

MATERIALS LIST for Copperplate and Pointed Pen workshop

- Pointed nibs*
- Dip nib pen holder
- Medium – Water-based ink or gouache in black or a dark colour (Sumi is good)
- A thin, smooth, not expensive paper that works well with your chosen medium, i.e. it doesn't bleed (A4 or A3, whichever you have/prefer)**
- Cheap, small brush for filling your nib
- Small container or dish for your ink or gouache
- Water pot
- An old cotton rag, for wiping your nib/cleaning spills
- Ruler
- Pencil (mechanical or ordinary HB pencil and sharpener)
- Sloped board, if you use one

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (only if you have them handy, don't buy specially)

- Compass
- A Water based metallic eg Finetec
- A white gouache/ink eg Dr Marten's Bleedproof white, Pen White
- Magnifying glass or jewellery loupe

* Bring any favourites that you have. Ones I have used and like include:

Gillott 404, E.F. Principal, Brause EF 66, Brause Blue Pumpkin, Hunt 101, Nikko G, Speedball C6.

Gillott 303 and Brause 513 are also lovely, good for very fine, small work, but they need a feather light touch.

Right-handers might prefer an elbow nib or a Moblique pen holder (a 2-in-1 nib holder that can be used at either a straight or oblique angle). If you're left-handed, as I am, you don't need an oblique angle. Copperplate is one of the few hands that is easier for a left-handed scribe!

LOCAL SUPPLIERS:

- **Artery** have some Speedball and some Hunt nibs.
- **AdArt** have Brause nibs and also some small pieces of Japon paper.
- Society member Prue at **Bibiani** (Studio in Fern Tree) has a large selection of good pointed nibs at very reasonable prices (EF Principal, Nikko G, Brause, Gillott, Hunt).
Contact Prue on 0409 391 426 to make a time to visit her. She also has a large selection of Bookbinding supplies including 40 different book cloths, among many other treasures.

◇◇◇ I will bring along some old nibs of Alison's for people to try/buy (all donations for these go to the Society).

** Printer paper is fine if it works with your chosen ink/gouache. I also like Rhodia pads, Officeworks have these (No. 18, A4).

Beginners – if don't have calligraphy supplies, just bring what you have (ie jam jar water pot, pencil, etc...). We will have equipment available for you to use.

Jane