



WELCOME LETTER

Alphabets Inspired by Nature
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Instructor: Julie Wildman

Welcome to Ghost Ranch!

This is my first time not only teaching at GR, but visiting it as well so I am very excited to be here with you!

And what a great time to visit coming off of quarantine for a year! I know we are going to have a wonderful time together.

I am thrilled to share my 'Alphabets Inspired by Nature' class with you in this beautiful location. I know we will all be inspired by the scenery around us. Please make sure you're prepared to take a jaunt with me around the grounds so we can find some inspiration for our alphabets.

I will be bringing your book supplies with me, along with a bunch of fun tools for you to try. Also plenty of paints and other media, so don't worry if you haven't brought something. I will have a lot of stuff with me.

I will also be supplying each of you with a handmade cola and broom bristle pen. They are fun tools to use for making fresh marks.

And if you've never done bookbinding before, please don't worry about the final project. I am not a bookbinder, so I asked a friend of mine who is to teach me how to make a simple, accordionfold book that has no gluing or sewing. She came up with an elegant design that is so easy to put together. I think you're going to love it.

Finally, my goal for this workshop is to help students understand how letters are not just the symbols with which we use to communicate. Rather, they are shapes made up of lines, circles, triangles and squares. Shapes which can be manipulated in creative ways to mimic things we find around us. Historically, calligraphers have often been inspired by the forms they find in their natural surroundings.

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It is my hope that this workshop and the beauty of Ghost Ranch will help inspire a whole new group of aspiring calligraphers to make beautiful letters.

See you soon!

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