

## SUSAN KAPUSCINSKI GAYLORD

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### biography

Susan's involvement in the arts includes roles as artist, teacher, speaker, writer, designer, and publisher. She works in multiple media with a focus on sculptural bookmaking and calligraphy. Her work has been featured in magazines (*Somerset Studio*, *Fiberarts*, *Bound & Lettered*, and *Letter Arts Review*) and books (*1,000 Artists' Books*, *500 Handmade Books*, *500 More Handmade Books*, *Cover to Cover*, *The Art of the Handmade Book*, and *Handmade Books And Cards*). It has been exhibited across the U.S. and Canada and in Korea.

She is the author/illustrator of three books for Scholastic Professional Books (*Multicultural Books To Make and Share*, *Super Pop-ups for American History*, and *Hands-On History: The Middle Ages*) and five independently published books (*Handmade Books for a Healthy Planet*, *Art Lessons: Reflections of an Artist's Life*, *The Spirit Books*, *The Wondrous Nearer Drew: Artwork Inspired by the Poetry of Emily Dickinson and the Flowers of Massachusetts*, and the new *Calligraphy: How I Fell In, Out, and In Love Again*).

Susan is a seasoned presenter. She has spoken about her work, the history of the book, calligraphy, and the artist's life at the Boston Book Festival and The Arnold Arboretum, numerous colleges and universities including Merrimack College, Regis College, and the Museum of Texas Tech University, and public libraries throughout New England.





## teaching and talks

*Letter Love: An Introduction to Calligraphy*, Boxford Town Library, Boxford, MA, 2018

*Lessons From An Artist's Life*, Brush Art Gallery, Lowell, MA, Paula Estey Gallery, Newburyport, MA, 2017; Nevins Memorial Library, Methuen, MA; Amesbury Public Library, Amesbury, MA, 2015; Chelmsford Public Library, Chelmsford, MA, 2014; Newburyport Public Library, Newburyport, MA, 2013

*A Celebration of the Book & Its History*, Newbury Town Library, Newbury, MA, 2018, G.A.R. Memorial Library, West Newbury, MA, 2017, Boxford Public Library, Boxford, MA, 2016

*The Art & Experience of Nature*, Joppa Flats Audubon Education Center, Newbury, MA, 2016

*The Book as Creative Space: Massachusetts Book Artists on Their Art and Craft*, panel discussion at Boston Book Festival, Boston, MA, 2015

*Gallery Talk, The Spirit Book Series*, McCoy Gallery, Merrimack College, North Andover, MA, 2018; Cox Barn, Essex County Greenbelt, Essex, MA, 2014; Howson Gallery, Cleveland, OH, 2012; Wisdom House, Litchfield, CT, 2010; Carney Gallery, Regis College, Weston, MA, 2005

*A Life in the Book Arts*, Museum of Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, 2012

*Spirit Book Workshop*, Wisdom House, Litchfield, CT, Rolling Ridge Retreat Center, North Andover, MA, 2010; Art Complex Museum, Duxbury, MA, Berkshire Botanical Garden, West Stockbridge, MA, 2008; Carney Gallery, Regis College Weston, MA, 2005

*The Artist's Journey: From Calligraphy to Book Arts and Beyond*, Rivier College, Nashua, NH, Exeter Center for Creative Arts, Exeter, NH, 2010

*Book-Play*, Workshops for adults at libraries, literary festivals, & museums, 2014-2016

*Making Books*, Bookmaking programs in schools, libraries, literary festivals, and museums with a focus on making books with children and families, 1990-2010

## education

Boston University, Boston, MA, Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, magna cum laude, 1973