
Friends and Company Rubber Stamping and More...

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What's New?

Greetings Everyone! Well, once again, it is that time of the year when lots of frenzy and hoopla surround us on an almost daily basis. It is actually difficult to step away from but hopefully each and every one of you will keep the holidays in focus and make them a valuable time with family and friends. We want to take a moment here at the shop to wish you all the best of holidays and all that they can bring. It is always a festive, fun, and very rewarding time for us so please stop to say hello and share in some holiday joy.

We would also like to take a moment to say "Thank You" to all of you who participated in our seven-year celebration. It was a very busy few days and we were very happy to see so many of you. We know that you had as much fun as we all did here at the shop and hope you will look forward to our eighth year as it unfolds. Lots is planned so stick around!

We are implementing lots of changes here at the shop, many of which will undoubtedly affect each and every one of you so please take time to read the newsletter in its entirety so that you remain in the loop. Probably the most significant change is the method for distributing the newsletter. This will directly impact you so please be sure to become aware of the alternatives for continuing to receive this very valuable resource. We are confident that these alternatives will work as well for you as for us here at the shop.

Some unanticipated challenges have required lots of our attention here at the shop so we are not able to host our beloved "Mask"querade party this year. We are, however, hosting a very scary sale so look for details later in this newsletter. Many of you have called for information on our event so please do not miss this terrific sale.

Other things to look for include our annual "Used But Not Abused" rubber stamp sale in early November. This newsletter is the only notice you will receive regarding this HUGE sale so be sure to mark your calendars and come early. There will be thousands of used rubber stamps to choose from. Many of these are from the collections of some very eclectic individuals. It is always a blast – hectic – but definitely a blast so do join us.

Please don't forget to also mark your calendars for our 8th annual holiday craft show. As always, it is sure to please and we have several new vendors and crafts people who are eager to share their goods with you. A great time to holiday shop.

As you can see, there is lots going on and surely something for everyone. As many of you have already noted, the new lighting at the shop is proving to be a "how did we every live without it" duh moment. It's fabulous and we are extremely thankful to Michael MacDonald who played the most significant role in getting this overwhelming task completed for us. Because so many of you have already asked, we have included

information on how to contact Michael for your own personal lighting needs. He's a genius!

Well, that covers quite a bit already but there is lots more so stay tuned as the holidays continue to evolve. There is plenty to do and lots of holiday greeting cards to complete – but of course – so do get a head start and make this holiday very special!!

**Used
But Not Abused
Rubber Stamp Sale**

**Saturday
13 November 2004**

10:00 am-2:00 pm

"New" Stuff. Lots of new holiday inventory has been arriving on a continuing basis. The shelves are bursting and there is lots and lots to choose from.

We just received an order from AMuse Artstamps which included a wonderful board of samples full of holidays ideas. A definite trend in designs today is simple and AMuse surely fits that bill.

So many of the Peddler Pack background stamps were gobbled up at the Auntie Amy Convention in early October that we have had to place yet another order for this great line of stamps. Although they

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might appear “daunting”, they are very easy to use and produce spectacular results especially when combined with some of the super techniques used in our great line-up of classes. Do check them out!

Lots of stuff is expected any day from several of our old timers including Paper Inspirations, Personal Stamp Exchange, Hero Arts, Outlines, and many others as well. It’s actually difficult some days to keep track of all that is expected in so simply trot on down to see for yourselves.

O *Accessories and More.*

Just when you think there could possibly be no more, some loving manufacturer develops a new product or even a new trend that cause us all to “gotta have” for our toolboxes. This time of the year is especially true and, just in time, are the six new Distress Inks from Ranger Industries. We have them all along with their reinkers but these will undoubtedly be hot and go quickly so plan to get yours early. We understand that they are currently difficult to find so we are pleased to have them available.

Friends and Company has recently begun a new endeavor in the paper market with its new line of paper packs ready for that beginning rubber stamper or just great as a gift to fill someone’s basket or toolbox. These paper packs come in a host of colors and are easily affordable for anyone who does not want to cut their own stock. We are having a grand time with them and hope you will enjoy seeing how this new endeavor evolves. We are excited and are looking forward to lots of growth in this area.

Some things that we should not forget about include:

- Color Cutters in numerous colors great for rubber

stamping projects as well as scrapbooking.

- Bottlecaps – hot, hot, hot!!
- Box O’ Cards (in nice colors) which include 10 cards and 10 vellum envelopes perfect for that very special gift.
- Many QuicKutz personal die cutting templates to enhance your growing collection.
- Lots of new punches and punch sets. Check out the many thumb punches that bring punching back into our lives with their ease of use.
- Lots and lots of die cuts from our very own “Creative Cutter” as well as others from Accu-Cut and Ellison. If you have a “special request”, let us know and we’ll do our best to get you what you are looking for!

There is lots more so stop in soon!

Manufacturer’s Show

This is a great opportunity to look at catalogs and order directly from some of our manufacturers. A list of who will be available will be posted at the shop. Please feel free to call for details. Mark your calendars for the following:

Friday
5 November 2004
2:00 pm – 8:00 pm

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please pay attention here as this news break is very important. This is your **LAST NEWSLETTER!** Yes, that is correct - this is your last newsletter. This is true in the traditional sense, however, several alternatives are available for you to

continue receiving this valuable resource. These are as follows:

- Pick up from the shop
- Print from the internet i.e., www.friends-n-company.com.
- Provide us with 6 legal size #10 envelopes that are pre-addressed and pre-stamped and we will place your newsletter in the mail for you. Renewal of this method will be required each year.
- As a member of The Paper Connection, a copy will be automatically slipped into your “pizza” box.

