



Traditional Ethiopian Bookbinding **(or “What’s the difference between Coptic and Ethiopian bookbinding anyway?”)**

A workshop with Bill Hanscom

This two-day workshop will begin with a short presentation highlighting the traditional methods and materials used by Ethiopian scribes and bookbinders for the past 1500 years. Using these techniques (and as many of the materials as possible), participants will construct two historical binding models: a basic binding with bare wooden boards protected by a cloth chemise called a *lëbas*, and a full-leather binding with patterned cloth board linings and traditional leather endbands. Common blind tooling designs, motifs, and techniques will be discussed and demonstrated, and participants will be given the opportunity to decorate their bindings as time allows.



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October 25-26th

9am to 4:30pm

The Library Company of Philadelphia

1314 Locust St. Philadelphia PA 19107

DVC Members: \$200.

Non-Members \$250 (preference given to DVC members)

All materials will be provided by the instructor. Materials fee will not exceed \$40.

A check will hold your place. Please make your check out to “The Guild of Book Workers.” No refund after October 1, 2014 (unless there is someone on the waiting list). Cancellation may be made by either party up to one month in advance due to change in circumstances or insufficient enrollment.

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