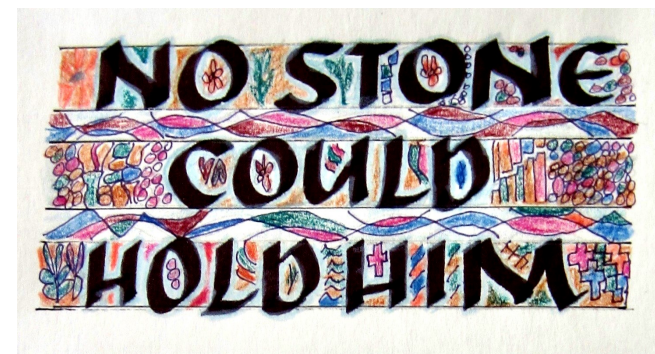


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**Friday May 31**  
**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

A WORKSHOP OFFERED  
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## CALLIGRAPHY FOR BEGINNERS

Have you ever been curious as to how a Calligrapher got the letters to look like that? What goes into calligraphy? What makes calligraphy beautiful writing? And maybe the more pressing question, **can I do it?** This short introduction to Calligraphy is for those of you who have always wanted to try calligraphy, or are just curious about how it works. Maybe this is the year for you to begin. And, by the way, if you can hold a pen and make a mark on a paper, you can do it!

MAY I HAVE THE  
COURAGE TODAY

to live the life  
that i would love,  
to postpone my dream  
no longer  
but to do at last  
what i came here for  
and waste my heart  
on fear no more.

John O'Donohue

**Class Time:** We will go through the basics of what turns those marks on a page into calligraphy. We will spend time exploring what makes calligraphy beautiful. We will analyze examples, learn about the basic tools, inks, and papers. You will learn how to set up your workstation, rule paper, and use different Calligraphy tools. We will have fun with basic exercises using a Broad Edged Calligraphy Marker to get you ready for practicing letter forms.

*Materials provided for this workshop include calligraphy marker and practice paper. Please bring a 12-inch ruler, two pencils and an eraser.*



**Friday May 31  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Cost: \$40 class + \$10 materials = \$50

### ***A workshop offered at Queen's House***

This workshop will be offered with a minimum of 6 and maximum of 12 participants.

Registration deadline: **May 29**

### **Registration Details**

There are two options to consider when registering for this workshop:

- Visit our website: <https://www.queenshouse.org/programs/>

### ***Participants can register and pay online***

OR

- Call Queen's House and register over the phone: 306-242-1916 x226. Please leave a message and we will be in touch ASAP.