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# Friends and Company

## Rubber Stamping and More...

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### *What's New?*

Greetings Everyone! Here we are at the beginning of summer and the weather is finally cooperating. It's a tad warmer than some of us would like but who wants to complain after all the rain and cold.

Congratulations to Margaret Dessell who took first place in the "inchie"lada party back in May. This was a fabulous party with lots of fun and frivolity and Margaret took home a \$100.00 gift certificate to the store which she is still enjoying. A very special thanks go to all of our "cooks" including Bea Goodpasture, Hisa Leatherman, Debbie Royer, and Julia Morrissey who gave so generously of their time and supplies. They were all top notch from our perspective. Inchies continue to lead the market in the trade business so if you have not noticed, you might want to take a look. We've got some great inchie classes that will inspire you to want many more. Check it out!

If you are a passport holder, be sure to check out Doris' blog during the week of 17 August 2008. A surprise is in store for you and she is excited to share it with all of you ([www.friendsandcompanyblog.typepad.com](http://www.friendsandcompanyblog.typepad.com)). It might be silly to some, but there really is an important date that is coming up!!

The "Asian Influence" fest held in late June was a huge success. Although attendance was down a bit, participants had a great time with lots of giveaways, great

classes, and a few other treats along the way. Our instructors offered a great range of classes all with an Asian theme. Many thanks to our instructors, Diane Radischat, Sue Cramer, Sherry Wilson, and Elaine Woodhouse for all that they did to make this such a success.

We have been telling you for some time now about Claire Hampton's visit and classes that were planned for late July. We are sorry to report that Claire is unable, at this time, to fulfill her teaching commitment to us. We totally understand and hope that Claire's visit of about a week to the Seattle area will be full of fun and frolic! It is possible that something sporadic could come up in which case we would keep you posted via e-mail and/or the blog. If you have any questions, just please call the shop!

We have begun to plan our 12-year anniversary (unbelievable!!) so be sure to "save the dates" for 13 and 14 September 2008. Lots is in store and you will not want to miss it!

On a last note, we are all aware that the economy makes us quake in our shoes these days. We can't predict the future and with gas prices rising steadily, we could be in for a rocky time. We just need to take a moment to let you all know that we truly appreciate all of your support and camaraderie regardless of what is going on around us. We can only exist and be what we are because of your continued support and cannot say enough just how grateful we are

to have you all in our lives. Thank you for all that you do!

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Sale

We are closed on the 4<sup>th</sup> but will be open regular hours on Saturday, 5 July and Sunday, 6 July. All rubber stamps or stamp sets will be on sale for **20% off their regular price**. Get them while they are hot!!

**"New" Stuff.** Our own spending has not been curtailed by much because there is just so much that is available and we want it all!! Seriously, there is tons out there and we continue to do our best to support manufacturers at all levels so that we will continue to see lots of new production and cool stuff down the road. Here is just a tad of what is going on.

One of our most consistent manufacturers, Inkadinkado, has done it again. We continue to receive their "auto ship" program which is always full of wonderful surprises and great rubber stamps. Our shelves are brimming with these great stamps from them. We also have just received their 2008 holiday catalog supplement which we can't wait to be able to sit down and take a serious look at. We know it'll be great!!

We can put the rumors to rest now because the Lockhart Rubber Stamp Company has released many new designs for us to play with. It is difficult to tell you just how cool they are but they are cool!! Lots of the new release includes "inchie"

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rubber stamps that will work perfectly on those raging 1" x 1" pieces of art. This is an incredible rage which has progressed to trading so be sure to check them out. We love them!! Friends and Company is also continuing to showcase selected design kits from the Lockhart Stamp Company which include a completed "original" card, the rubber stamp(s) used in the sample card along with materials to make an additional three cards. A limited amount of these kits are available now but many more are expected to follow.

We have finally made a connection with Stampers Anonymous which carries most, if not all, of the Tim Holtz line of rubber stamps. We are hosting an open catalog sale for the entire month of July with this company. Come check it out and place your order for that hard to get rubber stamp that you have always wanted. Come in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of July and receive 5% off your entire purchase from this company. If you are a passport holder, that would make it 15%. It's a win/win.

