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Rubber Stamping and More...

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What's New?

Greetings Everyone! In what seems like an instant from last year, the holidays are about to make their presence known once again. My how this year has flown not unlike other years but it just seemed to go way to quickly. Many of the days in the last few weeks have been taken up by holiday gift and card making by many of you. It's definitely fun to watch from the shop's perspective. What it has done for us here at the shop is to make us get in motion so that we are ready for all the fun and frolic that the holidays bring. We are excited and hope you are as well. It's definitely a very fun time of the year and one which we hope will involve lots of family and friends for all of us. We can hardly wait for the magic day to arrive!

Before we wander too far, we all here at the shop, want to thank those of you who came out to celebrate our 10-year anniversary. We think everyone had fun and we know that we did. It was a day full of fun and surprises. We thank you all of you from the bottom of our hearts for helping us make it to the 10-year mark. We look forward to what the next few years have to offer and hope you will continue the journey with us.

We are already working on surprises for 2008 and expect to introduce a "Passport" program that will undoubtedly benefit all of us. We are working like little beavers to get the details down so expect to see the "Passport"

available for purchase by mid-December. Stay tuned for more details and, as they develop, we will keep you posted. Visiting the "blog" noted above is a great way of keeping informed for not only new information but for great savings as well. We often post surprises that even surprise us!

Lots of great holiday classes are planned along with some of the usual so check out our class schedule for the remainder of 2007. We've included several "playdays" and much more. This great lineup of classes has something to offer all levels so decide where you would like to be and jump on in!!

It has been an outstanding 2007 and our growth and expansions are all because of your support and good will. We continue to love what we do and are looking forward to another great year. Lots is planned for 2008 so hang on for the ride!

We hope that all of you have a wonderful holiday and one which will be filled with riches of many sorts. Stop in to say hello so that we can personally say "Happy Holidays". Please take time to visit our annual craft show where you will undoubtedly find lots of goodies for much of your holiday shopping. Mark your calendar today so that you don't miss it. We have several new vendors who are anxious to share their "goods" with you. You won't be disappointed! Remember that this is also a wonderful way to support some of

our local artists. Happy Holidays everyone!!

Craft Show

Fri, 16 Nov, 10-7

Sat, 17 Nov, 10-5

Sun, 18 Nov, 10-5

Lots of great gift items to choose from including beads, jewelry, journals, kitchenware, stained glass, greeting cards, clothing, stocking stuffers, wood products, knitted items, soaps/lotions, the forever famous potholders, quilts, and so much much more!!

Mark Your Calendar Today!

"New" Stuff. Lots of new rubber stamps and accessories are arriving just in time to fill those holiday stockings. We've got lots of great new "stuff" and we just know that there is something for everyone. It's never too early to start holiday projects and greeting cards so make a point of getting an early start so that you are not stressing at the last minute trying to get things done. With good planning, your holidays can be totally stress free allowing you to enjoy the magic of the season.

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We are experiencing a huge explosion of holiday stamps from many of our favorite rubber stamp companies. Included in this great lineup are all of this season's penguins from Memory Box. Dave and Monica, owners, are obviously having a ton of fun as they introduce these new designs with accompanying phrases. We have lots of the non-holiday penguins as well. These are simply a hoot!

We took a huge gamble earlier this year when we purchased a ton of unmounted rubber stamps from "Stamp Out Cute". We have since had them mounted and they now stock our shelves with their beautiful Asian designs. We think you'll be pleased. We've got lots but we also think they will go quickly so stop in soon!

Rubbermoon has graced us with new designs from our very own Gretchen Ehram. Gretchen has introduced us to several new images, including a haunted church designed by her daughter, Romy. We celebrated with Romy just a few short weeks ago and, oh, what a blast. We never knew that ants on a log, peanut butter sandwiches, and pigs in a blanket could taste so good. Way to go Romy!! A great BIG thanks to all of you who came to wish Romy well! Oh by the way, Romy is now 7 years old!

Inkadinkado just delivered some great images which include lots of swirls and fanfare. It seems that swirls are very big this year and they are hard to keep in stock. Shop early if you are in the market for these. There is still plenty of time for re-orders in case we run out so do let us know what we can do for you!

We have also received a host of the new designs from Stampscapes, whose images are well suited for scenic stamping. We also have lots

of the 4" x 6" Stampord for anyone wanting to make holiday projects. Great stuff!

