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The Sixty Books Project is a collaborative book arts, writing and journaling project for the people of south central Wisconsin, hosted by the South Central Library System (SCLS), and produced by the Bone Folders' Guild (BFG), a book arts group based in Madison. This project is supported by a Madison CitiARTS grant.

The BFG book artists have created sixty hand made blank books. One of these books will be catalogued into each of the sixty libraries in the South Central Library System. Unlike other library books, patrons are invited to write, draw, paint or collage in the books. Subsequent patrons will add their own stories, drawings, and so forth, creating community-wide collaborative works of art. After the launch of the project these books will be available for checkout by library patrons until August 15, 2006.

At the close of the circulation period, the 60 books will be removed from the SCLS collections and brought together for a traveling exhibit. This exhibit will have its debut in Madison as part of the Fifth Annual Wisconsin Book Festival (October 18-22, 2006).

To contact us: www.valleyridgeartstudio.com/bone_folders/

Instructions

- Check out this book as you would any other library book for a two-week period. Be sure to return it in the protective wrapper provided.
- Write a poem. Make a journal entry. Write political thoughts. Compose a short story. Collage. Paint a page. Be creative.
- Be respectful of these books. They are hand bound and bear delicate musings on the pages.
- Be aware of what has been done on the other side of the page that you are working on. For example, don't "sew" onto someone else's work.
- When you are gluing or painting put a piece of wax paper under the page you are working on. This will protect the other pages of created art.
- Before closing the book, be sure your page is dry.
- We encourage you to sign and date your work.
- Please, no perishables on the pages.
- Be advised that SCLS and BFG reserve the right to remove and/or delete any questionable material. Please be nice.
- Warning: You will incur a $\$ 125.00$ library fine if this book is not returned!


Welcome to Cahir Castle. Let me show you to your room. Walk up these stone spiral stairs and follow me to the end of the quest hall. These doors use old-fanis how many them skeleton keys. Youid be surprised how hove to kep s, the hers, to the el lose. Suests really love to irs. Please remember to castle as souven after your stay. il always, return yours after would time replacing them. have a hard time replacing them.
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He finds an empty and takes a seat He needed o break to rest his tired \&f?
with the cot by his side, the clog runs in the grass He nibbles his as walk Pass The cot's asleep now, his dog is At Play the birds chirp in the trees on this beautiful day He sits for awhile and soaks up the He smiles at the pisser as they have fun "It's time to go home now" he says to his cat He calls for his clog and then grabs his hat off they go, to the house they head So they coin east dinner and prepare for


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Tutankamun was not given this name at birth, but rather Tutankhaten (meaning "Living Image of the Aten), squarely placing him in the linn .... Whenaten, the heretic pharaoh, who was most likely his father. His mother was probably Kiya,

blessing to the boy-king. The ancient pharaohs believed that if their name was remembered, their soul would live on, so not even the powerful Rameses the Great's soul can be as healthy as King Tut's.

Persistence of Memory
by Kathleen Allison Johnson $11 / 16 / 05$
Someday
everyone who knows us
will be gone. Everyone
who called us
by our nicknames, who invited us
to dinner, who knew
just what to get us for Xmas
will be gone. All those
hysterical girls.
who screamed with us
through a Beatles' concert will be gone. Grandchildren
who inherit our Id scraplooks
and photo albums
and the rocks we stole
from National Parks
won't know what to do
with it all. And their grandchildren
will feel no connection whatsoever
to on framed Alice in Wonderland prints, the dill bits
we kept scrupulously sharp,
the drawerful of articles we tore at of Papular science or ar clippings a bout the Apollo moon landings.
Who was your great-great-great-great grandmother's
best friend? What was her favorite sang?
What plans did she make and then abandon?
where are the socks she knitted, the tablecloths she embroidered? Everyone who knew the answers, everyone who heard her voice, every pair of eyes that looked into hers is gone.
Only one generation lingers ahead of US now, milling about near the end of the conveyer belt, And when the jo re gone, it will be us

On what day will people cease to remember us? teetering at the edge, awaiting the final rumble.

