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# Friends and Company

## Rubber Stamping and More...

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### *What's New?*

Greetings Everyone! According to the calendar, it is spring, however, I'm still waiting. We squeak in a day or so of fairly nice weather and then "Boom" not so nice!! I'm being patient but I can hardly wait until I can complain about just how hot it is!! Hope everyone is doing OK in this up and down escapade!

May and June are chock full of great events that will make you smile. Here is some of the lineup.

We are hosting an "inchie"lada party to introduce you to the fabulous world of inchies (1" x 1" art). This incredible art form is rather addicting so be warned. To get some of you started and the rest of us going, the 10<sup>th</sup> of May is full of "inchie" demos but, best of all, enchiladas will be making a guest appearance. See more details on this fun day later in this newsletter. It's gonna be a blast!

The Puyallup Rubber Stamp Convention is being held on 17 and 18 May. Tickets are available from the shop for \$6.00 and remember to think smart if attending the convention. Tips are offered later in this newsletter.

On 21 June, we are also hosting an "Asian Influence" fest with some great projects that are all Asian themed. Details will follow shortly but we are currently accepting registrations. Spaces are expected to go quickly so register today.

We are pleased once again to have Claire Hampton, Hampton Arts

Senior Educator, as a guest instructor in late July. Although Claire resides in England, she will be in the U.S. during the month of July and is excited to once again touch down in Seattle for a spell. Just for your information, Claire is not related to Hampton Arts but rather works for them and coincidentally both have the same last name. Classes at Friends and Company are scheduled for Friday, 25 July and Saturday, 26 July. More information will be available soon and we will pass it on to you as soon as it is made available. In the meantime, "Save The Dates".

As many of you already know, a Triathlon for 2008 is on hold and likely not to happen until 2009. Many circumstances have led to this decision and it is our hope that the four "fests" planned throughout 2008 will spur everyone on to keep their creative spirits soaring. We will keep you posted as the fests are planned. Early registration is always encouraged and we have already made mention of the Asian Influence Fest set for 21 June.

We can never say "Thank You" enough for all of your support and encouragement. It definitely helps to keep us going here at the shop and, without a doubt, keeps others going as well. As 2008 continues to roll by, it is our hope that you have many days of fun and creative opportunities. Thank you for all that you do!

**"New" Stuff.** You already know that we love getting new "stuff".

It's always fun to see what the manufacturers are up to and what is being presented by our wonderful manufacturing representatives.

Rubber stamps that represent swirls and flourishes continue to be hot. We are also finding that anything to do with birds is often sought after. It's possible that this is a spring influence (or hope for spring) and so we continue to keep the shelves stocked so that your selections can be bountiful. Orders from both Inkadinkado and Memory Box include lots of flourishes, birds, and so much more. They seem to always know just what we are looking for.

Rumor has it that the Lockhart Rubber Stamp Company is expecting to release some new designs very soon. We can hardly wait but, in the meantime, we are fully stocked with all of the current designs. In cooperation with this company, Friends and Company is showcasing selected design kits which include a completed "original" card, the rubber stamp(s) used in the sample card along with materials to make an additional three cards. We will be offering these kits soon at our internet store which is currently being built. For the time being, these kits are available at the shop.

Our Rubbermoon order has finally come in. Many of Gretchen's new designs are fun, whimsical, and must haves. We've received not only all of Gretchen's new designs but many old time favorites as well.

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It is our hope that, before this reporting period is over, Outlines Rubber Stamps and Holly Berry will both be included in our mix of rubber stamps that we offer. So many of you have been extremely patient with us and now these two companies are in the forefront of what we can expect to receive in the next month or so. Stay tuned.

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 May'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 Mexico in May 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.*

We have received a lot of new accessories since our last newsletter and continue to keep the essentials in stock as well. Here are some of the highlights.

Marvy Uchida has delivered three new clever lever craft punches that both cut and emboss at the same time. These three punches include the oak leaf, grape leaf, and the birch leaf. Simply put – FUN!!

We can never say enough about paper around the shop. We are fully stocked with paper for many of the themes that you might need for card making or scrapbooking. The Paper Emporium is well stocked and more is on its way. We have mentioned this before and cannot say enough about the benefits of joining the Paper

Connection. Membership is an excellent way for keeping your stash well stocked. 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:

- New from Fiskars are border and corner punches that work very well and add a super embellishment look to any project. These punches also allow users to create seamless frames which look hard to do but are extremely simple.
- We have received lots of new Grungeboard from the Tim Holtz "idea-ology" line which includes the much sought after elements in the plain, harlequin and dot patterns. The 94 piece packs include the skulls, keys, and hinge designs to name only a few of what is included.
- A new find for us here at the shop is the Scor-Pal. This tool is a very innovative way to score offering a whole host of incremental measurements for any scoring need. Ask for a demo on your next visit.
- We now carry lots of new double sided adhesive which is acid free, heat resistant and includes lots of tape on each roll. This new product is also from the folks at Scor-Pal. One of the best features is that scissors are not required. Tears easily from the roll.
- We currently have more "bling" than we have ever had at the shop. Some very affordable bling from the folks at KAISERscrapbook include rhinestones in rounds and squares and some lovely pearls that are all self adhesive.
- The texture hammer from Tim Holtz's idea-ology line is a

must have for any toolbox. It includes four interchangeable hammer tips and also a hammer mat. Great fun!!