Check in for more. It's a fun time of the year so keep it fun and keep it safe.

O *Accessories and More.*

Accessories arrive regularly as well. Make sure that family and friends know exactly what you want this holiday season. Share your wish list with us and we'll make sure to share it with them. What better way to stock up on items to fill those tool boxes!

We here at the shop have grown extremely fond of a new "toy" called the Cuttlebug from Provo Craft. Using not only their embossing and cutting dies but also some from several of their competitors, this dream machine (all hand powered) will emboss an entire A-2 sized card in less than 30 seconds. It is way cool! Stop by the shop and we'll show you just what we mean. Pricing on this machine compares well to some of our own competitors so you can easily walk away with one on your next visit. We also have lots of the dies available and continue to stock up on new ones as they are released by Provo Craft. Yep, we are definitely having fun

Another new "toy" for us is the Cricut also from Provo Craft. This electronically powered machine, along with its cartridges with varying themes, will blow your socks off. It's definitely easy to master but its price is not for the light hearted. Although a big ticket item, it could easily fill the void when needing alphabets cut in various sizes or other designs, both simple and complex, for all of your rubber stamping or scrapbooking needs. We instantly fell in love with this machine and now cannot imagine life without it. Stop by the

shop and mention "Cricut Alert" which will yield you a 12" x 12" page of a simple design using the Cricut... and... it's FREE!

Tsukineko has added six new colors to their already fabulous line of StazOn inkpads. These include Hydrangea Blue, Eden Green, Dove Gray, Fuchsia Pink, Iris, and Black Cherry. We currently have all of them in stock along with all of the respective re-inkers.

We have many new paper packs from several of our favorites including Memory Box, Rubber Soul, Die Cuts With A View, Basic Grey, along with lots of single sheets from not only these companies but many others as well. The Paper Emporium is exploding with color, design, and some hard to find papers. Mention this paragraph to us on your next visit, and we will extend to you 20% off your entire paper purchase. How much more fun can that be?

Here are some things that you should consider as part of your toolbox or just for fun:

- Just in time for the holidays, we have included some new tins from Provo Craft for much of your holiday gift giving. These tins, along with the line from Bare Elements at Creative Imaginations, make wonderful decorated gifts for that hard to buy for person. Put the kids to work for their own special gifts!
- Adhesive backed ribbon will undoubtedly be a welcomed stocking stuffer for anyone who loves ribbon. A total of 15 feet with 5 designs in each package will let anyone know that Santa has been there!
- The Adirondack acrylic paint daubers continue to be popular with nearly 30 colors to choose from. Using these acrylic daubers is a great way for creating backgrounds that

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are unique and exploding with color.

- Artist Trading Cards in packs of 100 all in white. Saves lots of cutting time.
- Collage packs from Mary Mata ideal for making ATCs and lots of other great “stuff”..
- Acid free and non-toxic Stickers for all your crafting projects! Select from among 25 yummy colors!
- Join the Paper Connection today and help make a difference for the store. The support that members have given to us continues to be **OUTSTANDING!**
- Lots of inkpad refills. If we are out, let us know and we’ll gladly get them for you.
- TenSeconds continues to be on sale for 20% off. This includes tools, molds, wheels, and more. Get ahead with your holiday gift giving at reduced costs. Everyone loves metal works. Just too cool.
- Lots of stickers and scrapbook kits are in stock.

There is always more and our shelves are full so take some time just for you and stop by!

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 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 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 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.

SENIOR NEWS

Our senior classes continue to be lots of fun. Classes begin at 10:30 a.m. (**note change**) with pre-registration required. The fee per class is \$12.00. All other class guidelines apply.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SENIOR CLASSES HAVE BEEN MOVED TO MONDAYS.

We hope this move and time change will accommodate many folks who have requested these changes. Please let us know how we are doing!

MONDAY CLASSES

- 5 Nov-All Occasion
w/Diane Radischat
- 19 Nov-Pearl Ex Holiday
w/Diane Radischat
- 3 Dec-Penny Black
w/Diane Radischat
- 10 Dec-Just Plain Fun
w/Doris Goulet
- 17 Dec-Creative Fun
w/Diane Radischat

Class Notes

The November and December class lineup is great and includes lots of

classes where gift giving is possible. Challenges are available for all levels including new classes for the children in your lives who just love art. 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.
- 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. Classes with guest instructors require a 3-week cancellation and events such as the Balcony Bash or Scrapbooking Crop 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.
- Class packets must be picked up for unattended classes within two weeks of the scheduled class. Unclaimed packets will be donated.
- 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.