## GUITAR \& THE PLACES IT WILL TAKE YOU

My brother was fifteen, over six-foot tall, white-skinned, lanky. And in trouble. He was kicked out of the regular high school, which I attended, for poor attendance, low grades and drug use.

My father, a college professor in education, was at his wit's end; to say nothing of humiliated that a child of his would more than likely not graduate from high school.

My mother, a long-time administrative secretary with Unified School District, had access to reports of his misdeeds through other school secretaries. The reports were not good. He was disrespectful and belligerent at school, as well as at home. He frequently erupted in fits of temper, where profanity peppered his tales of injustice and resentment. He did only what he wanted to do, regardless of all attempts at discipline and consequences.

My brother joined my sister at the alternative high school, where several of my dad's friends taught. The setting changed but the behavior did not. The school principal, who knew Jon most of his life, gave Jon an ultimatum: "Get passing grades or leave."

Jon appeared unable to will himself "good," threat of expulsion or not.

This remained true until the day when Jon stood in the threshold of the music room, watching Mr. Clausen play guitar.

Jon approached Mr. Clausen. "Will you teach me to play guitar?," he asked Mr. Clausen.
Mr. Clausen, knowing Jon's status, said, "As long as you get C's in all your classes, I will teach you guitar. You will bring me progress reports from all your teachers. When you stop passing, the lessons stop."

My brother was transformed, with guitar in hand. In order to get C's, he had to attend classes, do special projects to raise his grades, read books, and be civil to teachers and students alike. In order to play the guitar well, he had to practice many hours a day. Jon retreated to his attic bedroom after school, playing the guitar far into the night. He played the guitar many, many hours a day, as many hours per day as everything else combined that he had to do. All the practicing left little time for parties and drugs. Now, his friends showed up to practice their instruments together. The guys who came up the stairs had the same passion and commitment to guitars, drums and horns that Jon had to his electric guitar.

Jon and his friends went to bars to hear the men from Kenosha, Racine and Milwaukee play guitar. Mostly, smoky, little neighborhood dives, the boys were allowed to enter, despite their being in high school. They could sit at a little table, listening to the music, if they didn't cause trouble.

The boys did not limit themselves to the safer areas of town. They went into bars where the men were armed. These were, in fact, the bars that let them enter. The most important thing was that the bar featured a guitar player with a reputation for playing better-than-average music.

Jon met Joe in such a neighborhood bar. Joe was forty-one-years-old, a little over five foot tall, cappuccinocolored, chubby and round, Mexican-born, working-class and lived with his mother. And he played flamenco guitar better than anyone in the tri-city area. Everyone said so.

When Jon heard Joe play, Jon knew he had to learn from Joe. Joe could help Jon's technique. Flamenco guitar is a highly stylized, technically difficult form of guitar playing. If Jon was adept at Flamenco, rock 'n roll would be easy.

Jon approached Joe, with a fire in his belly, in the same way Jon had approached Mr. Clausen. Joe recognized the fire in Jon's eyes and said, "Yes, I will teach you."


That "yes" is how Joe came to join us at the dinner table sometimes - and begin one of those unusual friendships with my brother. Joe, with his heavy Spanish accent, remained silent at the dinner table, unless directly spoken to. But, once the boy and the man hit the sidewalk outside our house, Joe animatedly talked to Jon. I watched them head in the direction of downtown, their backs to me, silhouettes of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza walking down the street. The tall, white boy attentively listened to his short, brown teacher, as the latter talked and talked, hands punctuating his words.

The friendship between Jon and Joe changed lives. When Holly, my brother's oldest child was born, she had colic. There was no comforting her. She cried continuously, until she completely exhausted herself. Only in sheer exhaustion, would she sleep. My brother and his wife were depleted by Holly's continual need for attention and unrelenting screaming.

