

HENRY B. PLANT MUSEUM 1891 Tampa Bay Hotel • National Historic Landmark

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## SPENCERIAN SCRIPT AND AMERICAN PENMANSHIP

Tampa, FL (January 11, 2018) – The Henry B. Plant Museum is pleased to offer a lecture by Master Penman Michael Sull on February 10, 2018. The lecture, *"Spencerian Script and American Penmanship,"* is an in depth examination of the people, forces and events that came together to create America's unique style of handwriting. At the lecture, visitors will have the rare opportunity to view items from the Museum archives as well as a scrapbook from the turn of the century containing hundreds of original Penmanship specimens.

Sull is America's foremost living Spencerian penman, author of *Spencerian Script and Ornamental Penmanship* and *Learning to Write Spencerian Script*, and publisher of numerous educational materials on vintage American handwriting. He is recognized internationally as a leader in handwriting instruction. He is the corporate Master Penman for the Zaner Bloser Company, America's foremost publisher of handwriting materials for primary education.

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Sull's lecture is in conjunction with four workshops he is offering at The Paper Seahorse. For more information on the workshops, please visit <u>www.paperseahorse.com</u>.

The Henry Plant Museum interprets the turn-of-the-century Tampa Bay Hotel and the lifestyles of America's Gilded Age. Critical to the success of this mission is the restoration and preservation of this National Historic Landmark, an opulent 1891 railroad resort, and the artifacts significant to its history, and the life and work of Henry Bradley Plant. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday, noon to 5 pm. Closed Mondays and select other dates. Admission is \$10 per adult, \$7 for seniors (65 yrs.), \$7 for students and \$5 for children 4 - 12 yrs.