

"Slow and Steady"

October 23 and 24, 2021

AMITY PARKS

online workshop for all levels 10:00 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 4:00 Eastern Time (SATURDAY ONLY: sign in by 9:45 to allow for announcements)

"Slow and Steady" is Amity's new workshop, an outgrowth of her work during Covid. In her words, "There are times when our lettering calls for a new way of working to achieve the effect we are looking for. Sometimes, our traditional pens don't work to create the forms we want, or we are lettering on a surface that is not friendly to the pen. Other times, we would like to use a medium that won't flow through our pens. In these cases, it's nice to have the skills for 'drawing' our lettering using a pointed brush. This tool allows unlimited freedom to produce any letterforms and to write on many surfaces.

"In this class, we will do exercises to familiarize ourselves and develop skills with using a pointed brush. We won't be 'writing' with the brush as many calligraphers do but rather drawing and painting with it. This is a **slow and steady** process that is a good skill to have in your tool kit. Once we are comfortable with the tools, we'll explore a variety of letterforms that lend themselves well to these techniques such as Roman caps and a more playful and naive version of caps inspired by old Italian inscriptions. Next, we will experiment with creating interesting compositions and adding other illustrative designs. I'll offer some tips how to transfer our designs using our pointed brush and water-based paints such as gouache and watercolor."

Unlike our previous online workshops, for this one you will log onto Zoom with only one device. However, Amity wants each person to have a second device (smart phone or tablet with camera) at your work station allowing you to share photos of your work with the group using Padlet (app info to come).

For current Pen Dragons members, cost for this two-day workshop will be \$105; \$125 for non-members, which includes instruction and handouts, printed and mailed to you. The price also includes a link to the recording of the demos, which is viewable for 30 days after the class, along with pictures of the demo pages that Amity creates during the class.

Space is limited. Registration is now open for MEMBERS ONLY through September 14; after that date it will open to non-members if space is available. Registration closes October 1, 2021, or earlier if filled.





