

I have been addicted to creating book art for over twenty years, originally to hold calligraphy, now usually more for the delight in creating a new structure or taking a new slant on some fold I have used before. My books are all made for sharing and, hopefully, to make people smile. Most of my books are made for exchanges for the two groups I belong to (North Redwoods Books Arts Guild, CA, USA and Quarto, UK) but some are made as gifts for very special people. &

MARGARET BEECH FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS

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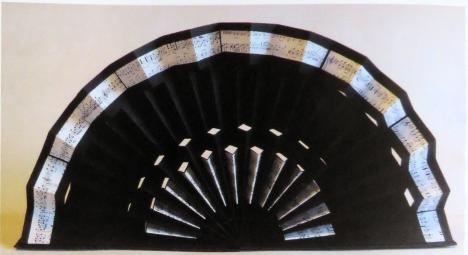




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Book Arts Sampler. Created
specially for my 2012 workshop for
North Redwoods Book Arts Guild.
The accordion fold incorporates
two-minute book with simple lotus
fold, flag page, multiple explosion
folds, woven circles wrapper, and
aperture page, along with relevant
book arts quotations.







Above: Music Fan. Simple accordion fold, cut for precise pop-out/pop-in sections, each defined by music paper, both front and back. The book is secured by thread at the base so it will stand unsupported, like a fan. Detail shown at left.

Previous page, middle and bottom:

World Traveller was made specially for my sister to mark her many trips to the more remote parts of the world. Five explosion folds cut from section of a world map – one for each continent. Each is stitched into the accordion fold book and folds down neatly, giving an element of surprise when it is opened.

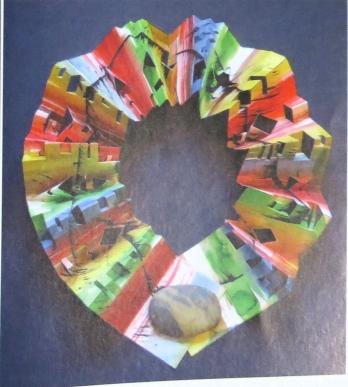


Walk York. Explosion box of nine panels with a map of the center of the medieval city of York (UK), enclosing an accordion fold book of pictures of the iconic and historic buildings. The book, with its hand-cut eraser stamps of walking boots, is structured to give a feeling of walking around the city.







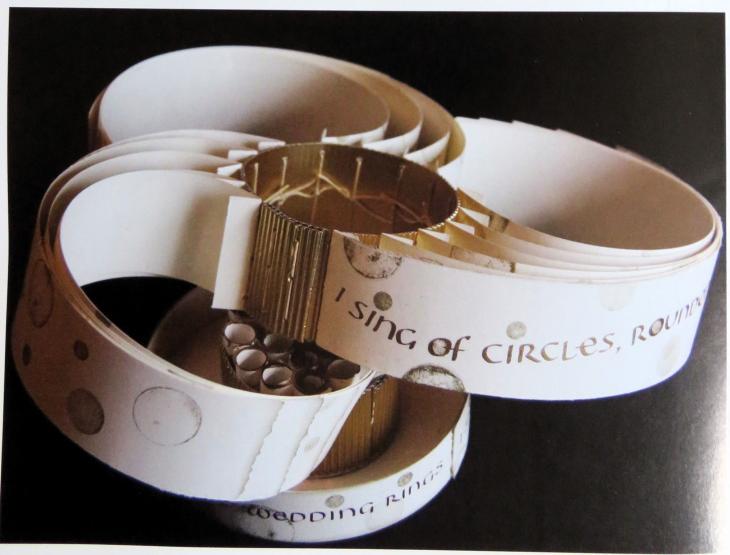


Pop-up experiment. Procion-dyed cartridge paper, accordion folded and cut with a random variety of pop-ups.





Circles. Beautiful words which deserved luxurious treatment. Gold gouache, gold ribbed card, and gold stamped circles. The whole book fits neatly into a circular box.



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