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# Friends and Company Rubber Stamping and More...

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## *What's New?*

Greetings Everyone! Can you believe that it will soon be fall and folks are already planning for the holidays? Seems impossible!

We cannot, however, go without saying just how wonderful this summer has been. It was a very enjoyable and relaxing summer for us here at the shop. The many challenges of running the shop were put on hold when possible and we simply took time to play. We were sad to see it come to an end but we have returned with renewed energy and enthusiasm to kick off the fall and make this holiday season the best it can be for each and every one of you.

We are really looking forward to our favorite time of the year – Autumn. Autumn for us is when the air becomes crispy, the colors of nature change before our eyes, and children are excitedly preparing for their first day of school. It is a wonderful time of the year and we all hope here at Friends and Company that each and every one of you will make time to welcome Autumn as your summer also comes to a close.

As you will see in this newsletter, there is lots going on over the next couple of months. Undoubtedly, our most cherished event is our five year anniversary celebration. We are very excited to have reached this milestone and hope you are as well. You have all played a major role in the success of the shop and,

as we have mentioned before, we could not have done it without you! It's been a fabulous five years and we hope to see all of you at our anniversary. It is sure to be fun and energizing with lots of demos, door prizes, and good company.

Our fall class schedule continues to offer an enormous variety of

## **Five-Year Anniversary Celebration**

**Sat, 14 Sep 2002  
10:00 – 5:00**

**Sun, 15 Sep 2002  
11:00 -4:00**

**Demos, Door Prizes,  
Discounts, Fun, Fun,  
and More Fun For  
Two Full Days**

classes so we hope you will take advantage of our very talented instructors and enroll in a class today. We would like to think that there is something for everyone so check it out!

On a last note, we would like to say “Thank You” for all the wonderful well wishes and so much more that were extended to our “fearless

leader” (as she is sometimes known) as she hit a personal milestone and survived the passing of her youth! Some of us cannot wait until the next milestone. With that, have a happy fall and lots of happy haunting!

**O** “*New*” *Stuff*. The ARTS, held in early August, was loads of fun. We certainly did our share to support the great vendors that participated this year. Lots of product and rubber stamps were introduced and it was very difficult to pick and choose. As a result, we decided to just about choose it all. At least that is what the pocketbook reflected. UPS and FedEx have been arriving daily with all the great and new rubber stamps including many holiday designs. We are confident that there is something for every stamper out there including the once a year holiday stamper.

We have finally reconnected with DeNami for all of the DeNami fans out there. This line is proving to be as popular as ever. There are many wonderful designs to choose from in this elegant line and if you have never experienced a DeNami design, now is the time since the shelves are well stocked.

Huge orders have already arrived or are expected to arrive soon from PSX, Stampendous, Peddler's Pack, Art Impressions and so many many more. Art Impressions has done it again with their great line of

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"Classics". They are simply fabulous and worth looking at.

Rubbermoon, Darcie's Country Folk, Hero Arts and Penny Black, to name only a few, are also in the queue. Gretchen Ehram has created several new designs for Rubbermoon which include her latest alphabet set called "Ransom Note". It is very fun and playful.

Rubber Stamps from the Outline Rubber Stamp Company located in Storrs, CT continue to intrigue and inspire. Many of their mini sets are due any time now. A demo using these great minis is planned for the anniversary celebration.

Embossing Arts has introduced some unmounteds which we found intriguing. You will soon see them for yourselves since we ordered all of them. They are sold in sets of six and are the find of the year. They are reasonably priced and will be a huge enhancement to all of our collections.

There are so many great lines of rubber stamps that it is sometimes difficult to name them all. One of our goals here at the shop is to include as many new companies as possible. We love showing off new stuff and we know you like looking at it also. Just stay posted so that you don't miss a thing!

## **O** *Accessories and More.*

Ahhh – the world of accessories. Where would we be without all the great accessories that continue to fill our toolboxes.

The Marvey Matchables which were introduced in the last newsletter have been extremely popular. Now we have all the reinkers for each of the colors.

In the bead department, we have added some great charms and other embellishments. Some of the charms are specifically for making

those great wine charms that are ever growing in popularity. These make great gifts especially this time of the year. Plan early!

The latest in inkpads is from Tsukineko called "StazOn". These new inkpads are acid-free, archival, and are a very fast drying ink. They are great for many surfaces including plastic, metal, glass, ceramic, laminated and coated paper, and also leather. The folks at CarvedStamps have been using it with their copper metal and it is proving to be the best ink for this surface yet. We also have all the reinkers in stock.

Paper is the love of many and we must admit that everyone at the shop loves it too. We have just included in our line of papers, a brand new company named "Petite Motifs". These new designs and colors are terrific and a must see when your in the shop! A total of 32 designs have been added to our already extensive line of papers.

And wait, there is more – tons more. Here are just a few new and fun accessories we are expecting any time now. Most items should be here by mid September.

- Several eyelet designs each in 32 different colors. That's a lot of eyelets but they are way cool!

- Several new dry embossing templates that have the intricacy and delicacy of lace.

- Shadow inkpads no larger than 1-inch by 1-inch. These inkpads are so small you can own them all without breaking the bank!

- Vellum Adhesive that really works. This 3M product is specially formulated to disappear on most colored and patterned vellums. Finally!!

- Many more Simply Stamped paper packs in various colors with all the layers pre-cut. We have added a sampling of the small

window cards to see what folks think. Give us some feedback.

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.

## **ANNUAL 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. 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!

