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# Friends and Company Rubber Stamping and More...

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## *What's New?*

Greetings Everyone! It is so hard to believe that we are looking at the May and June timeframe already. Just where does all the time go? What we have seen of spring so far has been fabulous for us here at the shop. We have so enjoyed the warmer weather and later evenings that are both signs of spring. Spring has also brought out so many folks and also lots of new faces from the hibernation of winter and we are thrilled to see you all.

We remain rather busy here at the shop. A visit will show you just how stocked the shop is and how we continuously strive to meet the demands of every day operations. We are loving it of course and hope you enjoy every one of your visits here as well. We have crossed the one year threshold already and continue to enjoy the new space including the awesome classroom areas. We are also expanding more into the scrapbook arena to meet your requests so we hope you enjoy what you see. Keep on watching and let us know how we can help.

We are proud to be sporting a new poster in our front window. "How To Build Community" is the name of it and if any one of us practices just a handful of what it outlines, we could easily take ownership of our own communities if we have not already. The response has been tremendous to what this poster represents. When we first spotted it in a neighboring city, we knew we had to have it for West Seattle. Do

take a moment on your next visit to see just what we mean. You may decide it is a "gotta have" for your own neighborhood.

Our class schedule for May and June is dynamic and very full of something for everybody. As always, early registration is encouraged. The "Children's Stamp Camps" for July and August are announced in this newsletter and, again, early registration is encouraged so do check it out.

As we continue to move forward in 2003, we hope you are having fun and enjoying family and friends. Be sure to take some time to include both in your everyday lives. They are what matter.

## **Used But Not Abused Rubber Stamp Sale**

Thousands and thousands of used rubber stamps will be available from a host of vendors selling their own stock. The remaining stamps from the estate of Sylvia Lockard will also be made available.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

**Saturday, 3 May 2003  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**O** "New" Stuff. Lots of new stuff has been arriving at the shop on a very regular basis. Summer time fun is beginning to arrive along w/lots of old standbys.

Art Impressions has done it again. They have just introduced a whole new series of rubber stamps to create gorgeous watercolor cards, posters, and frameable art. If you enjoyed the first round of these stamps, you will definitely love these. They also published a second how to watercolor book as well and many classes are planned so check out the class listings.

Two additional orders for the Anna Griffin line of rubber stamps from All Night Media have arrived since our last newsletter. This continues to be a very popular line of stamps and also includes some great accessories so check them out.

We just received some great rubber stamps from Hampton Art Stamps in Long Island, NY. Many of these are well suited to the collage artist and include both the Knock Out and Davinci alphabet sets. These are very fun and include some very cool designs.

It seems as though the folks at Amuse Art Stamps never sleep. These continue to be extremely popular so the shelves are now stocked with many multiples of each design. The idea boards are excellent and they are so fun and easy to use.

Penny Black is one of our all time favorites and two new orders have arrived. We have included many of the new designs that we are sure you will love.

New arrivals include Inkadinkado, Stampscapes, Paper Inspirations, PSX, Limited Edition, Hero Arts and

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several more of our favorite standbys. There is lots to see.

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

New accessories continue to flood the shop. We can't seem to keep up with the popularity of punches and a ton more have just arrived. Vases in three designs, squares, circles, tulips, ovals, pots, daisies, apples, fish, flowers, and dragonflies are just a few. We now carry punches from Emaginations, McGill, Hyglo, Punch a Bunch, and EK Success.

Look out scrapbookers – finally, and by popular demand, 12 x 12 paper in over 50 colors and/or designs from the Anna Griffin collection of fine papers and accessories. Great for the rubber stamper as well for layering and adding elegance to any handmade card. More 12 x 12 paper in the months to come so stay tuned.

It seems that we announce in every newsletter new arrivals from Simply Stamped Papers. That's because they are so very popular especially if you are in a hurry or with limited time on your hands. These A-2 pre-cut and scored mat sets include 10 notecards, 10 mats, and 10 envelopes.

Our bead corner now includes a good assortment of triangular beads and also square beads. These come in tubes ready to pack into the storage boxes that we now carry and they are HOT! Don't forget that the storage boxes are also excellent for not only beads but findings, eyelets, brads, charms, and whatever else you might think of. There is no better time than now to get organized.

Since the Hallmark store closed across the street, we have had numerous requests for wrapping paper, therefore, we now carry a modest amount of wrapping paper

for that emergency when nothing else will do.

Some of the regular "stuff" that we can't forget about include:

- Cello bags in various sizes
- New Assortment of Brass Stencils for dry embossing
- Lots of different ribbon
- Scrapbook and Eyelet Charms
- Petite Motifs papers and envelopes
- Pour and Mold to make your own embellishments
- Sealing Wax and Brass Seals
- Ultra Fine Glitter in over 40 colors
- 4-Ply Waxed Linen for jewelry making, book binding, etc

Lots more new product is always on the way so stop in to see it all in person. We love to see you smile!!