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We appreciate your becoming fully aware of these class policies and know that you understand the need for them.

Carolyn's Corner

Dear Carolyn –Please help. I am drowning in paper and yet I buy more almost on a weekly basis. Does one really need as much paper as I have? I'd say "not really" but how can I stop myself from buying yet more? Margaret

Dear Margaret – I suppose you could join "Paper Anonymous" where you would identify yourself with an introductory of "Hi, my name is Margaret and I have not bought any paper in three days". Perhaps this would help but, better yet, your solution is simply to use the paper you have. As long as you use it, why not get more. Papers today are versatile, well designed, and have varying weights for varying projects. You are not alone just in case you think so. We are all paper "hogs" as some might say but, hey, we could have worse habits. Share it, cut it, use it, and just play with it. You'll be fine!

Dear Carolyn – Last year I purchased a "Scor-it" and if you know what I am referring to, you know just how wonderful this product is and what a gem it is to own. I have recently seen ads for a mini Scor-it, although I am having a hard time finding it. Since I have not seen it for myself, I'm wondering if you know what the advantages would be to owning one this size. I'll never give up on my original Scor-it but I'm curious about the smaller version. Kathy

Dear Kathy – I have spoken to the manufacturer of Scor-it products to get information on where these can be purchased. He stated that they are experiencing manufacturing delays which are out of his control at the present time. He is as frustrated as are his customers and is working feverishly to rectify

these delays. His expectation is that the mini's will be available by mid to late November of 2007. The primary difference in the original Scor-it and the mini is the size. Owning a mini will become very useful when taking it on the road or when the larger version is plain overkill for the project you are working on and a hassle to retrieve out of the closet. I'd expect lots of individuals will end up owning both for these very reasons. I own my own large version of the Scor-it and would never give up on it either but I am considering purchasing one of the new mini's. We'll see – maybe Santa will bring it!

Annual Fund Raisers

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Our annual food drive began on September 1st and will end on December 31st. Anyone bringing in five non-perishable food items at one time will receive a 15% off coupon good for their entire purchase of regularly priced merchandise valid any time during the food drive. The need is great so please do what you can.

SWEET WILLEY ROUNDUP

As most of you already know, this is the third year that Friends and Company has hosted the Sweet Willey "roundup". Dropping your change into the roundup jar or purchasing a candy bar or other sweet has already yielded nearly \$150.00 as part of our 2007 challenge. We are as excited as ever to meet the challenge for 2007 with a goal of, once again, \$1,000.00. We've been able to meet this goal for the past two years because of you and we would like to do it again. Here is your personal challenge to help us get there. Each \$10.00 tax deductible donation pops the thermometer mark up one notch but there is

more. **Anyone donating \$100.00 or more will receive a one-time 25% off their entire shopping spree at Friends and Company.** (Note: Valid on regularly priced merchandise). All donations of any size are tax deductible. We'd like to hear from you before 31 December 2007 to make your donation count! Thank You in advance for your generous spirit!

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. The folks at Village Woodworks love to have you walk through which 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 are allowed. No returns of any sort are permitted on discounted items of 40% or more. We are sure that you understand the necessity for these policies and will support them.

Important Dates

- 1 Nov-Paper Connection Pickup Date
- 4 Nov-Altered Dex Club Meeting
- 10 Nov-ATC Club Meeting
- 16 Nov-Annual Craft Show
- 17 Nov-Annual Craft Show
- 18 Nov-Annual Craft Show
- 22 Nov-Closed
Happy Thanksgiving
- 23 Nov-Annual 40% Off Sale
- 30 Nov-Crop 'Til You Drop
- 1 Dec-Paper Connection Pickup Date
- 2 Dec-Altered Dex Club Meeting
- 8 Dec-ATC Club Meeting
- 14 Dec-Crop 'Til You Drop
- 25 Dec-Closed
Happy Holidays
- 28 Dec-Crop 'Til You Drop
- 1 Jan- Closed
Happy New Year!

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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 and we'll get you connected.

HAPPY STAMPING!!

Until the next time,
Take Care – Doris