## **Auntie Amy's** **Unconventional Rubber** **Stamp Convention**

As usual, Friends and Company will pre-sell tickets for the Auntie Amy Unconventional Rubber Stamp Convention scheduled for 12 October 2002 at the Tacoma Dome. Tickets are now available on a first-come, first-served basis at \$4.00 each. Tickets can be mailed if you provide a self addressed/postage paid envelope at least two weeks prior to the show. Don't forget that all tickets come with an unmounted rubber stamp.

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**“Mask”querade Party  
Friday, 25 Oct 2002  
6:00 pm – 9:00  
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## **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. Join a swap for lots of fun!! Participants attending the night of the swap receive 15% off their entire purchase.

The next swap is Wed, 2 October 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. 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.

## **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**

- 4 Sep-All Occasion  
w/Doris Goulet
- 11 Sep-Simply Elegant  
w/Sue Cramer
- 18 Sep-Card/Bookmark Duo  
w/Elaine Woodhouse
- 25 Sep-Fall Fun  
w/Sandy Huff
  
- 2 Oct-Classic Asian  
w/Sue Cramer
- 9 Oct-Birthdays  
w/Sandy Huff
- 16 Oct-Halloween Fun  
w/Sue Cramer
- 23 Oct-Don’t be a Turkey  
w/Elaine Woodhouse
- 30 Oct-Copper Cat Card  
w/Elaine Woodhouse

### **FRIDAY CLASSES**

- 6 Sep-Hanging Boxes  
w/Sue Cramer
- 13 Sep-Faux Woodcutting  
w/Elaine Woodhouse
- 20 Sep-Eyelets  
w/Doris Goulet
- 27 Sep-Happy Fall  
w/Sue Cramer
  
- 4 Oct-Soft and Simple  
w/Doris Goulet
- 11 Oct-Paper Jewelry  
w/Sue Cramer
- 18 Oct-Another Mystery  
w/Sandy Huff
- 25 Oct-Just Plain Cute  
w/Sue Cramer

## **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.

## **Class Notes**

Our class lineup for September and October 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 to class.

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

**Happy  
Birthday**

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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.

## Important Dates

- 1 Sep-Food Drive Begins
- 14 Sep-Anniversary Sale, Demo Day, & 5-Year Celebration
- 15 Sep-Anniversary Sale, Demo Day, & 5-Year Celebration
- 21 Sep-WS ArtWalk
- 2 Oct-No Theme Card Swap
- 12 Oct-Auntie Amy Rubber Stamp Convention
- 25 Oct-"Mask"querade Party
- 31 Oct-Food Drive Ends
- 31 Oct-Happy Halloween
  
- 6 Dec-Annual Craft Show
- 7 Dec-Annual Craft Show
- 8 Dec-Annual Craft Show

## West Seattle Activity

Please mark your calendars for the following West Seattle Events coming in September.

**Jazz Festival**-14 and 15 Sep 2002. Please note that the street between Edmunds and Alaska will be closed for this event. This will cause us some grumbling given that our 5 year celebration is being held during the same timeframe, however, make sure to take advantage of the parking available in the lots for up to three hours and the free parking available along 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

**"Art Walk"** - 21 Sep 2002. An Art Walk sponsored by the Arts West Artists Association is being held in

West Seattle on 21 September from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm Many of the businesses along California Avenue are partnering with up to 40 local artists whose wares will be available for viewing and/or purchase. Friends and Company is hosting four of these fabulous and very talented local artists as part of this "Art Walk. Please help us welcome these local artists by stopping by that day to see their wares. A special treat, compliments of Friends is in store for you as well, so do come and check it out.

### **Beautiful Handmade Baskets by Carol**

### **Handmade Watercolor Cards featuring Art Impressions by Debbie Royer**

### **Handmade Glass Beads by Dana Imori**

### **The Scoop on Metal Embossing with Elaine Woodhouse**

Remember that parking is generally more difficult but not impossible during these activities. This is simply a heads up that these activities are taking place. Our best advice is to chill, relax, have fun, and come and enjoy the festivities. See you there!!

## **Carolyn's Corner**

Dear Carolyn – Because many of my friends are rubber stamping, I want to look into it also but feel totally intimidated and can't seem to get started. Any suggestions on what to do? Cindy

Dear Cindy –My response is a relatively easy one. Sign up for a beginners class at your favorite rubber stamping store. They are generally affordable and will give you the starting edge that you need. No need to be intimidated – it should always be fun. Good Luck!

Dear Carolyn – I love the look of vellum but attaching it to cardstock

is difficult. What are my options for using vellum? Wanda

Dear Wanda – Many folks use ribbon to attach their vellum. It looks very soft and pretty and is exactly the look they are trying to achieve. Others use eyelets and, if you are not familiar with these, check in with your local rubber stamp store who will be able to help you. 3M has just released a new vellum adhesive (like double stick tape). It is definitely the rage and seems to work well. Try these for a starting point and see what works best for you. Best of Luck!

## **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.

**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 **Shelving for Sale.** These are the old units which stood at either side of the desk at the old shop. Each panel is 99 inches long, 7 inches deep and 48 inches tall. A great find at \$25.00 for each panel.

o. When using two tone paper, make sure to score the paper with a scoring tool before folding it to the desired size. By doing so, you break the fibers well enough so that when the paper is folded, it does not "tear" the paper causing it to show the color underneath the two

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tones. What will show instead is  
the actual color.

**HAPPY STAMPING!!**

Until the next time,  
Take Care - Doris