Some new Hero Arts Rubber Stamps were recently received along with a host of versus from My Sentiments Exactly! It is always fun to see new "stuff" from these tried and true companies.

Check in for more and don't forget to bring in your passport if you have one. With a passport, three of the "things" that are possible are 1) a 10% discount on your entire purchase of regularly priced merchandise, 2) get your passport stamped for July's travel escapade, and 3) pick up one of your monthly mini cupcakes from Coffee To A Tea. It's a win win all the way around. We are traveling to Australia in July and remember that with 12 stamped travel escapades (one for each month), passport holders will be eligible to enter to win a Provo Craft Cricut Cutter

valued at \$600.00. How much more exciting can that be!!!

### **O** *Accessories and More.*

Because accessories are received on a fairly regular basis, they can be hard to keep up with. Many folks who visit the shop frequently are often pleasantly surprised at all the "new stuff" that adorns our shelves. Some of the highlights include:

We recently received a huge order from "StickerKing" which includes a ton of stickers in themes that we could never dream up ourselves. The response has been great to this recent add-on so we are certain that we will continue to carry this line.

We recently picked up 12" x 12" paper in themes that you have been asking for which include many new countries and some of the more popular states, i.e., WA, OR, CA. We have many family themed papers and the Paper Emporium is well stocked with more on its way. We gotta get our plug in, as usual, for the Paper Connection while we are on the subject of paper. As a member, the Paper Connection is an excellent way for keeping your stash well stocked and is a HUGE support to the shop. As a member of the Paper Connection *and* the 2008 Passport Program, members receive 20% off on paper purchases all of the time. Another big plus for savings all year long!

Here are more fun things for your toolbox or just for fun:

- Bottle caps are on the rise again. They are so very cool and look great on any project. A reminder that a 1-inch hole punch fits perfectly inside.
- Nestabilities, a very hot product for CuttleBug owners, are in and we have a pretty good selection at press time but they are going fast. We do have

more on the way but with the huge demand, they are sometimes hard to get. If you need a "sandwich" list of what layering is required for your Cuttlebug, stop by to pick up a list. It is very useful when you own many of the dies from competitors. The CuttleBug works well with many of these dies.

- We have mentioned this before but need to emphasize again just how great the Scor-Pal is. Ask for a demo on your next visit. This tool is a very innovative way to score, offering a whole host of incremental measurements.
- A new company for us, Everlasting Keepsakes, offers many die cut shapes and designs. We got tons so do check them out! They are also the folks with the Oriental TakeOut boxes each full of themed chipboard. FUN!!
- We have restocked more of the KAISERscrapbook bling to include rhinestones in rounds and squares and some lovely pearls that are all self adhesive.
- All of the Rain Dot colors from Cloud9Design are in. They are a nice add-on to any project.
- A new supply of Grandma's Secret Spot Remover is in.
- We currently have a HUGE selection of the Cuttlebug embossing folders to choose from. New designs are underway for fall and holiday and if you would like to pre-order do let us know. The new designs are very very cool and we just know that they will become "gotta haves".
- For those who do not own an Accu-Cut or Cuttlebug, we are offering packs of frames cut from the Accu-Cut and then embossed with the Cuttlebug. These are great for both the rubber stamper and the

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scrapbooker and are totally hassle-free! Check them out!

- We have received a ton of stickers and rubons with a host of themes and/or topics from various manufacturers. We think that we have something for everyone!

There is always more and our shelves are full. Please let us know if there is something that you just "gotta have". We'll be happy to look into it. Now take some time just for you and stop by. You'll be very glad that you did!!

### **2008 Passport Program**

The new Passport Program that we introduced in January 2008 has surpassed our expectations and we definitely know that it is creating excitement and energy within this already fabulous environment. Passports will be offered all year long so do let us know if you would like one. As a passport member, here are some of the highlights...