Joe's response to the story of Holly's inability to sleep and Jon and Kim's lack of sleep was to show up. After Joe was done with his factory job at 11 p.m., he knocked on Jon's door. He showed up to take a shift of constant pacing and holding the distraught baby. Joe would take the baby in his brown arms and send Jon or Kim off to bed, to sleep. Joe would stay for hours, walking up and down the wooden floors, moving in tiny circles, as limited floor space allowed. Holly wailed and cried, exhausted and uncomfortable. Joe

cradled her in his arms, hour after hour, night after night. If Holly slept, Joe played the guitar quietly or Joe and Jon played the guitar together.

In the early morning, Jon took Holly from Joe. Joe went home, only then, to sleep, replenishing himself for work and another night of walking Holly.

The unusual friendship between the tall, lanky, white-skinned man and his friend, a pudgy, brown-skinned, working-class, Hispanic man continues.

Today, Jon lives in Haiti, working in a bank, while Joe lives where he always has in Racine, Wisconsin. Today, the friendship is 30 years old.

Because there are some connections that even distance cannot disrupt. There are some friendships, which on the surface of differences, appear odd and unfathomable. But, these are the relationships which originate in the heart - where differences are irrelevant. And lives can be changed by playing the guitar.

## By Rence Happel





- at first this p seemed easy. I wage up, took my cat to the vet, went to pottery class. give myself a little vacation everyday - today i sat $x$ looked out at the Lake. Then I went and got a hair cut, stopped off at the Library to pay some bills on lune and went home and ate some winch and a date (for digestion). Lata I have dinner + a dato (For digestion ). 1 go out and work out at a the health CLUB + have some coffee + a date (for digestion).
- The next day I I decide to START the day with coffee (and a date for digestion) took my cat to the vet. went to the ubvang for the book cub meeting then went off to my basket weaving'warm water class, I dried my hair, at home $I$ paid the twins next door, Bill + Bill, 504 for watching my grass grow And then took my little vacation. Today I twiddled my toes in Warm water and icecubes. Then I ate Lunch (and a date) (for digestion) + it was late so then I justate supper. and another date.
- On the third day of the week, I found the Bills out in my yard with magnifying glasses. stop watches, filling at charts abort the speed of grass growing in relationship to.... well, I paid way to start the day, relationship their own grass. That was an exnauskne pads out, got down 501 took my vacation right away. the house. Then i realized that I on all Fours and chased my cat around the house without evan taking my was Late for meditation class so iruswith a friend. But 1 didnt eat tall off. For Lunch I went out won as I got home. enough, so late supper And alate as soon as 1 got home. too wired when 1 Hair cut. meeting of yarn collectors guild. coffee (1 got the vet with my cat. had it at breakfast, trying it Later and a date. had some coffee, That was all simple Enough. and a date. had some dinner, and a date. gardening club. My vacation of I went to my domino dash, Then to mage my face in a bag off fresh marsh mellows. I took my hair to an appointment, went home t paid my cred it card bilL.
card bill anotherday: / went and got my hair cut. pard for the last bunch of
- Aw ways another met a friend for Lunch. but I couldnt of to my a stronomy class haircut realized that id been to class at about that time $q$ day nor what out to eat. Long as vacation for today was to sit by the wading pool and play a game of sudako. somehow it did not feel like me morning I decide 1 in the mace. since I hadn't been able to goto class in. First lass. fun. challansin sign Up for Frenchbasket weaving in Gym. First class. fut for at \&twisted my finger. went to the dr. she +1 went ar for coffee. \& things seem to be getty mare complicated.
- ok OK. NExt day ate dinner for breakfast. went to a meets of the Alison Bechdell San club. went and got my hair cut just like hers. except That mine is white. And I wanted a little whispy thing on the front but pretty much.


