

Illinois Norsk Rosemalers Association Class Announcement

Lettering Basics for Rosemaling

with Marilee Mortenson

This April, Marilee Mortenson will be teaching a Lettering Basics class. The class will provide the basics for including lettering on your rosemaling pieces. The class will include time to practice forming letters and words, and laying out text for lettering on both a straight line and a curved line. Sources for alphabets and sayings will also be provided. Homework suggestions will be included but not required.



The class is for either oil or acrylic painters, the emphasis is on lettering skills. The paint you use should be the one you are most comfortable using. The class is for advanced beginners and above, who already know basic rosemaling terminology and the usual painting supplies you need. A supply list will be included with your registration confirmation. We will begin in pencil, and then switch to brushes and paints.

Basecoated practice boards are great for this class, some of which the student will cut in a circular shape, approximately 9" in diameter. More info on supplies will be in the supply list sent out with your registration confirmation. Marilee will demonstrate in acrylics for this class. Zoom sessions will meet on Thursday, April 9, 16 and 23, 2026, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Central time.

TEACHER BIOGRAPHY: Marilee Mortenson has studied and practiced lettering off and on since the 1980s. She started rosemaling in 2010. Since 2022 she's been focusing on ways to help other rosemalers add lettering to their projects and nurture their lettering skills.



RECAP OF CLASS DETAILS:

- Teacher's Name: Marilee Mortenson
- Skill: Lettering
- Surface: Student Choice
- Level: Advanced beginner level and up.
- Schedule: Thursday, April 9, 16 and 23, 2026, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Central
- Total class hours: 6
- Venue: Zoom
- Medium: Student choice
- Class Fee: \$95 member
\$115 nonmember (includes 2026 INRA membership cost of \$20)
- 6 students minimum, maximum 15, no refunds unless place is filled from a waiting list.
- Additional Costs: Students will supply their own paints, supplies and surfaces. Additional details will be provided on the supply list that will be sent with registration confirmation.

REGISTRATION PERIOD:

Advanced registration is now open. Non-member registration begins March 12. Registration ends when the class is full, or April 6. Please complete the registration form below.

SUPPLIES: A supply list will be included with your registration confirmation. The Zoom link will be sent to registered students closer to the class start date.

QUESTIONS: Please contact Mari Smith at inrarosemaling@gmail.com for more information as needed.

INRA REGISTRATION FORM FOR EDUCATION CLASSES AND EVENTS

Your Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Please check all appropriate line(s): (Check payable to INRA)

____ \$95 Member (2026 dues info is at <https://rosemaling.org/inra-membership/>)

____ \$115 Non-member (includes 2026 membership fee of \$20)

Additional information will be included on the supply list. Information given below is for teacher's awareness and planning purposes:

Why does this class interest you: ____ lettering info resources ____ use of lettering in rosemaling
____ improve lettering skills ____ have specific project other _____

Student will be using ____ oil ____ acrylic paints in class.

Note: This class is designed to help students improve their lettering using paints they choose.

Student's self-reported painting experience level:

Advanced Beginner ____ **Intermediate** ____ or **Advanced** ____

One previous rosemaling class and knowledge of terms, prep, strokes, and color mixing is needed. General backgrounding instruction is included in the pattern packet and practice boards and woodenware preparation are to be completed independently by the student prior to class.

Class size: 6 minimum, 15 students maximum, no refunds unless place is filled by another student from a waiting list.

Please send registration form and check (payable to: INRA) before April 6, to: Mari S. Smith, 3625 McCormick Ave, Brookfield, Illinois 60513.

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