

The Book Arts Guild presents

Playful Paper Boxes

A workshop taught by
Rhiannon Alpers



August 16, 2026, 2pm-6pm

Artworks, 200 Dayton St, Edmonds, WA

\$110* for BAG members,

\$135* for non-members (includes BAG membership fee)

*Price includes \$25 materials fee

Note: Combine registration with the Saturday, August 15th class for a discount

Paper boxes are the stuff magical packaging is made of — unfolding into endless shapes, compartments, and tiny treasures. In this playful introductory workshop, students will build a collection of small paper boxes from vibrant pre-cut templates while learning the tricks, techniques, and possibilities behind transforming simple forms into functional and imaginative containers.

Working with heavyweight paper and cardstock templates, we'll explore a variety of box styles including matchboxes, circular boxes, square forms, slipcases, cake boxes, and several unexpected shapes. Along the way, students will learn about materials, basic structural considerations, and clever methods for creating sturdy, functional, and beautiful constructions. We'll also experiment with simple dividers and modifications so participants can begin customizing and expanding from these foundational forms.

Students will leave with a collection of finished boxes, reusable templates, and plenty of ideas for future experimentation.

Rhiannon Alpers is a papermaker, letterpress printer, and book artist based in Portland, Oregon. She holds both a BA and an MFA in Book and Paper Arts, with 25 years of experience as an educator and commercial printer/bookbinder. She has exhibited nationally and internationally. Her editioned artist book work is held in the collections of the Library of Congress, Yale, Stanford, Berkeley, and Cornell University, Cynthia Sears Artist's Books Collection (BIMA), Oxford and Rijksmuseum Research Library, among others. Her limited edition and one-of-a-kind artist books are published under the Gazelle and Goat Press imprint. More information about her work is available at rhiannonalpers.com.

Registration price includes supplies. Workshop will be limited to 12 students. Skill level is beginner to intermediate. Participants will receive an email confirmation and list of tools to bring to the class, location information, etc.

Complete the form on the next page and send it via mail or e-mail to Jean Wyatt

Question? Please contact Jean Wyatt (admin@bookartsguild.org)

“Shaped Boxes & Curious Containers” and “Playful Paper Boxes” Workshop Registration

To register for this class complete this form and mail it with your check (payable to Book Arts Guild) to:
Jean Wyatt 895 Sporseen Rd, Sequim, WA 98382

Or send an email with this form to admin@bookartsguild.org and we will send you a Paypal invoice for your payment.

Registration will be confirmed upon receipt of payment.

Please complete this form and send to Jean Wyatt to register

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF BAG? Yes ___ No ___

Select Workshop Option:

___ Saturday Shaped Boxes & Curious Containers, plus Sunday: Playful Paper Boxes

___ Member \$250 (includes \$45 materials fee)

___ Non-Member \$275 (includes \$45 materials fee and BAG membership fee)

___ Saturday only, Shaped Boxes & Curious Containers

___ Member \$160 (includes \$25 materials fee)

___ Non-Member \$185 (includes \$25 materials fee and BAG membership fee)

___ Sunday only, Playful Paper Boxes

___ Member \$110 (includes \$25 materials fee)

___ Non-Member \$135 (includes \$25 materials fee and BAG membership fee)

The workshop will be filled first come, first served based on postmark of mailed registration or email receipt date. If the workshop is filled, a waiting list will be established. You will be notified if you are on the waiting list. If you sign up for the workshop but cannot attend and your place can be filled from the waiting list you will receive a full refund minus a \$10 processing fee. If there is no waiting list, but you find a replacement for yourself, you will receive a full refund minus a \$10 processing fee. If your place cannot be filled, your full registration may be retained to help cover the expenses of the workshop. If the class must be canceled, we will notify you and issue a full refund.