

# Folk Art and More! A Pilot Parallel Pen class with Violet Smythe

In this fun class you will learn about pen manipulation and stroke work with a Folk Art, Borders and Floral theme in mind.

The tool of choice... the Pilot Parallel Pen. The unique nib, created by Pilot, was designed specifically for calligraphy and lettering practice. The design allows the user to create thin lines or very thick strokes with just a flick of the wrist, and is the perfect tool not just for calligraphy but design work as well.

## Supplies:

- Pilot Parallel pen—whatever you have in hand—sizes 6.0mm to 3.8mm will be demonstrated
- Fountain pen inks (Pelikan, J Herbin, Robert Oster, etc. ) and or Ecoline liquid watercolour and or walnut ink
- layout paper that takes your favourite ink without bleeding
- 1/4" graph/grid paper
- Ruler and pencil

## Optional:

- watercolour, white gouache, palette, brush for loading, water container, paper towels
- Card stock and or watercolour paper and or Strathmore Watercolour cards
- compass



**Violet Smythe** is a visual artist/lettering enthusiast that is passionate about art and calligraphy. She has always dabbled in art but in 2000, after joining Westcoast Calligraphy Soc. she started her art studies in earnest. She has had the opportunity to study under many gifted and talented teachers as well as some world-renowned instructors and she loves to share her passion for painting, calligraphy, and mixed media arts with others. She is a member of three artist collaborative groups, A2Z, Creekside Watercolour Artists and Hummingbird Studio Artists. Her work has been included in juried exhibitions at various venues in the Greater Vancouver Area. Several her watercolours, calligraphic pieces and acrylics can be found in private collections. She has taught a variety of workshops and classes since 2009 (2020 via Zoom) for various Calligraphy Guilds, Arts Societies, Westcoast Odyssey of Letters (WOOL), University of the Fraser Valley, University of BC and at local Community Centres and Seniors Centres.



Samples of her artwork, lettering and classes can be found on her IG account @v.smythe\_arts and on her Art Blog <http://vsmythedesign.blogspot.com/>