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What's New?

Greetings Everyone! We are all so ready here at the shop for some summer fun along with some great weather and it is about to happen as the days move forward so very quickly. Hooray for summer and all that it offers. We hope you are all planning some very fun "stuff" to include rubber stamping, picnics, visits to the beach, or whatever keeps the fun going. Although there are still almost two months before we can officially declare summer here, the feeling of summer is definitely in the air.

We have continued to remain extremely busy here at the shop. There is lots of activity and lots of new stuff happening with plans well underway for two of our largest and most challenging events thus far. These two events are the "Arts Triathlon 2004" event scheduled for May and the "Scrap"tacular event scheduled for June. Early registration is encouraged. These events promise to be fun and invigorating for both the rubber stamper and the scrapbooker. We are very pleased to offer both of these fabulous events to you. Our featured instructors are all anxious to share their creative spirit with you! Do stop by to see samples.

First month enrollments to "The Paper Connection", our new paper club, nearly blew our socks off. We are very excited that so many of you have registered to be a part of this new and innovative paper club. This members only club is full of fabulous surprises and treats that it is difficult to hold off giving it all to members in one month. We have

shipped as far as Idaho to date but our goal is to ship anywhere a member would like. This club definitely supports our theory for having fun so please join us.

We have extended our second "ENVY"lope contest until the end of May so there is still lots of time to sign up for this fun event. This is a wonderful way to extend goodwill into the West Seattle community as entries will be posted once again at the Hotwire Coffee House north of the shop along California Avenue. We are very excited and hope you will be also so stop in today to sign up.

Between all of these events, our spectacular classes, and everything else that goes on at the shop, there is never a dull moment. More details are available at the shop so stop in anytime to check it all out. We are always happy to see you and hope that some of these events will fit into your creative life. See you very soon!

O "New" Stuff. The shelves are already brimming but we have managed to add more shelving and now look forward to all the great "stuff" that keeps arriving almost daily. We love our UPS deliveries because we know we are about to share these new arrivals with all of you.

We are always excited to see the old time favorites. Peddler's Pack continues to design some terrific background rubber stamps many of which are being used in the triathlon event. We can't seem to get enough of these and for those of you who have been waiting for the Peddler's

bamboo background, well, it is finally here and available.

We have not seen much of Stamp Oasis for a while but a new order just arriving filled two shelves in the just-in section. Lots to choose from including many new and fun designs from this great company.

Hero Arts never seems to slow down so we've been keeping pace with them also. Fred Mullett has some great new designs that are sure to become a rage. They undoubtedly will make great cards for the men in your lives as well. They are expected by mid-May so watch out for these new images.

We have also purchased rubber stamps for those scrapbooking folks who enjoy journaling and short notes on each of their scrapbook pages. This line of stamps is limited to what we have on hand so don't delay in checking them out. They are actually very cool and we were sorry to hear that this company was calling it quits.

We consider our selection of alphabet sets and the individual alphabets rather extensive so now might be the time to take a look at these often forgotten treasures. Gone are the days of refrigerator art which was, at one time, all anyone could think of doing with them. These come from a whole host of companies and are a must have for both the rubber stamper or the scrapbooker. They can also be combined with stickers to create a very eclectic look.

We have lots more and are sure that there is something for everyone. If

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you don't see it, just ask and we will attempt to get it for you.

O *Accessories and More.*

Because we have been looking to expand more into the scrapbooking area, accessories are pouring in at a very rapid rate. Most of what we are finding is very well suited to the rubber stamper or the scrapbooker who either wants to keep it simple or use as an embellishment to something more eclectic that they are working on. We are really working hard at keeping the interests of both the rubber stamper and the scrapbooker in mind. Please let us know how we are doing. So far, so good but it is always a good idea to check in.

New from McGill are two very popular and hard to keep on hand punches. The first is called the "ribbon stitch" which is ¼-inch in height and has two parallel slots. Once punched, ribbon, cording, yarn, and a whole host of fibers can be woven through the two slots. The other is called the "button hole" and is a double sided hole punch which allows for attaching buttons and other decorative pieces to projects with thread, floss or other fibers. Two very cool finds!!

We now carry many of the very classy embellishments from K and Company, a well known distributor of fine papers and other great stuff. Their market is primarily the scrapbooker but we are finding that rubber stampers love these embellishments also for quick, fun, and easy to make greeting cards. A definite must for anyone's toolbox.

