
Friends and Company

Rubber Stamping and More...

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What's New?

Greetings Everyone! Just where did the summer go? It flew at record speed but we sure did try to make the most of it. We did happen to blink somewhere in there and, oops, sad to say, it was gone. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are now looking forward to the challenges that the holidays can bring. We're certainly gearing up for just that and hope you will like all that you see.

Our visit with Tim Holtz, our guest instructor in August as part of the Annual Arts Wholesale Show, was a smashing success. A total recall was requested so we have done it again. See the class descriptions for all that Tim has to offer. It truly was a smashingly good time by everyone attending. If you are unable to make a class, don't despair. Tim is also demo'ing on Sunday as part of our 6-year anniversary celebration.

Speaking of our 6-year celebration, it is just around the corner. Hard to believe that it is here once again but we are very excited and have lots of activities planned so stay tuned for details. It is a full weekend of fun, demos, door prizes, and so much more. We were disappointed to learn that the West Seattle Jazz Festival is conducting its activities during the same timeframe which requires that the two main blocks of the Junction be closed, however, we are confident that both events can only enhance your fun filled weekend. Parking could be a challenge so please do plan ahead.

It is an extremely busy time of year and our excellent lineup of classes reflects this even more. There is something for everyone and planning ahead for the holidays is always a good idea. Check out the class schedule and register early.

As we move forward into our 7th year, we want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for all your love, generosity, support, and camaraderie not only to all of us here at the shop but also to each other in our rubber stamping community. It has been a fabulous 6 years and we owe it all to each other. Keep up the GREAT work!

Six-Year Anniversary Celebration

Sat, 13 Sep 2003
10:00 – 5:00

Sun, 14 Sep 2003
12:00 -4:00

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

O *“New” Stuff.* With the Arts now behind us, our work is just beginning. The shop is

spilling over with new merchandise, both in rubber stamps and accessories. Most of our old and familiar fill-ins have arrived as well. We were delighted to pick up another fabulous store fixture to help place all this new “stuff”. We have moved some things around a bit to accommodate this new fixture but navigation remains easy.

The Rubber Tree is the first of our finds at the Arts. Owners conducted a fun demo which we will pass on to you as the year evolves. Designs are new to us and include many so we are certain that you will enjoy this new line of rubber stamps.

We made a great connection with Rubber Soul, our neighbors in Poulsbo, WA. It was so cool that you can expect to see them demo'ing as part of our 6-year anniversary celebration. Simple and clean are the make-up for many of their rubber stamps. Fast and easy is just right for many of you so do check them out. You won't be disappointed.

Stampourri, a rubber stamp company in Texas, is also a relatively new find for us. It has tons to choose from and our order was huge so you can see that we loved them and hope you will also.

Lots and lots of holiday designs are beginning to arrive not only from our new friends but also from many of our old faithfuls! New stuff has already arrived from PSX., Judi-Kins, Rubbermoon, Penny Black, Art Impressions, and Impression Obsession to name only a handful.

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We are so excited to see so much new stuff and are confident you will be also. Stop by anytime to see for yourselves. Arrivals are expected anytime from Hero Arts, Magenta, and Stamp Oasis so look for them as well.

O *Accessories and More.*

Although the Arts did not introduce many new products to us, we were delighted to participate and meet one-on-one with many of our wonderful manufacturers. It was a very fulfilling day and now the shelves are beginning to bear the fruits of our labor for that day.

If cute were the basis for selling these new brayers, we would never have any on the shelves. These brayers are very cute (and tiny) but also very practical. Extremely easy to create plaid background papers using some of the wonderful inkpads we now have available to us. They are easy to carve and one can also drape them with rubber bands (or whatever) to make a great background. These very cute brayers are a must see and also include a built in stand so the brayer itself never sits on a flat surface. A really cool and fun find.

Perfect Ink Refresher in a spray bottle re-hydrates and conditions inkpads and water based markers including both pigment inkpads and dye based ones also. A new approach to increasing the life of our inkpads!! Yeah!!

Never say never when it comes to sporting nearly 200 new and delicious colors and patterns of 12-inch by 12-inch paper. These 12x12s are from numerous manufacturers and who would have ever thought that we would even have the room to stock so many new papers. You keep asking and we keep delivering.