We recognize that the newsletter is one of our lifelines, however, cost cutting is essential to the livelihood and continued success of the shop. We are sure you will understand and are more than willing to help us in this endeavor. Thank you in advance for accepting this challenge and helping the shop to reshape its future.

The Paper Connection

As we mentioned earlier, “The Paper Connection” has already exceeded our expectations. If you are looking for some fun and some surprises or for just something different, “The Paper Connection” may be 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 tax and 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. Minimum

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membership is six months. Members receive a membership card 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.

If you do not want to be a member but would like the opportunity for purchasing select "pizza boxes" a non-membership fee of \$24.95 is available while supplies last. We make a limited number of extras each month so just ask at the shop.

Important Dates

29 Oct-Halloween Sale
30 Oct-Halloween Sale
31 Oct-Halloween Sale

1 Nov-Paper Connection
Pick-Up Date
5 Nov-Manufacturer's Show
7 Nov-Christmas WS
13 Nov-Used Stamp Sale
15 Nov-Christmas WS
25 Nov-Closed
Happy Thanksgiving

1 Dec-Paper Connection
Pick-Up Date
3 Dec-Holiday Craft Show
4 Dec-Holiday Craft Show
5 Dec-Holiday Craft Show
24 Dec-Closing at 5:00 pm
25 Dec-Closed
Happy Holidays
26 Dec-Closed
Happy Holidays

Carolyn's Corner

Dear Carolyn – I would love to have some of my own original artwork turned into a rubber stamp. Is something like this even possible? Mary

Dear Mary – Absolutely!! Any rubber stamp store should be able to direct you to who might produce these custom stamps if they are not able to do so themselves. The process is relatively simple and much less expensive than one would think. I would encourage you to visit your local rubber stamp

store as the first place to start asking questions. With so much connectivity, i.e., the internet, a search is also possible if you were so inclined. This is the best way to ensure that the rubber stamps you use for craft fairs and functions where you might want to sell your work belongs exclusively to you with no copyright issues. Hope you are successful. It is so much fun to see your own artwork on the face of a rubber stamp.

Holiday Fundraisers

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Our food drive is continuing to grow. Don't miss out on this great opportunity for yourself and the food bank. Read On!

Our food drives have always been a huge success and we would like to make this year no exception. We are planning our annual food drive beginning September 1st and ending December 30th. Feel free to bring in your non-perishable food donations anytime during this period. 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. Our goal is better than 300 pounds and we would love to help fill the West Seattle Food Bank again this year! You have been extremely generous in years past and we hope to see many of you again this year. What better way to help a neighbor in need!

ROUND IT UP

We generally host two fund raisers each holiday season so this year we

have selected a group called Network Services. Network Services provide homes for the homeless and a huge need for mattresses has been identified. No we don't want your mattresses but we do want your change. Each time you make a purchase at Friends and Company between September 1st and December 31st 2004, you have the opportunity to round up your purchase and drop the change in our collection box. An example is if your purchase is \$8.70 and you provide us with \$10.00, the change of 30 cents would go into the collection box and the remaining \$1.00 would be returned to you. It cannot get much easier and every little bit helps. We can't imagine what is possible here but we do hope to be able to make a difference so please help support us in the endeavor which in turn supports Network Services who are providing essential aid to others in need. We totally appreciate you and your change!!

What's New With The First Friday Forum

Name:

First Friday Forum

Location:

Safeco Jackson Street Center
(23rd and Jackson,
International District)

Day:

Meetings are on the 1st Friday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 Nov 2004.

Time:

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Other Forum Stuff:

Dues are \$6.00 per meeting or \$12.00 per year. Projects, light refreshments and fun are available at each meeting. Paid up members receive a 15% discount from Friends and Company on the day of and through the following Saturday that the Forum meets.

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Space is now available to include new members. Contact Kiku (206) 325-3120 or Deanna at e-mail deannay2k@hotmail.com if you are interested or if you have questions.

SENIOR NEWS

Our senior classes continue to offer a variety of techniques and lots of fun and camaraderie. 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

- 3 Nov-Holiday Punch
Art
w/Lindy Combs
- 10 Nov-All Occasion
w/Doris Goulet
- 17 Nov-Snowmen
w/Sandy Huff
- 1 Dec-Holiday Iris
Fold
w/Lindy Combs
- 8 Dec-Behold 'Christ'mas
w/Sandy Huff
- 22 Dec-Gift Tags
w/Sandy Huff
- 29 Dec-Thank Yous
w/Sue Cramer

FRIDAY CLASSES

- 19 Nov-Thanks &
Thoughts
w/Lindy Combs
- 26 Nov-H2O Fun
w/Doris Goulet
- 10 Dec-All That
Sparkles
w/Lindy Combs
- 17 Dec-Fun Stuff
w/Doris Goulet
- 31 Dec-More H2O Fun
w/Doris Goulet

Class Notes

Our class lineup for November and December is very exciting and presents many opportunities for fun and getting a head start on the holidays. All levels of rubber stamping and/or scrapbooking are presented so there is something for

everyone. 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. Other cancellation policies are noted in the class description.
 - 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 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.

Other Stuff!

o A Review on Parking. A review on parking will return with the next newsletter. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please ask at the shop.

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.

Holiday Craft Sale

Fri, 3 Dec, 10-7
Sat, 4 Dec, 10-5
Sun, 5 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 Today!

Tips and Things

• Need help with electrical work? How about a dryer or other appliance? Michael MacDonald is the individual who helped us tremendously here at the shop to get our lighting needs met. We are pleased to share with you his contact information in the event you have similar requirements. He can be reached at: (206) 762-1183 or (206) 718-3054.

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