Distress Inks – need we say more? Who has not been waiting for these to hit the stores. Six fabulous colors that help to create an aged look on papers, fibers, photos, and so much more. Manufactured by Ranger Industries, distributed by Product Performers BUT co-created by Tim Holtz directly with the chemists. Tim knew just what

the market needed in this area and now they are finally here!!

Tsukineko's new "Opalite" inkpads are making a big splash with their reflective interference ink. Six great colors have been introduced and are now in stock. We are still waiting on the re-inkers because the demand has been so great for both these inkpads and their re-inkers. Pick yours up without delay!

We currently have every design of the new Style Stones manufactured by Clearsnap, Inc. These versatile stones make great embellishments or can be turned into a very classy piece of jewelry. They are easy to ink up and are all pre-drilled.

Some things that we should not forget about include:

- Easy to use Glue Dots in four different sizes-instant bonding!
- Sort-Eeze from US ArtQuest. These 7 and 14 "no roll" storage containers are great for brads, beads, and lots more.
- Deja Views "Better Letter" lettering stencil sheets.
- New are the broad point "Glitter Gems" for writing messages with a hint of glitter
- Excel's Art Knife-the highest quality around.
- The 12-inch Art Deckle Ruler.
- Stickopotamus/Tumblebeasts stickers in dozens of designs.
- Cool embellishments from Paper Bliss.
- More than 30 new paper designs in 12-inch x 12-inch.

There is lots more so stop by to see things first hand!

The Paper Connection

Looking for some fun? Looking for some surprises? Looking for something different? "The Paper Connection" may be exactly what you are looking for! So, exactly what is it all about? 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 papers now available on the market. The club consists of membership with monthly dues of \$19.95 (plus shipping). 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 membership card which is valid for a 10% discount at Friends and Company on all stocked paper products during the time of membership. Sound appealing? We think so! More details are available at the shop, so do stop by or call to check it out. Shipping begins in early April so don't delay.

"ENVY"Lope **Contest** **EXTENDED**

The 2004 "Envy"lope contest has been extended to the end of May so you still have time to sign up and be a part of this fun event. Here are some of the details:

Friends and Company, along with the Hotwire Online Coffeehouse, is announcing its 2004 "Envy"lope contest. It is simple and it is easy. Let your decorated envelope be the "envy" of everyone else's in this fun and energizing contest. A guaranteed first place \$100 gift certificate will be awarded to the winner by popular vote at the Hotwire Coffeehouse. Cost is \$5.00 per entry. A complimentary 50 pack of size 10 envelopes (retail value \$4.00) will be issued to the first 25 entries so hurry on in!!

DO THE PUYALLUP

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Friends and Company has a very limited number of tickets available for the annual Heirloom Rubber Stamp Convention on 15 and 16 May 2004. Call the shop for more information.

Post Puyallup Party

Our annual post Puyallup Convention Party is scheduled for 5:00 pm until about 8:00 pm here at the shop on Saturday, 15 May 2004. If any of you have ever experienced this incredible convention, you know what fun it is to share all your "treasures" with others or simply take a respite from all the flurry and activity.

Desserts are planned and will be provided by Friends and Company so come wanting some great treats.

Stop in to show off your stuff and we will do the same. Shoes not required but do bring your slippers!

More On The Puyallup

Some rules to live by for a successful convention:

- Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing.
- Carry a water bottle for some refueling.
- Be prepared with cash for a quick getaway at the crowded registers.
- Bring a sack lunch. Food is expensive and takes time waiting in long lines. Include a snack or two.
- Drag a tote along with wheels or a backpack or something that does not require carrying to put all your treasures in.
- Practice patience and remain composed with the large crowds. That will make for a fun day.

CARD SWAP INFO

The "Open Theme" card swap is currently underway so stop in and take a look at these great cards. Consider joining to help inspire you and get your creative juices flowing. Participants attending the

night of the swap receive 15% off their entire purchase.

The next swap is Wed, 2 June 2004 and will begin at 6:00 p.m. The theme is "Stamper's Choice". 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.

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 \$10.00. All other class guidelines apply.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

- 12 May-Iris Folding
w/Lindy Combs
- 26 May-Beautiful Blooms
w/Sandy Huff
- 16 Jun- Patriotic Cards
w/Lindy Combs
- 23 Jun-Fun and Simple
w/Sandy Huff
- 30 Jun-Art Impressions
w/Doris Goulet

FRIDAY CLASSES

- 7 May-All That Blooms
w/Sue Cramer
- 21 May-All Occasion
w/Doris Goulet
- 4 Jun-Florals
w/Doris Goulet
- 11 Jun-2 Cards/1 Stamp
w/Doris Goulet

What's New With The Stamping Forum

New Name:

West Seattle Forum

New Location:

4400 42nd Avenue, S.W.

