



The Hand Bookbinders of California (HBC) gathered for the first time in 1972. A close-knit group of hand bookbinders—with shared interests in creating and collecting fine bindings—joined together to promote hand bookbinding and related book arts, and to exchange information and ideas.

Our membership now includes binders, students, book artists, collectors, conservators, papermakers and paper decorators, fine printers, printmakers, writers, book dealers, and other lovers of book arts.

From the start, the goal of the organization has been to share knowledge. Members now enjoy many benefits, outlined below. We celebrate all aspects of the book: from creating and collecting to preserving and restoring.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

HBC Annual Exhibition

Each year, HBC sponsors an unjuried exhibit of bookbinding that features recent works by members. It is an opportunity for any member of the Hand Bookbinders to showcase their recent work.

Regular Events

The HBC holds meetings and presentations by working bookbinders, booksellers, paper decorators, printers, collectors, and other book arts practitioners. These events are free to members and their guests. Our membership gathers for an annual summer picnic and a holiday party.

Workshop Discounts

The HBC hosts workshops that provide hands-on instruction in technique, various book structures, paper decorating, equipment maintenance, and many other topics. Members may enroll in these workshops for a discounted price. Members may apply for financial assistance through the [Jane Aaron Scholarship](#).

Membership Directory & Commissions List

The HBC publishes an annual directory of members for the use of the membership. We post a list of members who accept commissions on the HBC website to assist potential clients to find the right person for their project.

HBC Newsletter & *The Gold Leaf* archive

Our newsletter keeps our members—and a wider bookbinding community—informed about HBC events, exhibition updates, and bookbinding news. We keep an archive of HBC's biannual newsletter, *The Gold Leaf*, which chronicled information on local and international book arts events, profiles of well-known binders, book news, how-to tips, sources for equipment and supplies, and much more.

Connection with the San Francisco Bay Area Bookbinding Community

Join our community at special events such as book fairs, joint meetings with other book arts groups, and trips to bookbinding centers. The San Francisco Center for the Book (SFCB) serves as the venue for many HBC workshops and meetings. The Center houses letterpress and bookbinding equipment and a resource library.



MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UP FORM

Please fill in the form below. This information will appear in our Membership Directory.

NB: Please indicate if you DO NOT want the information below to appear in the annual directory.

Name _____ Email _____

Company Name _____ Website _____

Address _____ Telephone Number _____

City _____ State _____ Second Family Member _____

Zip Code _____ Second Member Email _____

Categories of Interest

Please indicate below your areas of interest and your ability to teach and to take commissions.

Check All that Apply

<i>Interested</i>		<i>Teach</i>	<i>Commissions</i>
___	Artists Books	___	___
___	Bookbinding	___	___
___	Book Conservation	___	___
___	Book Selling	___	___
___	Boxmaker	___	___
___	Calligraphy	___	___
___	Collections Management	___	___
___	Collecting	___	___
___	Design Binding	___	___
___	Decorative Paper	___	___
___	Equipment Supplier	___	___
___	Librarian	___	___
___	Materials & Supplies	___	___
___	Paper Conservation	___	___
___	Papermaking	___	___
___	Photo Conservation	___	___
___	Printing	___	___
___	Restoration & Repair	___	___

NB: Your selections above will be included in the annual HBC Commissions List.

Annual Membership Dues

Individual	\$40
Family/Household	\$45
Institution	\$50
Student	\$20

Instructions for Joining the Handbookbinders of California

ONLINE

JOIN handbookbinders.org/join or
RENEW handbookbinders.org/renew
and follow the prompts.

If you have any questions, email us!
membership@handbookbinders.org

BY POST

Send this completed form—and a check in the appropriate amount—payable to Hand Bookbinders of California.

P.O. Box 410963
San Francisco, CA 94141

Volunteering Opportunities

If you would like to volunteer, please indicate here, and we will contact you. We are looking for member involvement in many areas. _____