

The Book Arts Guild presents

Shaped Boxes & Curious Containers

A workshop taught by
Rhiannon Alpers

August 15, 2026, 10am—5pm
Artworks, 200 Dayton St, Edmonds, WA

\$160* for BAG members,

\$185* for non-members (includes BAG membership fee)

*Price includes \$25 materials fee

Note: Combine registration with the Sunday, August 16th class for a discount



Boxes come in all shapes and sizes — with lids, curves, compartments, and drawers. Unusual artist books and bound treasures often call for equally inventive housing, and this playful one-day workshop explores creative approaches to boxmaking for book and paper artists.

Together, we'll investigate the math, materials, and construction techniques behind three styles of boxes: circular, freeform, and lidded containers. As we build sturdy shaped structures and cover them with decorative papers, we'll also explore dividers, drawers, pulls, and simple ways to expand and innovate from foundational forms.

This workshop is ideal for students with some experience in bookbinding, measuring, or basic boxmaking who are ready to build confidence and refine their skills. Best suited for advanced beginners to intermediate makers.

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 8 students. 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.

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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.