
Friends and Company

Rubber Stamping and More...

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What's New?

Greetings Everyone! Hope this newsletter period finds you all well and relaxed as we enter into what can be a holiday frenzy! Staying relaxed is the key here and we are here to help you do just that.

Lots of classes are being offered to get a jump start on the holidays. They also offer a wide range of projects so check them out and keep the frenzy under control.

Fall definitely gave us a renewed sense of energy as we hope it did you. It is always a fabulous time of the year before jumping into the throws of the holiday season. Many thanks to all of you who attended our 5-year anniversary celebration. We predicted a lot of change in the fifth year and with the move as only one major change it has proven to be quite true. As we enter into our 6th year, our hope for each of you is that you continue to enjoy lots of creativity sparked by the spirit that keeps us all going. It is, without a doubt, a very necessary part of our existence.

This newsletter is as full as ever. Please make note of our "Mask"querade Party on 25 October, hence, an early mailing. It should be loads of fun and very fast paced so come early.

We are hosting an "Envy" lope contest for the first time ever. We are very excited about the possibilities and are guaranteeing a \$100.00 gift certificate for the first

placed winner. All the details are outlined following the class schedule later in the newsletter.

The list goes on, however, we will just let you sit back along with a cup of tea to enjoy the rest of the newsletter. Have a very Happy Holiday and remember to keep it as stress free as possible.

"Mask"querade Party
Friday, 25 Oct 2002
6:00 pm – 9:00 p.m.
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"New" Stuff. UPS deliveries from the Arts sure have kept us busy in the last several months. The last of these orders are continuing to arrive along with many of the ever popular old time favorites. The shelves are well stocked and include many holiday designs, many of which are new this year. There just has to be something for everyone. We are confident you will like what you see so stop in anytime to check things out.

Amuse Art Stamps is a recent acquisition for the shop and includes many very simple and elegant rubber stamp designs. This is a local company and many of you met the owner Linda Hartwick at the anniversary celebration. We are very pleased to carry her wonderful line of rubber stamps.

Orders from our old time favorites continue to arrive as fast as orders can be placed. We have recently seen Rubbermoon, Magenta, Hero Arts, PSX, Art Impressions, and Penny Black to name only a few. You can rest assured that we are doing all we can to bring you as many new designs as possible as well as some of the old time favorites.

Outline Rubber Stamps continue to intrigue and inspire. The mini sets have finally arrived and are proving to be fun and very useful for creating borders, filling in ornaments, and a host of other things.

The Embossing Arts "Books of Texture" have also arrived. These fabulous finds easily fit an A-2 sized card and include six backgrounds in each book. The themes include international, monograms, geometric, and elements of nature.

We are sure there is more and don't want you to miss a thing so stop on in and pay us a visit. You will be glad you did.

O *Accessories and More.*

Most of the accessories that we carry continue to be very popular. A few new items have been added, however, our goal has been to make certain that everything we already have is well stocked. We are doing our best and hope you will find everything

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you need. Remember to tell your significant other (or whoever) that it really is not a gift if it has an electrical cord at the end of it. Two exceptions to this rule are the heat gun used for embossing and the new Suze Weinberg Melting Pots.

Yes – we now have the Melting Pots. These pots are excellent for use with ultra thick embossing enamel (UTEE) or for melting any of your embossing powders. They can also be used for candle wax, soap, hot glue and even candy. It is not recommended to mix your embossing powder with food product, therefore, keep pots separate if you intend to use one for food products. This is a great gift for that hard to buy for person or as a wish list item on your own list.

CarvedStamps has done it again. They are now packaging their fabulous 36 gauge metal in 8' x 6' packs. These are very convenient for larger projects and/or to make sure you simply never run out.

Just when you think you have seen every inkpads possible, out comes another. The latest in inkpads is from Clearsnap and is called Fluid Chalks. They have beautiful colors and work very well with coated paper as one of the mediums. All the reinkers are also in stock. A demo is planned at the "Mask"querade party so check out the details. We love these new inkpads!

Several new papers are now on the shelves which include some holiday designs, vellum with holiday designs embossed into it, typical red and green cardstock, and also some holiday two tones.

Believe it or not - there is more – tons more. Here are just a few new and fun accessories that we have restocked or are now carrying.

- Snowflake and balloon eyelet designs each in several colors. We have restocked on the red and black flat tops as well as the black ovals. These are a must have.

- Tidy Trays (they make a great stocking stuffer).

- Webbing Spray in black, red, silver, green and white.

- The Vellum Adhesive which really works is back in stock. This 3M product is specially formulated to disappear on most colored and patterned vellums. Finally!!

- Spray glitter in red, gold, green, silver and multi-color. Great fun!

Accessories are not only necessary but are also fun. Since they are the makeup of your toolbox, stay posted to all of the new "stuff" available. We hope you enjoy what you find at the shop.

Holiday Craft Sale

Fri, 6 Dec, 10-7

Sat, 7 Dec, 10-5

Sun, 8 Dec, 10-5

**Lots of great gift items to
choose from including
beads, jewelry, journals,
kitchenware,
clothing, stocking stuffers,
candles, baskets, and so
much much more!!**

Mark Your Calendar

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Thanks to your generosity, the baskets for our annual food drive are overflowing. The food bank will

make one pickup by October 31st but we have decided to extend it at least one more month. Feel free to bring in your non-perishable food donations anytime. Anyone bringing in five non-perishable food items at one time will receive a 15% off coupon good for their entire purchase (with a few exceptions) good anytime during the food drive.

