

It has been 10 years since Pen Dragons has had a pointed pen workshop. After many member requests and a two-year wait to get on her calendar, we are finally able to learn from pointed pen artist, Heather Victoria Held.

Heather is a freelance lettering artist who operates the Victorian Pen Studio in St. Georges, Ontario. She has studied extensively with Master Penmen, Michael Sull and Brian Walker.

Heather is not only a master with this tool, but she also is an expert in the Victorian style of flourishing and decoration, useful with any hand and on items from envelopes to broadsides. Heather's pointed pen work is distinctly Victorian, a treat to the eye of pastel colors, graceful pen strokes, and often, tiny birds or other creatures tucked into the froth.

Since we are hoping this workshop will attract both those skilled in pointed pen as well as those who would like to "dip their toes" into this new water, we carefully selected a topic that could easily be handled by and of interest to a broad range of skills. We wanted to be sure the supply list would not require a major investment in order to allow this exposure to something new and the topic to be applicable whether a person wanted to continue with pointed pen use or not.

As Heather explains: " 'The Artful Flourish' is one of my most-requested workshops. This is a playful workshop and is a great introduction to pointed pen techniques. Offhand flourishing is a unique, non-lettering art form created with a pointed steel pen. Elegant flourishes that appear complex and labor-intensive are broken down into simple strokes that can become second nature to the dedicated student. We begin the workshop by getting familiar with the pointed pen, developing a light touch, and learning the

basic strokes of offhand flourishing.

"Offhand Flourishing is a peaceful and meditative pointed pen skill. True offhand flourishing is done without any preplanning or pencil sketching on the paper. The designs are the direct result of thinking on paper while using pen and ink. The designs grow organically and can be as simple or as ornate as you like. 'The Artful Flourish' workshop was the first pointed pen class I developed, and I recommend it for all skill levels.

Offhand flourishing is a wonderful skill to gain. The strokes are fluid and graceful, and students will be able to see rapid growth in their skill level. It is far easier to learn than any pointed pen alphabet, and you can build confidence with these ornate designs. This class is a delight to teach as we explore the basic cartouche designs, swags, scrolls, corners and more. The possibilities are truly endless."

Heather will be joining Pen Dragons virtually the first weekend in April, the 2nd and 3rd, 2022. Each day, sessions will run from 10:00-4:00, EDT with breaks morning and afternoon as well as a one-hour lunch. For feedback, we will use Padlet, an easily-navigated app, as we did with our recent Amity Parks workshop.

Cost for this workshop (shown on the registration form) includes the cost of instruction; Heather's handouts, many in color, bound and mailed to you; and access to the recordings of the workshop sessions for a period of no less than two months after the workshop.

For current Pen Dragons' members, registrations will open upon receipt of this flyer. On February 22, registrations will open to non-Guild members. REGISTRATIONS WILL CLOSE MARCH 8, 2022.

For the first time, you may not only register online but may also fill in your registration form online rather than printing it out and mailing it in. To pay online using PayPal or to fill out the registration form digitally, click on this link: https://www.pendragonscalligraphy.org/held-2022 If you pay by check, print out the form, fill it out, and mail it with your check to Linda Kanamueller.





VIRTUAL WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Heather Victoria Held
"The Artful Flourish"
Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3, 2022
10:00 - 4:00 EDT both days

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YES, so my workshop fee is \$110.00 USD	
NO, so my workshop fee is \$130.00 USD	
I intend to pay by non-refundable check.	A. 27
Send your check for the correct amount made out to Pen Dragons Calligraphy Guild to: Linda Kanamueller Pen Dragons Treasurer 2155 Wild Cherry Lane Kalamazoo, MI 49009 I intend to pay (also non-refundable) using PayPal. If paying via PayPal, you must fill out a registration form on the web site and wait for an invoice from our treasurer, Linda Kanamueller, before processing the payment.	
PLEASE ADD YOUR MAILING ADDRESS TO THE BACK OF THIS FORM SO THAT WE MAY SEND YOUR HANDOUTS TO YOU. We also need this information:	

Name: Email address:

From now until the date of the workshop, please check your emails at least every two days to be sure you don't miss important workshop communications.

Cell phone number:

Especially on the days of the workshop, once sessions have started, often the only way to communicate with you will be through texts. Please have your phone charged and near you during the entire workshop. Your number will also be shared with Chris, Heather's tech person.

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