Dear Friends,

Our publisher, John Neal, got the idea for a Black and White issue when he heard about the Black and White conference to be held this summer in Seattle. The conference will focus on the basics of confident strokes, shapely counters, smooth transitions between thick and thin, vibrant rhythm, and all that makes for healthy letters.

As I write this, we are receiving entries for Review 2004. Many of the entries we receive lately have taken lettering into the realm of painting, which is exciting, but some artists seem to have forgotten the importance of the strong letterforms that should be the foundation of more abstract calligraphic art.

The work in this issue reminds us of the reason for our publication – it is not paste paper review, or acrylic paint review or crazy brush review, it is Letter Arts Review, where “Letter” comes first. We are pleased to share with you dozens of examples of beautiful letters arranged well. We hope you will be inspired all over again by those versatile 26 characters that claim so much of our love and attention.

Yours in letters,

Rose Folsom
Goddess alphabet

Designed as a response
to the work of
archaeologist Marija
Gimbutas, who asserts
that the incised marks
found on ritual
objects unearthed
from European cultures
are actually a written
language that sprang
from a spiritual source,
and that they
predate the Sumerian
accounting records.

Call for entries
identity for an ad club

Mike Gold
North Royalton, Ohio
and Judy Melvin
Titusville, Florida

Bridges
11 x 17 (28 x 43)
ink on paper

Alef-Bet I

Hebrew alphabet
based on classic
Ashkenazi letterforms
in ancient illuminated
manuscripts.

Larry Orlando
Connellsville,
Pennsylvania

Design for Lemieux
Foundation invitation.
Client: AD-1 Partners

Nathalie and Mario
Lemieux
Hotel im Auerbachstal

RUTH

NEW WAVE

GLORIA INEXCULABILIS

DEO
Ask the Great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health. I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.

Ask the Great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health. I put my trust in the Love and Power of God.

Prayer for Spiritual Healing
Golden Gate Spiritualist Church
San Francisco, CA