

THE FRIENDS OF CALLIGRAPHY PRESENT A WORKSHOP WITH

ANDREW VAN DER MERWE

Beach Calligraphy & Mark-Making



♦ TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2019 ♦ 9:00 AM TO SUNSET
♦ SEABRIGHT BEACH, SANTA CRUZ ♦ \$170.00 MEMBERS (\$190.00 NON-MEMBERS)



SOUTH AFRICAN CALLIGRAPHER, Andrew van der Merwe, introduces an art form he has pioneered. Ephemeral, meditative and energetic, beach calligraphy is more than merely a scratching of the surface. There are spiritual lessons to be learned and refreshing pleasures to be had. The fragile surface of an untrodden beach responds with surprising beauty when you touch it in the right way. And even if it doesn't, it always forgives you, always offers you a clean slate.

This 2-day workshop will begin by exploring the mark-making potential of random, weird and wonderful tools and found objects like mussel shells and kitchen utensils. This will be about having the sand respond to you with beauty and surprise. That will be followed by an introduction to a specially made tool: the Beach Wand. We'll begin with its mark-making potential and move on to translating that into its potential for calligraphy.

Andrew says, "The second day will begin the way it began for me when I first started carving letters. It was seeing that V-cut typical of letters carved in stone . . . seeing it in sand, and seeing it washed away . . . that is what captured my heart."

The workshop will end with some input on photographing your work. Both days will start nice and early and end at sunset,

(leaving the middle part of the day for experimentation or R&R) to make the most of the golden hour lighting.

Please bring: Water, sun hat and/or sunscreen, jacket/windbreaker. • Large kitchen knife or hunting knife and, optionally, any other objects which you suspect might make interesting marks. I have used serving spoons, wire egg whisks, pieces of thick wire, ice cream scoops, pizza cutters and even broken bottles. • Camera or phone with camera.

October is the most beautiful month of the year in Santa Cruz. We'll be renting a house within blocks of Seabright Beach, where the sand-scribing will take place. Rooms will be available for participants. Motels in central Santa Cruz will only be a few minutes drive away. Housing details will be worked out after registration. • This class is suitable for ALL skill levels.

ANDREW VAN DER MERWE is an exciting and innovative free-lance lettering artist and zealot from Cape Town, South Africa. Please see *Alphabet*, volume 42, numbers 2 & 4, for in-depth articles about him and his work, both at the beach and on dry-land. His Instagram and Facebook handle is @beachscriber. — CR



PLEASE SEND YOUR check, payable to Friends of Calligraphy, postmarked no earlier than August 15, 2019, to Carl Rohrs, 103 Annie Lane, Santa Cruz CA 95062. Please include your email address & phone number. Or enroll through PayPal at www.friendsofcalligraphy.org/pages/classes.html, Scroll to the BEACH CALLIGRAPHY workshop and click on the Pay Now link. Enrollment is limited to 16 participants. If more than 16 enrollments are postmarked or made by August 15, 2019, 16 participants will be selected in a blind lottery from those enrollments. FOC members will be given priority. To join FOC, include a separate check for \$40 or join by PayPal at the FOC Join web page: www.friendsofcalligraphy.org/pages/join.html. Workshop fees are refundable until September 10, 2019; after that date, only if your space can be filled from a waiting list. Questions? Please contact Carl at rohrrs@baymoon.com or 831 429-8849.

There will be a \$20 materials fee for a workbook, a handmade Beach Wand and a simple V-cut tool.

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