



*Transform an ordinary envelope into a work of art!*

Each contestant may enter only one envelope. There is no entry fee. Entries must be postmarked no later than Saturday, April 30, 2011, and must be addressed using hand-executed lettering to:

The Graceful Envelope Contest  
Washington Calligraphers Guild  
P.O. Box 3688  
Merrifield, VA 22116

# Graceful Envelope Contest

## 2011 contest theme: Time Flies

This year's theme is inspired by the Guild's 35th anniversary. But time is more than calendars and clocks. "Time Flies" when you're having fun, so enjoy some creative downtime and design an envelope that explores the times of our lives, quality time, hard times, time travel, or any other ideas you have time to develop.

Entries must be processed and delivered through the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail and may not be wrapped in a separate envelope or protective covering.

Only the front of the envelope will be judged. Legibly print your name, complete address and e-mail on the **BACK** of the envelope (entries will not be opened) and indicate your age group:

- ☛ Adult
- ☛ Junior (Grade 6 though Grade 12)
- ☛ Child (Grade 1 through Grade 5)

Winners will be chosen based on artistic hand lettering, creative interpretation of the theme and effective use of color and design. Computerized type and images are not permitted.

The 17th annual Graceful Envelope Contest is sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers and administered by the Washington (DC) Calligraphers Guild.

Artistically addressed envelopes based on this year's theme—Time Flies—will be selected for display in the lobby of NALC headquarters in Washington, DC.

For complete rules or to view last year's winning envelopes, go to [www.calligraphersguild.org](http://www.calligraphersguild.org).

**Deadline for entries: April 30, 2011**

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Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged; artists will be notified of the final status of their entries in July 2011 and winners will receive certificates. No prizes will be awarded.

Winning envelopes will be displayed at National Association of Letter Carriers headquarters in Washington, DC and on the Internet. All entries become the property of the Washington Calligraphers Guild for use in publications or exhibitions and will not be returned.