## **EAST COAST MEETS WEST COAST**

The first ever coast to coast card swap was held on 23 April. Everyone participating had loads of fun and enjoyed lots of goodies and also a store discount for participating. All the entries are posted at the shop for you to see. The West Coast entries have also made their way to the East Coast for posting. This partnering with Maine-ly Stamps from Kittery, ME, (family connection) was considered a very fun and successful event so we are certain that we'll do it again. It is all about fun, fun, and more fun!!

## **INTERNET NEWS**

We are very excited to launch our very first web page featuring the entire Friends and Company line of rubber stamps. Our rubber stamp line is currently available as unmounted only but will soon be available with mounted wood blocks as well. Check it out at

"friends-n-company.com" without the quotes). We think it is very cool and would love to hear from you. Please let us know what you think and would like to see in a web page or any other suggestions you might have. Our web page will continue to grow and will constantly change so be sure to check it often.

Another plug for Anita Wong and our greatest and most sincere thanks are extended to her. Anita is from WebSight Designs and is who created and designed our web page and continues to keep it as current as possible. If you need help with your web page and are looking for speed and efficiency, contact Anita. She can be reached at 425-985-5714. Anita is exactly who you are looking for for a job well done! Thanks Anita!

## ***CARD SWAP INFO***

The "Spring/Easter" card swap is currently underway so stop in and take a look at these great cards. Consider joining this fun swap to help inspire and get your creative juices flowing. Space is limited so sign up early. Participants attending the night of the swap receive 15% off their entire purchase.

The next swap is Wed, 4 June 2003 and will begin at 6:00 p.m. The theme of this swap is "No Theme". Each participant needs to make enough cards to equal the number of participants up to twelve. Using rubber stamps *carried* by Friends and Company as the baseline is encouraged. Cards will be swapped with participants and a remaining card will stay in the shop for posting.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Looking for something different for you or your child's birthday? Need a place to meet with your monthly group? Want to get together with

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some of your friends but don't want to clean the house? The balcony might just be your answer for any rubber stamping or scrapbooking related activity. Call the shop today for details.

## Annual Puyallup Rubber Stamp Convention

Friends and Company is pleased to announce that we have tickets available for purchase for the annual Heirloom Rubber Stamp Convention scheduled for 17 and 18 May 2003. A limited number of tickets are now available on a first-come, first-served basis at \$5.00 each for a one day pass and \$8.00 each for a two-day pass. Tickets can be mailed if you provide a self addressed/postage paid envelope at least 7 days prior to the show.

Also, a van pool with limited seating is available for \$4.50 roundtrip. Contact the Senior Adult Advisory Council at 684-4115 for details. Registration begins 29 April.

Here are also some convention reminders for all of us and especially if this is your first.

- Be prepared for a huge crowd.
- Bring at least one water bottle. Refills can be made at water fountains.
- Bring a sack lunch. Food can be expensive and we don't always want to take time out to eat but you gotta keep your energy up. Bring a snack or two also.
- Be sure to bring a backpack or something similar to carry all the stuff you collect. Rolling carts may not be allowed so be sure to check with Heirloom before proceeding in this direction.

- A good pair – no, not good – a GREAT pair of walking shoes is a must.
- If going with friends, don't try to stick together. There is tons to see so make plans to meet periodically instead. Cell phones can be very handy here.
- Remember that there are two full floors of fun and activity.
- Take advantage of all the free demos, class events, and similar activity.
- Most of all – HAVE FUN!!

## HOLD IT!!

Wish list items which have been received will be held for two weeks only. Held items with no pre-arranged holding plan will then be placed back on the shelves. Thank you in advance for understanding.

## SENIOR NEWS

Our senior classes continue to be lots of fun. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. with pre-registration required. The fee per class is \$9.50. All other class guidelines apply.

### WEDNESDAY CLASSES

- 14 May-All That Blooms  
w/Sue Cramer
- 21 May-Birthday  
w/Sandy Huff
- 28 May-Iris Piecing  
w/Lindy Combs
- 11 Jun-Black and White  
w/Sue Cramer
- 18 Jun-Summertime Fun  
w/Sandy Huff
- 25 Jun-Cards with Spirit  
w/Sue Cramer

### FRIDAY CLASSES

- 9 May-All Occasion  
w/Doris Goulet
- 23 May-1 Stamp/2 Cards  
w/Doris Goulet
- 6 Jun-Everyday Cards  
w/Doris Goulet
- 20 Jun-All Purpose Cards  
w/Diane Walter

27 Jun-Bleachy Clean  
w/Doris Goulet

## Happy Birthday

Receive 25% off on any one rubber stamp as our special gift to you for your birthday. This offer is good only for rubber stamps we have in stock and can be used any one time during the entire month of your birthday. We will continue to verify your special day with your driver's license or other appropriate ID. Another safety idea prompted by a personal incident is to make it a practice in your birthday month to replace all the batteries in your fire detectors. It's an easy day to remember to do this and could save you or your families lives. We'll even give you a 9-volt battery to start with when you come into the shop to pick out your rubber stamp. Don't wait! Do it now!