- o Receive 10% off your entire purchase of regularly priced merchandise all of the time – yep, every day, all day long. Receive 20% off on any themed product for the countries visited each month (see below). We'll do our best to have "specialty" products on hand for each country we visit.

- o Attend 12 classes and receive a class voucher worth \$20.00 towards a future class (in 2008).

- o Indulge in up to 6 mini cupcakes of your choice on six different visits to Coffee To A Tea each month all year long!

- o Liberty Bell Printing extends to us up to 100 color copies at only 39 cents each one at a time or all at one time! Paper is high quality 8-1/2" x 11" 25 pound text weight.

- o As a member of the Paper Connection and the Passport Program, receive 20% off on all 12" x 12" and 8-1/2" x 11" paper that is in stock all the time. We love our paper!

- o Travel with Friends and Company to 12 different countries throughout the year (one each month) and get your passport stamped for the countries you visit. Validate all 12 countries with our special stamps and you will be entered to win our 2008 Passport giveaway of a brand new Cricut Expression (value \$600.00).

- o Sound interesting? Register today. We are happy to e-mail you the registration form!

### **SENIOR NEWS**

Our senior classes continue to be lots of fun. Classes begin at 10:30 a.m. with pre-registration required. The fee per class is \$12.00. All other class guidelines apply.

#### **MONDAY CLASSES**

- 7 Jul-Any Occasion  
w/Diane Radischat
- 14 Jul-Pocket Fold Cards  
w/Diane Radischat
- 21 Jul-Ribbons of Fun  
w/Diane Radischat
- 4 Aug-Thinking of You  
w/Diane Radischat
- 11 Aug-Cards in Ten  
w/Diane Radischat
- 25 Aug-Get Well Soon  
w/Diane Radischat

### **Happy Birthday**

Receive 25% off on any one rubber stamp or set as our special gift to you for your birthday any time during the entire month. We will continue to verify your special day with your driver's license or other appropriate ID. Don't forget to change the batteries in all your fire alarms as part of your celebration!

### **The Paper Connection**

OK, stop the presses. We are looking for new members to this terrific club and you may be just the right candidate. Read on for more information. Please take time to join and register today. It's loads of fun and its value is great also!

Looking for some fun? Looking for some surprises? Looking for

something different? "The Paper Connection" may be exactly what you are looking for! The Paper Connection is an innovative, fun, and perhaps unique approach to owning paper and is made up of club members who just love paper, love getting packages in the mail, or simply do not have access to some of the rich, vibrant, and high quality paper now available on the market. The club consists of membership with monthly dues of \$19.95. Each month, members receive a mystery package delivered directly to the address of their choice full of fun surprises and "stuff" which is all about paper. Membership also includes bonus items that will enhance your paper collection each month. With each six month membership, members receive a 10% discount at Friends and Company on all stocked 12" x 12" or 8-1/2" x 11" paper products during the time of membership. As an added bonus, members who are also 2008 Passport holders, receive a 20% discount. Sound appealing? We think so! More details are available at the shop, so do stop by or call to check it out.

### **Class Notes**

The lineup for July and August 2008 is loaded with lots of classes. A \$20.00 class coupon will be awarded (compliments of your instructors) to any 2008 Passport Member who takes 12 or more classes in the year 2008. Another incentive to be a part of the 2008 Passport Program. Class challenges are available for all levels including new classes for the children in your lives who just love art. We also have a very cool children's summer program that is available in July and August. Stop in to pick up a flyer for all the details. A wide range of techniques and class themes are being offered by our outstanding instructors. We are sure you will enjoy many of the opportunities being offered during

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this newsletter period. Please make note of the following guidelines:

- Receive a class discount of 10% off your purchase the day of class. Excludes already discounted or sale items, magazines, and holds.
- Pre-payment required on ALL class registrations. No exceptions.
- Payment options are cash or checks made out to the instructor.
- A 3-day grace period is provided, however, the space must be held with a credit card until the payment is received.
- Class cancellations require a 3-day notice for a full refund. Classes exceeding 3 hours in length require a 5-day notice. Classes with guest instructors require a 3-week cancellation and events such as “Fests” or Scrapbooking Crops require a 2-week cancellation.
- Should you become ill or are unable to attend for any reason, you are encouraged to send a friend or pick up your packet at your earliest possible convenience.
- Please refrain from wearing perfumes and/or similar fragrances while attending classes. This will help to ensure that all students who are allergic can attend without cause to worry. We very much appreciate your cooperation for the enjoyment of all.