One block north and one block east of Friends and Company. Meetings are now held at the West Seattle Christian Church.

New Day:

Meetings are on the 2nd Friday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for May 14th.

New Times:

The room is available from 4:30pm-11:00pm. Members can attend during these times.

Other Stuff:

Dues are \$10.00 per month and cover door prizes and food. Paid up members receive a 15% discount on the day the Forum meets at Friends and Company!

Space is now available to include new members. Contact Diane Walter at 206-938-2761 if you are interested or if you have questions.

Class Notes

Our class lineup for May and June is terrific and presents many opportunities and challenges for all levels of rubber stamping and/or scrapbooking. A wide range of techniques and class themes are offered that we are sure you will enjoy. 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.
- Acceptable payments are cash or checks which need to be made out directly to the instructor.
- Class cancellations require a 3-day notice for a full refund. Classes exceeding 3 hours in length require a 5-day notice.
- 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,

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please bring them. If you have an OTT light and want to use it in class, please bring it also. 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 and your understanding their need.

Carolyn's Corner

Dear Carolyn – Some time ago, I learned (I think in a class) of a really cool storage container to dispense my Pearl-Ex into so that my large jars do not get contaminated from use before they get used up. Although I have searched high and low for the name of this container, I cannot find it anywhere nor does anyone seem to know what I am talking about. Any clues you might have would be extremely helpful. Cindy

Dear Cindy – You are probably not able to find it because most rubber stamp stores may not carry the “Bead-Caddy” storage container. This container is most commonly found in bead shops. The Bead-Caddy is a bead organizing system that has 13 small compartments for beads, pearl-ex, eyelets, brads, and whatever else you can think of. Several stack nicely and the organizer has a see-thru design for easy identification of what is inside. Each compartment also has its own lid so each compartment can be closed up when not in use. Rubber stampers and scrapbookers are finding this handy storage container a must have. Check with your local stamp store to see if they can get it for you and, if not, let your fingers do the walking and check bead stores listed in the yellow pages.

Dear Carolyn – What is a good way of bonding metal charms to paper. I know that I can tie them to fibers and let them hang but I don't always want to do it this way. I have tried several different adhesives with poor results. Surely there is

something in today's market for this purpose. Margaret

Dear Margaret – The absolute best results that I have had with gluing metal, fibers, plastic, glass, leather and so much more is the Crafter's Pick glue called “The Ultimate!” This is a non-toxic, water based super glue that adheres to just about anything and dries clear. I even heard that it was recently used to adhere chocolate to a display board by a student with excellent results. This universal household glue is getting to be more and more popular so check around your area for a supplier near you. If you are not able to find it, go to their website at www.crafterspick.com.

A Note From Marthalee

As Mother's Day approaches, I wanted to thank each of you for your love and celebration of my mom, Jean Galeota. While it has been a painful time of grief, it has also been a joyous time of appreciation. When Mom first moved to West Seattle she was a bit hesitant that she would like living here. Fortunately it didn't take us long to find Friends and Co. In these times of hurry and frenetic pace, it was unusual to find a business that truly offered their time, attention and affection. Well, of course, it was more than a business. It became our family, our community. Mom so looked forward to the Friday “Senior” classes, the Christmas parties, the Vashon trips, and just visiting the store.

Thank you for loving mom and for supporting me during this difficult time. Your donations to Medic One, your cards, phone calls, and emails have meant so much to me. Thank you for the lovely picture of mom with a “hug”, coordinating and moving furniture for me, and all the stories and memories you share when we run into each other on the street. Thank you for remembering Mom. She is a gift, as

are each of YOU. As her favorite tulips bloom, let's celebrate our Moms, the “senior” classes, teachers, and Friends and Co.! Happy Mothers Day! Much love, Marthalee

Important Dates

- 1 May-Paper Connection Pick-Up Date
- 6 May-Alison Graduates Congratulations!
- 8 May-2004 Arts Triathlon
- 9 May-Happy Mother's Day
- 15 May-Puyallup Convention
- 16 May-Puyallup Convention
- 31 May-“Envy”lope Contest Ends
- 2 Jun-Card Swap
- 12 Jun-“Scrap”tacular Day
- 20 Jun-Happy Father's 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 lots are monitored.

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 Lose your newsletter? Go on-line to www.friends-n-company.com.

HAPPY STAMPING!!

Until the next time,
Take Care – Doris