## Class Notes

Our class lineup for May and June is full of new opportunities and is as terrific as always. It also offers a wide range of techniques and class themes and now includes reflexology sessions on a trial basis so check them out. Always sign up as early as possible and 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 and magazines.
- Pre-payment required on ALL class registrations. No exceptions.
- Acceptable payments are cash or checks which need to be made out directly to the instructor.
- A 3-day grace period for called in registrations is provided, however, the space must be held with a credit card until the payment is received.

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- Cancellations require a 3-day notice for a refund.
- Workshops and all-day classes require a 5-day notice for a refund.
- 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.
- Class packets must be picked up for unattended classes within two weeks of the scheduled class. Unclaimed packets will be donated.
- Most classes require cutting. If you have a favorite pair of scissors, please bring them. If you have an OTT light and want to bring it to class, please feel free to do so. Bringing other items to class unless specified could result in the loss of your own tools so please refrain if possible.

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

## Carolyn's Corner

Dear Carolyn – I have only been rubber stamping for about a year now and I get frustrated when I make a mistake and my design does not transfer from the stamp properly to the paper. It seems that I waste lots of paper and energy. Someone told me I should look into a stamp positioner but I'm not sure what exactly this is. Can you help? Deborah

Dear Deborah – There are lots of factors to consider here. The first you should look into is stamping on a cushion of sorts. A magazine does well; a commercially bought foamie may do better. These provide you some cushion needed to produce a good, crisp image. Standing also helps to get better leverage on your project.

Now to get down to your question, a stamp positioner is a neat and

handy tool for exact placement of an image and can be used to overstamp an already stamped area matching the design exactly. It is often used when creating scenes that require exact placement. It is a bit difficult to describe its use in this short of a column so I would suggest that you explore the stamp positioner on your next visit to your favorite rubber stamp store. Be aware that you will need to become acquainted with its use and practice before tackling a real project. I would not call it a "must have" for the toolbox but it certainly can come in handy on occasion. Hope this helps.

Dear Carolyn – What's the best advice you can give a new rubber stamper. Jessica

Dear Jessica – Start slowly and take classes. Starting slowly will stretch your budget. You won't be spending money on items that you really might not need or even know how to use. Classes will provide you the baseline for your future direction. They enhance your experience and provide you the knowledge necessary for making purchases and help to build the skill you will need in knowing how to use your products. Classes are fun and you can often connect with other stampers in a fun and rewarding environment.

## Family Bundles

Wondering what all the hoopla is about? What are those "Family Bundles" signs you are seeing everywhere? How do you get one of these cash reward cards?

Well, look no further. Friends and Company is proud to be registered with Family Bundles, a very innovative approach to the "frequent buyer" card. It is valid at all participating merchants so your rebate grows and grows and not just here at the shop. Sign up on

your next visit to the shop. We will have all the information you need to get started. The best part of all – it's FREE!

## Important Dates

- 26 Apr-Second Semi-Annual WS Art Walk
- 3 May-Used Rubber Stamp Sale
- 11 May-Happy Mother's Day
- 17 May-Puyallup Convention
- 18 May-Puyallup Convention
- 18 May-WS Farmer's Market Opens
- 22 May-Sandy's Play Day
- 4 Jun-Card Swap
- 15 Jun-Happy Father's Day
- 26 Jun-Sandy's Play Day

## Other Stuff!

o A Review on Parking. Please remember that the parking lots are limited to only three hours and street parking is limited to only two. This also includes Sundays. Street parking on Sunday is unlimited but the lots are monitored and they do issue tickets so please park carefully.

Our very kind friends at Village Woodworks have given us the green light to use their great store as a walk-through from the old Penny's lot. For those of you not familiar with this lot, it is directly behind the shop. This will save many steps and makes accessing our store easy from the back.

Exchange Policy. We will very gladly exchange unused items within 30 days of sale but a sales receipt must accompany your request. No returns or credits are allowed. We are sure that you understand the necessity for these policies and will support them.

## Tips and Things

o Want to add a little spark to your project? Include threads, charms, beads, buttons, mounting an area,

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layering, or any other similar  
embellishment. It's easy and fun.  
o Lose your newsletter? Go on-line  
to [www.friends-n-company.com](http://www.friends-n-company.com).

**HAPPY STAMPING!!**

Until the next time,

Take Care - Doris