We appreciate your becoming fully aware of these class policies and know that you understand the need for them.

### Carolyn's Corner

Dear Carolyn – I'm just curious about what appears to be all the rage these days. They are called “inchies”. What is it about them that makes them so popular? Is it true that they are only 1” x 1” designs? Jena

Dear Jena – You are absolutely correct about the rage. Inchies have hit big time but let me tell you that they are tons of fun and anyone can get very creative with them.

Some manufacturers are creating images specifically for inchies which are 1” x 1” pieces of art. They can be traded and, with a magnet on the back, can be used with anything metal, i.e., frame, cookie sheet, etc. It could be a very nice way to seasonally change the décor in a home, office, or other environment that you hang out in a lot. Any rubber stamp works with an inchie. Just determine what part of the stamp you want to feature and stamp that part onto your 1” x 1” square. You could also do the reverse and stamp your paper and then cut it down to a 1” x 1” size. The main thing is to have fun with them. Many stamp stores will undoubtedly have a trade time so check it out with your local store.

Dear Carolyn – I have been toying with a Cuttlebug purchase but have not taken the plunge yet. Is this machine as good as I hear it is or is it just another machine that will gather dust in my closet? My birthday money is burning a hole in my pocket, so, please let me know what you think. Susan

Dear Susan – I have owned and continue to own several machines comparable to that of the Cuttlebug. I find the Cuttlebug to be, by far, the most value added to my collection of “toys”. I am in the process of selling some of the others since, with the Cuttlebug, I do not need them any longer. The Cuttlebug works with many of the competitor's dies and is much easier to manage. Once you have figured out the “sandwich” combinations, it really is easy to use. There are a lot of “envelopes” (or jackets) made specifically for the Cuttlebug that are available which will emboss your paper, metal, and likely many more materials. The results are very cool. There are also dies that cut and include a folder to then emboss what you just cut. I think it is worth looking at and I'm sure that

your local rubber stamp store would be happy to demo it for you. I would highly recommend the Cuttlebug to anyone who likes the embossed look. It is deep and very attractive. Happy Birthday!!

### Other Stuff!

o A Review on Parking. Please remember that the parking lots are limited to three hours and street parking is limited to two. Street parking on Sunday is unlimited but lots continue to be monitored.

### Important Dates

- 1 Jul-Paper Connection Pickup Date
- 4 Jul-Closed-Have a GREAT 4<sup>th</sup> of July!
- 5 Jul-20% off All Stamps
- 6 Jul-20% off All Stamps
- 11 Jul-WS Street Fair
- 12 Jul-WS Street Fair
- 13 Jul-WS Street Fair
- 12 Jul-NO ATC Club Meeting**
- 1 Aug-Paper Connection Pickup Date
- 3 Aug-Altered Dex Club Meeting
- 9 Aug-ATC Club Meeting
- 24 Aug-Annual Customer Appreciation BBQ
- 29 Aug-Crop 'til You Drop

### Tips and Things

o Glenn Huff and Phil Smith –both friends, both retired, both bored. Looking for small handyman jobs that no one else wants to do. Call the shop to get connected.

o Treat yourself and a friend to a rubber stamping class during the summer. You'll be glad you did!

o Create “inchies” and combine them with A Ranger product called “Inkssentials Memory Frames” to make a wall hanging, or to connect them to make a one-of-a-kind “inchie art” bracelet. Way cool!

o Don't throw out your Krylon Pen when there is still ink in the well. Simply replace the old nib with a new nib rendering it useful again!

HAPPY STAMPING!!

Until the next time,  
Take Care – Doris