

The Centro Internazionale Arti Calligrafiche e del Libro,
in collaboration with the Arezzo Public Library, organizes the course:

BOOKS BY HAND

FROM HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS TO CONTEMPORARY GESTURAL WRITING

with Monica Dengo

Arezzo, October 29, November 5, 2016



Books by Hand is a calligraphy and bookbinding workshop held in **Arezzo**, a medieval art city in Tuscany, near Florence. Students study in Monica Dengo's studio, at the Public Library and State Archive, all located in the city center. They can accommodate in a B&B in the city center, where it's easy to find small trattorias and typical restaurants, sit at cafés by the piazzas and enjoy the many beauties of this medieval town.

In this unique course students study the historical hands directly from the sources: manuscripts, documents, correspondence. They also develop their own hands, experimenting with forms, inks, instruments, papers. Each student completes at least a couple of books, but often they are able to go home with several.

We will study XVI to XVIII century correspondence and documents written in a multiplicity of italic hands. We will also have the opportunity to study directly on manuscripts from various periods, paying special attention to spacing and page design. Students will then develop their own personal italic hands, taking special care about letters and line spacing, page design, rhythm. We will study and experiment with the different possibilities of writing fluently and legibly or more expressively and experimentally.

At the end of this workshop students will learn how to make a folded book for their notes and studies and a sewn book for all the experimental works. They will learn how to use the right papers and make the sewing, and how to measure, mark, fold, cut and make the covers with handmade paper.

Students from many parts of the world have participated in this workshop which has become a well known event among lettering artists, calligraphers and bookbinding lovers.

TUTOR:

Monica Dengo

For more information see www.monicadengo.com, www.freehandwriting.net, www.scritturacorsiva.it

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Although most participants have had previous experiences in calligraphy, art or design, we do accept some beginners. Please send a resumé.

LOCATION:

Arezzo - Italy

Lessons will be held in Monica Dengo's studio, a large and luminous room located in the Arezzo historical center, in Via Venti Settembre n.60. Students will also study at the Arezzo Public Library www.bibliotecarezzo.it and the Arezzo Historical Archive. The studio has free internet access.

DATES:

Saturday October 29: arrival within 7pm. Dinner with the students.

Sunday October 30: Lessons begin at 9:30am, end at 4:30 pm (lunch break at 1pm)

Monday October 31: Lessons begin at 9:30am, end at 4:30 pm (lunch break at 1pm)

Tuesday November 1: Lessons begin at 9:30am, end at 4:30 pm (lunch break at 1pm)

Wednesday November 2: Free

Thursday November 3: Lessons begin at 9:30am, end at 4:30 pm (lunch break at 1pm)

Friday November 4: Lessons begin at 9:30am, end at 4:30 pm (lunch break at 1pm)

Saturday November 5: Lessons begin at 9:30am, end at 4:30 pm (lunch break at 1pm)

TUITION:

6 days with Monica Dengo. 9:00 am to 4:30 pm (small lunch break). Wednesday is free.

Tuition will be in English. **Maximum number of students: 7.**

ACCOMMODATION:

The B&B is not included in the fee.

We suggest to contact the B&B la Corte del Re www.lacortedelre.com. where most students have accommodated during these past years. You can also check others B&B or small apartments in the historical center by searching www.tripadvisor.it.

In Arezzo historical center every place is at walkable distance. If you need help or advise, don't hesitate to

