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# Friends and Company Rubber Stamping and More...

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## *What's New?*

Greetings Everyone! Happy Fall, Happy Holidays, and Happy Everything. Why not make the best of it. We lose track of time so easily and unless we stop and take a moment to reflect, we are likely to just keep plunging forward. So, now is the time to stop, take a deep breath, and reflect on what the year 2003 has had to offer. As we proceed into the holiday frenzy, this reflection will help to bring the calm and make the most of what the holidays should be.

We have been very busy at the shop. Lots of great rubber stamps, accessories, gift items, and who knows what have been arriving. We are attempting to offer a wide range of treasures and to help make your holiday gift giving easy and trouble free. Our gift selection continues to grow and also includes a handful of fabulous food products that will only be available at this time of the year. We are excited and hope you and your families will enjoy some of the selections we have made. Check out all the new stuff that is currently available and let us know what you think. We hope that it will simply your lives and reduce some of the stress that the holidays can bring.

We would also like to take a moment to thank everyone who participated in and extended so many well wishes during our 6-year anniversary celebration. It was a fabulous time and we had some terrific fun and hope you all did as well. It is hard to believe that we fast approaching the year 2004. Once we all get past the challenges

of the holidays, we can assess our goals for the new year and proceed from there. In the meantime, come and enjoy some classes, simplify your gift giving, and remember to reflect on what the holidays are really all about.

Everyone here at the shop would like to extend to each and every one of you the happiest of holidays with the hope that you are able to spend some wonderful quality time with your family and friends while you celebrate the season.

## “Mask”querade Party

Friday, 31 Oct 2003  
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

A mask is a must for this  
“Mask”querate Party

*See flyer for details!*

**O** “New” Stuff. The holiday season always brings out lots of new stuff and this season is no exception. Rubber stamp companies are constantly improving their designs and really listening to us – their customers. We are happy to see so many selections available and hope that this trend continues. The response to our new store fixture has been extremely favorable and now we wonder how we ever got along without it. It holds tons of stuff.

Catslife Press is a new find for us. Many of their rubber stamps are eclectic, Artsy, and just what so many of you have been asking for. We love what we see so we are confident that you will as well.

PSX, bought out by Duncan Enterprises, has continued to provide the highest of quality so the name change appears to be the only difference so far. We love both their old and newer designs so you can be sure you will see more of them. They have always proven to be a staple in the shop.

Recent arrivals include Penny Black, Hero Arts, Rubber Soul, Make an Impression which also includes the very fun line of “Rosie’s World”, Peddler’s Pack, Impression Obsession, Outline Rubber Stamps and many many more of the old time favorites. The shelves are full so stop by to see for yourselves.

Lots and lots of holiday designs have also arrived. We continue to be excited and can’t wait to share it all with you. Stop by anytime to see for yourselves.

## **O** Accessories and More.

Tons of new accessories, as well as lots of fill ins, have arrived. There are a whole host of gift giving ideas to choose from. Don’t forget to include some of them on your own wish list.

An all new paper cutter has been introduced by Fiskars. This 12” Ultimate Craft Rotary Paper Trimmer appears to really fill a gap amongst paper cutting implements. This cutter sports an extended

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measuring surface with a swing out ruler. Three interchangeable faceplates are also included which will hopefully ease some of the challenges currently experienced with measuring. These include 1/8-inch guidelines, a 1/2-inch grid, and also angle cut guidelines (we are really impressed with the angle cut guideline). The current package also includes an EZ change scoring carriage. We think this one is HOT!

We just received, for the first time ever, Mica-Bitz from U.S. Art Quest. These mica bits are softly colored, non-tarnishing natural bits of mica used with most any adhesive, acrylic medium or transparent finish. The mica bitz can be applied to most any surface and can also be placed dry to any tacky surface. Great for achieving a natural shimmering glittery effect.

Flat back rhinestones have finally arrived. These include several Swarovski sizes that are so popular with the Outline Rubber Stamps. We are also searching for a less expensive style and expect to find some very soon. These greeting cards are beautiful and are easily reproduced for very special folks in your lives.

We have re-introduced the line of Memories Inkpads. These inkpads have always been popular but we just lost track of them. We glad to have them back in stock along with their accompanying re-inkers.

We have also introduced a new heat gun to the shop. This Heat It Craft Tool is very safe, UL approved, quiet, quick, comfortable, easy to use, and comes with a very good company guarantee. They have already proven to be very popular.

The Rollabind binding system is a new item for the shop. This tool was initially introduced to the shop by Tim Holtz from Ranger Industries. The system includes a personal hand punch which is

lightweight and works with the Rollabind binding system. We also carry the rollabinds in four different sizes to include jumbo, large, medium, and small. Great tool for binding small books and even presentations so don't let it out of your sight!