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

- Suze Weinberg's Tiny Touch Applicators.
- Lots more punches including all the designs from "A Whale of a Punch" and many of the new tag punches. Great fun!
- Adirondack markers in 19 colors that can also be used on vellum.
- 5 new Adirondack inkpads in great colors. Don't miss out on the "name that color" contest. Ask for details at the shop.
- Boxmakers in several different formats to choose from.
- More new Colorbox Chalks.
- Two different embossing guns to choose from.
- Fabrico Inkpads especially formulated for fabric.
- Great selection of glitter.
- Many new writing implements including gold, silver, bronze, white and lots more colors.

New product is arriving 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 1st and ending October 31st. 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!

MEDIC ONE ON CALL

In memory of Jean Galeota, a very beloved friend to so many of us and an extremely valuable customer to the shop, we are accepting donations made payable to Medic One in her name. At Jean's request, no services are planned and many have asked where their donations could be placed. All donations can be forwarded to the shop and we will make certain that they are forwarded appropriately.

Jean was an extremely talented rubber stamper and loved spending time in her rubber stamping room. She dedicated much of her time to her art and many of us are very fortunate to have been a recipient of her wonderful work at one time or another. We love you Jean. You will be missed.

**In Loving Memory
Jean Galeota
1922-2003**

Auntie Amy's Convention

As usual, Friends and Company will pre-sell tickets for the Auntie Amy Rubber Stamp Convention scheduled for 4 October 2003 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. Only cash and checks can be accepted. Don't forget that all

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tickets come with an unmounted rubber stamp.

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.

“Mask”querade Party
Friday, 31 Oct 2003
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Stay Tuned For Details

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, 1 October 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 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 Looking to meet new people? Need a night out just for yourself? Looking for a block of time to work on your projects? Look no more. The Forum, which meets every third Friday of the month at the Paper Zone on First Avenue, is looking for new members. Membership details and other information can be obtained by contacting Diane Walter at (206) 938-2761 or by calling the Paper Zone directly at (206) 682-8644. Do it right now while you are thinking about it!

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

10 Sep-Quick and Easy
w/Sandy Huff
24 Sep-Vellum
w/Sandy Huff
8 Oct-Fall
w/Sandy Huff
22 Oct-Halloween
w/Sandy Huff

FRIDAY CLASSES

19 Sep-All Occasion
w/Doris Goulet
3 Oct-Glitter Fun
w/Doris Goulet
17 Oct-Create a Scene
w/Doris Goulet
31 Oct-All Purpose
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 September and October is fantastic and presents many opportunities and challenges. It offers a wide range of techniques and class themes and includes another guest appearance by Tim Holtz from Ranger and Product Performers. 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.
- 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 notice for a refund.
- Workshops and all-day classes require a 5-day 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. Bringing other items to class unless specified could result in the loss of your own tools so please refrain if possible.

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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 – My family has expressed interest in making invitations for my wedding which is in just six months. None of us have ever rubber stamped before and I am somewhat concerned that we just don't have the experience necessary to pull it off. My sister also wants to make all my shower invitations and three are planned. What's your advice on such an important event. Ruby

Dear Ruby – Sounds like a very busy time for you and your family. Such a stamping endeavor can certainly be made fun and can also be a terrific bonding experience. Given that you have six months, I would strongly urge you and your family to register for a beginner's rubber stamping class. With the basics you will learn, you should be able to begin collecting materials and deciding on which direction you want to go. From my perspective, this is very doable but you do need to start immediately. Once you have the basics under your belt, begin with something easy, like the shower invitations. Keep them simple but pretty by including vellums in your design. Tie with ribbon or eyelets and voila – you're done. Design a prototype before spending any money so that you know exactly what you will need to purchase and also to make certain it is a design you like. Partner up with your local rubber stamp store. I am sure they will be delighted to help you with all the planning and design. Just remember that it needs to remain fun and not tedious. Never let the fun get lost. We don't want to see you disappointed.

Dear Carolyn – I've heard that a new marking pen on the market called "slick writers" is better than most. What makes this particular writing pen better than others and where can I find them? They seem difficult to locate and I have yet to see one for myself but am very curious about them.. Sheryl

Dear Sheryl – I'm not sure why you would be having difficulty finding the slick writers. These are truly phenomenal pens that are being carried by many rubber stamp stores. I have also seen them in other craft type retail stores so just keep looking and you are bound to come across them.

The slick writers come in three different points – fine, medium, and broad. They are acid free, permanent marking pens that are made in the USA and are also non-toxic. These marking pens are specially formulated for "slick" surfaces, hence, their name. They are easy to use on vellum, stickers, photographs, metal, plastics, and many other surfaces. Just give them a try to see for yourself. We love them and you will likely love them too. Just remember to have some fun with them.

Important Dates

- 1 Sep-Food Drive Begins
- 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 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

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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

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