Since we are on the topic of "food", we feel it is our responsibility to throw out a few words of caution when donating food items for the food bank. Cleaning out kitchen cabinets of food items that will never be used is OK, however, before donating such items, please be sure to check the expiration dates to make sure the food items are still good. For the safety of your own family or a food bank recipient, no food should be used with outdated dates. We have unfortunately received several food items (some as old as 1989) which we cannot pass along to the food bank. These items are clearly past their due dates. Please be sure to check your cupboards whether you are donating or not. We want to keep your family safe too!

CARD SWAP INFO

The "No Theme" card swap is currently underway so stop in and take a look at these great cards. We have resumed voting so take a minute to cast your vote as well. Congratulations to Sharon Girod for her winning entry in the last swap. Participants attending the night of the swap receive 15% off their entire purchase.

The next swap is Wed, 4 December 2002 and will begin at 6:00 p.m. The theme of this swap is once again "No Theme". Please sign up as soon as possible so that we know how many participants there will be.

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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 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.

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 change out 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. Don't wait!

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

- 6 Nov-Three New Designs
w/Elaine Woodhouse
- 13 Nov-Make Mine Magenta
w/Sue Cramer
- 20 Nov-Dry Embossing
w/Sandy Huff
- 27 Nov-All Occasion
w/Doris Goulet
- 4 Dec-Christmas
w/Sue Cramer
- 11 Dec-Chalking Technique
w/Elaine Woodhouse
- 18 Dec-Painted Cards
w/Sue Cramer

FRIDAY CLASSES

- 1 Nov-Thankfulness
w/Sandy Huff
- 8 Nov-Red, White, & Black
w/Sue Cramer
- 15 Nov-Faux Woodcutting
w/Elaine Woodhouse
- 22 Nov-Quick Gifts
w/Sue Cramer
- 29 Nov-Bleachy Clean
w/Doris Goulet
- 13 Dec-Old Favorites
w/Sue Cramer
- 20 Dec-Senior Party
w/Everyone
- 27 Dec-Thank Yous
w/Sue Cramer

Class Notes

Our class lineup for November and December 2002 is full of new opportunities and is as terrific as always with many of our instructors offering a wide range of techniques and class themes. We have brought some new instructors on board so please stop in to check out their samples. You won't be disappointed. The beading classes are going very well and are

expected to continue to grow. 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. This discount 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.
- Cancellations require a 3day cancellation notice for a refund.
- Workshops require a 5-day cancellation 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.

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 – How can I step out of my box and use my rubber stamps in more ways than one. I generally buy a stamp with one thing in mind and that is all I end up doing with it. Is that unusual?
Carol

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Dear Carol – Whether or not using a rubber stamp in just one way is unusual or not I'm not really sure. I do know, however, that what you need is a personal challenge. Pick out any stamp – preferably one that you really like – and make a pack with yourself that you will use it six different ways over the next two weeks. Carry the stamp with you if you are having stampers block. Rub it, talk to it, or hug it if you have to. Let it talk back to you and I can promise you that it will if you let it. Open your mind to all the possibilities and it will come. This personal challenge has worked for several folks that I know. The bottom line though is to have fun!

Dear Carolyn – I have not had much success with stamping on surfaces such as metal, leather, or other media except for paper. Is there a trick to this? Sharon

Dear Sharon – Up until just recently, stamping on surfaces other than paper was always a formidable task. We are very fortunate in that our manufacturers are constantly looking out for our welfare and coming up with products that help us with our creativity and artistic ventures. One recent product that was developed for stamping on a multitude of surfaces is called "StazOn". This new inkpad has already proven to be very effective not only for paper, but for plastic, metal, glass, ceramic, coated paper and other surfaces as well. We recently used StazOn to stamp on acetate for creating a stained glass effect. The only surface that it will not tackle is fabric. StazOn is also acid-free and archival, and fast drying. Your favorite rubber stamp store should carry this product but, if not, contact Tsukineko, the manufacturer.

Important Dates

25 Oct-"Mask"querade Party
31 Oct-Happy Halloween

1 Nov-Food Bank Continues
28 Nov-Closed
Happy Thanksgiving

4 Dec-No Theme Card Swap
6 Dec-Annual Craft Show
7 Dec-Annual Craft Show
8 Dec-Annual Craft Show
22 Dec-Holiday Open House
25 Dec-Closed
Happy Holidays

1 Jan-Closed
Happy New Year

Family Bundles

Wondering what all the excitement is about? What are those "Family Bundles" signs you are seeing everywhere? How do you get one of those rebate cards as they are being called?

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

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 parking 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.

In Loving Memory
Sylvia Lockard
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Tips and Things

o Coming Soon!! Friends and Company on the internet. Let us know what you would most like to see as part of our web pages. We'd love to hear from you.

o Interested in receiving your newsletter electronically? Let us know and we will include your e-mail address on our electronic distribution list.

o Try using photo corners on any of your card projects. You will be surprised just how much interest they can add.

o Having difficulty using your punches? Use a block of wood on top of the punch to get better leverage. Better yet, invest in a Power Punch made exclusively for punches. They make punching amazingly easy.

o Use Cut N Dry, in either foam or felt, to create your own inkpad pallette. Use foam with pigment ink and the felt pad with dye based ink. A great way to create a very specific look!

HAPPY STAMPING!!
Until the next time,
Take Care - Doris