Back in stock and/or some of the regular "stuff" that we can't forget about include:

- Marvy Matchable inkpads with coordinating brush markers.
- Some great snowflake punches.
- Versacolor Ultimate Pigment Inkpads that are very rich in color and result in crisp and clean images.
- Kaleidacolor Raised Rainbow inkpads (these have re-inkers!).
- Glossy Accents which provides a dimensional embellishment that dries to a hard, clear, and glossy finish.
- Very small (less than 1-1/2 inch) envelopes and cards.
- A whole host of embossing powders to include several focused on the holiday season. We have never had so much embossing in the shop before.
- More wire in different sizes for the beading enthusiast.
- Pre-cut 100% sterling silver jump rings. Yippie you say?
- Some new writing implements including gold, silver, bronze, and white just in time for the holidays. Did we mention gold and copper Sharpies to accompany the fabulous Silver that's been on the market for about a year now? It's about time!!

New product is arrives daily so stop in to see it all in person. Make some time just for you!

### **Heads UP**

Get your holiday gift giving off to a great start by making a contribution to one or both of the following. Remember that it is because of your

generous donations that these great programs work so well. Thanks a million and then some to all of you!

#### *HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE*

Thanks to your generosity, our food drives have always been a huge success. Let's make this year even better! We are planning our annual food drive beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> and ending October 31<sup>st</sup>. Feel free to bring in your non-perishable food donations anytime during this two-month period. Bring in five non-perishable food items at one time and receive a 15% off coupon good for your entire purchase (with a few exceptions) good anytime during the food drive. Our goal is better than 300 pounds and we would love to help fill the West Seattle Food Bank again this year!

### **INTERNET NEWS**

The Friends and Company webpage continues to take new hits every day. We have been very pleased with the response thus far and hope you all will continue to visit often. Got any ideas we should incorporate? Just let us know. We love the input and welcome change and progress.

#### ***CARD SWAP INFO***

The "Open Theme" card swap is currently underway so stop in and take a look at these great cards. Consider joining this swap to help inspire and get your creative juices flowing. Participants attending the night of the swap receive 15% off their entire purchase.

The next swap is Wed, 3 December 2003 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

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card will stay in the shop for posting.

### **“STUFF”**

O Looking for something different for a birthday party? Need a place to meet monthly? Want to get together with some of your friends but don't want to clean the house? Renting the balcony at the shop might just be the answer for any stamping or scrapbooking related activity. Call the shop for details.

O Interested in forming a rubber stamping club? Why wait any longer – call the shop and we'll help you with acquiring members.

### **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**

- 5 Nov-Thankfulness  
w/Sandy Huff
- 19 Nov-Iris Folding  
w/Lindy Combs
- 3 Dec-Snowmen  
w/Sandy Huff
- 10 Dec-Radiant Pearls  
w/Kim Roberts
- 17 Dec-Winter  
w/Sandy Huff

#### **FRIDAY CLASSES**

- 14 Nov-The Harvest  
w/Doris Goulet
- 28 Nov-Holiday  
Bleaching.  
w/Doris Goulet
- 12 Dec-Snowflakes  
w/Doris Goulet
- 26 Dec-Create A Scene  
II  
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. Don't forget to change the batteries in all you fire alarms.

### **Class Notes**

Our class lineup for November and December is fantastic and presents many opportunities and challenges especially from the frenzy that the holidays can bring. We offer a wide range of techniques and class themes 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 and magazines. No holds please!
- 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.
- 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, 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 and know that you understand the need for them.

### **Carolyn's Corner**

Dear Carolyn – Marsha

Dear Marsha – . .

Dear Carolyn – Edith

Dear Edith –.

### **Important Dates**

- 1 Sep-Food Drive Continues
- 13 Sep-Anniversary Sale,  
Demo Day, and 6-Year  
Celebration
- 14 Sep-Anniversary Sale,  
Demo Day, and 6-Year  
Celebration
- 25 Sep-Sandy's Playday
- 27 Sep-WS Art Walk
- 1 Oct-No Theme Card Swap
- 4 Oct-Auntie Amy Rubber  
Stamp Convention
- 18 Oct-Used Stamp Sale
- 23 Oct-Sandy's Play Day
- 31 Oct-Happy Halloween
- 31 Oct-"Mask"querade Party
- 31 Oct-Food Drive Ends
- 16 Nov-Christmas All-day  
Workshop
- 17 Nov-Christmas All-day  
Workshop
- 27 Nov-Closed
- 5 Dec-Annual Craft Show
- 6 Dec-Annual Craft Show
- 7 Dec-Annual Craft Show
- 25 Dec-Closed

### **LIFESTYLE CHANGES AHEAD**

We have always prided ourselves in providing something for everyone and although this new endeavor is like no other we have undertaken so far, we are sure it will provide you and our community some choices in lifestyle changes. If you are interested in participating in a Weight Watchers program, please contact the shop. We are looking

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for motivated individuals who are interested in modifying their lifestyle with lots of help and support from the weight watchers community. At least 25 individuals are needed to get this program off the ground. All meetings will be held on Thursday evenings at the shop. Meeting times will be determined as the program gets underway. Call today so we can all get going..... and bring a friend!

### ***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](http://www.friends-n-company.com)***.

o Always be sure to keep an ultra-fine Sharpie in your toolbox. Excellent tool for repairing many undesirable stamping situations.

HAPPY STAMPING!!

Until the next time,  
Take Care - Doris