- Inchie Arts products now include an inchie magnet board which provides the perfect platform to display your inchies! It is a great way to introduce your inchie art in an office setting, for example, and, with this board, makes displaying different inchies each week a snap.
- New and hot in the art world are clear plastic sheets. We carry 4" x 4", 6" x 6", 8" x 8", and 12" x 12" to cover all of your crafting needs. These plastic sheets work extremely well with tools like the Accu-Cut and the Cuttlebug. Many possibilities have yet to be explored with this product.
- We finally have more than a dozen colors of waxed linen thread. We've been running low for sometime now and have made up for it by offering so many colors.
- Our Tombow rack is totally full. It's fun to look at it when every color is available. Hurry to get the colors you've been wanting. They won't last long.

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 continue to 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....

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o Receive 10% off your entire purchase of regularly priced merchandise all of the time – yep, everyday, 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" product 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!

### **It's an "Inchie" Party**

Mark your calendars for our first ever "Inchie"lada demo day full of demos and fun all about this fabulous 1" x 1" art form that is rocking the rubber stamping world. We have put Saturday, 10 May 2008 aside from 10:30 until 2:30 to show you just what this art form is all about. We are also including an Enchilada contest where up to 10 volunteers can step up to the plate with their best enchilada recipe for

all of us to enjoy. A people's choice winner will be selected who will win a \$100 Gift Certificate to the shop. The fun can't get much better than this so call the shop today to sign up and show all of us how you'll put your best enchilada recipe forward for us to vote on.

### **SENIOR NEWS**

Our senior classes continue to be lots of fun. Classes begin at 10:30 a.m. with pre-registration required. We hope that the change to Monday will accommodate everyone better. The fee per class is \$12.00. All other class guidelines apply.

#### **MONDAY CLASSES**

- 5 May-Anytime Cards  
w/Diane Radischat
- 19 May-A New Penny Black  
w/Diane Radischat
  
- 9 Jun-Birds and Flowers  
w/Diane Radischat
- 16 Jun-Birthday Party  
w/Diane Radischat
- 23 Jun-Florals  
w/Doris Goulet
- 30 Jun-Black and White  
w/Diane Radischat

### **"ENVY"Lope Contest**

Friends and Company is pleased to announce its 2008 "Envy"lope contest. It is simple and it is easy and you have plenty of time to get in on the action. 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 shop. Cost is \$5.00 per entry. A complimentary 50 pack of size 10 envelopes (retail value \$4.00) will be issued to the first 20 entries so hurry on in!! Envelopes will be due back in the shop by late July at which time they will be displayed for voting.

### **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 2008. A limited number of tickets are now available on a first-come, first-served basis at \$6.00 each for a two-day pass. Tickets can be mailed if you provide a self addressed/postage paid envelope by 8 May 2008.

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

- Prepare 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. Don't forget a snack!
- Be sure to bring a backpack to carry all your new goods. It can get heavy after a while and going to the car may not be an option.
- 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.
- Take advantage of all the free demos, class events, and similar activity.
- Most of all – HAVE FUN!!

### **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

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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 May and June 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 will be available in July. 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 these opportunities. 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**

Carolyn is on sabbatical for most of May, therefore, her column will return with renewed zest in the July and August newsletter. If you have specific questions you would like addressed, continue to forward them to the shop. We'll make sure they get to Carolyn. While Carolyn is gone, her advice to all of us was to "have a highly spirited May and June with the creative juices exceeding what you think is possible. I'll be waiting to hear from you".

### ***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 May-Paper Connection Pickup Date  
4 May-Altered Dex Club Meeting  
10 May-ATC Club Meeting  
10 May-"Inchie"lada Day  
11 May-Closed  
Happy Mother's Day  
17 May-Puyallup Convention  
18 May-Puyallup Convention  
30 May-Crop 'Til You Drop  
1 Jun-Paper Connection Pickup Date  
1 Jun-Altered Dex Club Meeting  
14 Jun-ATC Club Meeting  
15 Jun-Closed  
Happy Father's Day  
21 Jun-Asian Influence Fest  
27 Jun-Crop 'Til You Drop  
25 Jul-Claire Hampton Teaches Classes  
26 Jul-More of Claire Hampton's Classes

### **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 If your Krylon pens get clogged up, don't despair. Pull out the tip (nib) and clean it with alcohol ink. If it is really beat up, consider purchasing a new tip especially if the pen still has lots of ink.

o When using colored pencils, color in the lighter colors first. A heavy hand to add color is not necessary. Just continue to softly add color until you are satisfied. Editors Note: Prismacolor pencils are our favorites here at the shop because they have a high wax content.

**HAPPY STAMPING!!**

Until the next time,  
Take Care – Doris