COffee TODAYS VACATION: I sat with 3 cats on my lap purr purr puri in the sun. with a book that i didst evan open. got allergic, went to $d r$, she sard 1 was of we made plans to have lunch. First I went home + paid the Bills to vacumemy house. Then 1 met her good winch. went to my remedial home bu get making class, "DONT Drift from THRIFT" ugh. Time for Bed.
ok. sill doable? mum lets see.
the Been late withy credit card sol sit + pay that + rent First end of Chapter party. I went. My hair still looked good but my toes were somets, else sol got a PEdicure. Then the thin is, I decided that the VACATIONS werent long enogh so I m now calling them "Weekend get aways "I massaged my face with a sliced cucumber while Listening to the dixie chicks. It felt very complicated Im trying to cut out the coffin caffeine so 1 m doing special exercises to STAy AWAKE + ALErt! I did them. dinner. a date. still hungry. Winch, I have decided to dedicate myself to music rather then taking all SORTS of classes so I went to a concect. oh. And then I tad a Doctors appointment. $-\sim$ and 6 days ago I
first thing. Then my littletiny all too tiny "weekend get away "I felt pressured. What what can I do? I went to the "SoWs ear" and Knit and chatted. I found out that there was going to be a concert over at the Culvers parks lot, so in constant seeking of my new special devotional vocational fullyrounded self I went and listened to that. I needed to do my alert excercises while I listened, That was ok because 3 days ago I had coffee in The EVen is and Six days ago I had coffee in the morning. well then. Then I went and met my old Dr at the spa. verynice. we went to a on no we couldnt go to a meets of a club. We had a club sandwich for Lunch. Then to The $15^{\text {Th }}$ anniversary PArty of my bird watch. CLUB. I had gotten a 2 for 3 deal an pedicures. so off I went again. I Paid my pedicure bills right away.
LAST. couldn't wait: called that gal rIGHT away and off to the spa we went. Then out for lunch (salad) (and a date) Tried the wake up excercises BEfoRe The culvers concert this time. Went + got my pay check (so that I can pay the Bills) Big party of the Cycropia fan CLUB. Broke a nail Though. went and got that third pedicure and then. I went away for the weekend. We went away for the weekend. ownWNGMMANMOMAWNit.


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she said $\xi_{1}$ when 1 asked if
they'd come trave,
she said they always do,
so you might as well
get them out
in the open
while your still young enough to correct any serious mistakes. -Briar andreas


Seventeenth Poem for Alison By Jim Danky (calligraphy by Kayla Carlson)

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And ZINES

## Colophon

A bone folder is an essential tool for book makers.
It creases paper to a nice, crisp fold.
Originating in Madison, Wisconsin, the Bone Folders' Guild is a group of people who share a love for the book as art. The Bone Folders' Guild was founded in February 2001 by a group of artists who desired to meet like-minded book artists to learn, support, and encourage each other artistically. We share a passion for creating books as a form of artistic expression.

Members of the Bone Folders' Guild who created the Sixty Books include:

> Suzanne Berland, Susie Carlson, Carol Chase Bjerke, Nan Killoran, Laura Komai, Kathy Malkasian, Nancy Schoenherr, Tricia Schriefer, Karen Timm, Alexis Turner, Marilyn Wedberg, Carey Weiler, Kristin Yates.

The text block paper used in all books is Arches Cover White, 270 gsm ., $35.25^{\prime \prime} \times 24.75^{\prime \prime} 100 \%$ cotton, acid free paper. Cover paper, cloth and other original embellishments were chosen by the book artists.

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mom worked in the Loop at a fancy job in a marble encrusted tower. at 5:15 shed braze ont of the building, tull + graceful in her fashionable Lexumive but businessug ghent waist dress. I remember her wearing grove, wen though it was the 1970s. And always always black patent leatun pumps and wide vide belts. You alwap knar she was special.
she always work a $V$ wist full of stiver bangles. It wat so hip so ethnic so bohemian "she was a lot of fan" my cousin Dan said and woukewow, she was. She was a terrible mother, but she knew now to be herself and ware people laugh and stand out without making other sorry that she did.


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A red hat wont make you interesting at 80 if you were a complacent bore at 20 . There are ware things than being alone, dd \& broke.
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Perfume matters.



Tricia Scuriefer


