

Weathergrams

The Friends of Calligraphy and the Reed College Alumni Association invite you to Golden Gate Park to make Weathergrams on the Summer Solstice!

Sunday, June 21, 2026 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Ghirardelli Card Shelter, Golden Gate Park

Weathergrams are short poems, written on strips of kraft paper, and hung from trees to weather; a truly ephemeral art form. They were developed in the 1970s by Lloyd J. Reynolds, Reed College's influential calligraphy instructor, inspired by an ancient Japanese tradition celebrating nature and the seasons.

The Card Shelter is in the Park's beautiful Oak Woodlands. There's limited neighborhood parking nearby with a short paved path from Fulton Street. The Music Concourse garage is a 15 minute walk, and there are ample public transit options. Paved paths lead to the shelter from John F. Kennedy Drive and Conservatory Drive, but the park is closed to traffic on Sundays, so plan accordingly!

- All are welcome: calligraphers of all levels, and non-calligraphers, too. Be prepared to make new friends!
- Bring ideas for text to write or use some of ours.
- Friends of Calligraphy will supply the kraft paper, twine, and black Sumi ink. Bring other colors and your own pens and markers.
- Snacks and/or beverages to share will be much appreciated.
- A hat or other sun protection is good.
- Wear warm layers — it's San Francisco!

Please RSVP to Ian Atlas: ianatlas@gmail.com by Friday, June 12. You can also let him know of any accessibility needs.

