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# Friends and Company Rubber Stamping and More...

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## *What's New?*

Greetings Everyone! Fall is not quite in the air but we all know that getting ready for it must begin soon. Life, as we know it, is much happier when we are prepared than if we are not. We have lots to prepare for here at the shop and we've been working on it for months so we are sure that you will make note on your next visit of all the new items that we have stocked up on. Whether you need to winterize the water faucets or begin preparing for those kiddies to get back into school, it all needs to get done. Don't forget to include some planning in there to get your holiday projects, including card making, at least underway so that you do not get totally caught up in the holiday frenzy.

One of the most planned for events of the year is just around the corner. Please don't forget to mark your calendars for our 8-year anniversary celebration scheduled for 10 and 11 September 2005. Can you believe that it's been 8 years and what a fabulous 8 years. We have lots of demos planned along with some great eats, fun, camaraderie, and a whole host of great "stuff". The WOWZA wheel with all of its great discounts will be here to greet all of you. We are extremely excited about this milestone and hope that you all are as well. We've definitely made it this far together and hope this trend will continue for years to come. Come celebrate with us and share in all the anticipated frivolity

The annual Auntie Amy Rubber Stamp Convention is not far off

either so now is the time to reserve your ticket(s). Details are inside this newsletter. We hope you also take time to visit us at the Friends and Company booth. We have lots of great "stuff" planned.

It seems like the Triathlon was months ago, but we continue to hear lots of reviews and have pre-registered several folks for next year even without a date. That lets us know we are doing it right and making people happy. We are happy as well and will announce the date for the 2006 Arts Triathlon as soon as it is available (early 2006). It was a spectacular day for all of us here at the shop and we want to thank everyone who participated in one way or another. An event such as this can only be done with a contingency of folks dedicated to

## **Eight-Year Anniversary Celebration**

Sat, 10 Sep 2005

10:00 – 5:00

Sun, 11 Sep 2005

11:00 -4:00

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

what they love to do. WHAT A TEAM!!

With the holidays just around the corner, we have begun our annual food drive. A quick reminder that every little bit helps so read on for more details. This is a great way of helping with very little effort.

We remain very busy at the shop but never too busy to stop what we are doing to say hello. Do stop by!

**“New” Stuff.** Holiday rubber stamps are just beginning to surface from many of our manufacturers. Along with some new and fun holiday rubber stamps, we have lots of old time favorites. So, once again, do check it out.

We recently received another huge order from Stampscapes. The Stampscapes classes offered in July were fabulous. New designs were introduced along with the very popular product called stampbord. This product will also be demo'ed at our anniversary celebration.

A modest order of Hanko Designs arrived just this week. Although not holiday, they are sure to please anyone who loves all those Asian rubber stamps already on the market. They have some great images to choose from.

We are expecting lots more so that the shelves are full to capacity for our anniversary celebration so, again, do make plans to join us.

## **O Accessories and More.**

We recently participated in the TKU event (a trade show) in Vancouver, WA. Not only was it a total blast, but it was energizing as

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well. After participating in 16 classes over the course of 2 days, we now have a huge base to draw on for adding accessories to our already bulging selection.

Several items have caught our attention with anticipated delivery over the next couple of weeks. Our first find is called a Chissler by ProvoCraft. This hand held tool operates on batteries and has several heads that can easily be interchanged. This tool allows you to “chisel” away part of a surface. It can also be used with brass templates, for example, to rough up the surface of paper while writing words. A demo is planned for the anniversary celebration so put it on your time table to see it for yourself. It’s kinda cool!!

The “Fastenator” was fascinating. It is simply a stapler that will attach 1/8” staples to any of your projects. Stapling with regular staples has become a hot trend so using decorative staples will undoubtedly add lots more pizzazz.

Lots of chipboard in varying sizes and pieces was also introduced. We, of course, had to have some so it is on its way.

Did we mention paper? There is so much new paper coming that we are not sure where to store it all. Die Cuts With A View, SEI, Cloud 9 Design and Deja Views are only a handful of what we have coming. The paper industry is definitely not lagging behind any longer.

We currently have every color of the Archival Inks in stock along with their re-inkers. It’s a great selection to choose from and also a great choice of ink in your toolbox.

Our ATC friends (Artist Trading Cards) will be glad to know that we now have ATC kits to draw inspiration from. We also have several miniature charms well suited to the ATC community. Decks of playing cards are now also

adorning the “just in” shelves. We’ve been searching for anything but the ordinary and we think you will be happy with what you see. The ATC club meets regularly on every second Tuesday of the month. We can hardly wait until they see these intriguing sets of playing cards.

Some things that we should not forget about include:

- McGill mini folder punch.
- McGill mini envelope punch.
- JustRite Pre-Inked Stampers. Some great themes to choose from with holiday ones coming very soon.
- Vintage Labels that are Peel and Stick. Perfect for collage work or projects that have a vintage look and feel to them.
- Lots of charms including a 3-inch oriental fan, large Asian coins, purses, small bicycles, crosses, and lots more.
- Scrapper’s block for that special distressed look that has become so very popular.
- Another shipment of TRIOs. Just goes to show just how popular they are.
- Lots of Tim Holtz’s products, including his entire line of papers, inkpads, alcohol inks, and his full line of do-dads.

There is lots more so stop in soon! Accessories arrive frequently.

### READ ALL ABOUT IT!

It’s absolutely amazing that it was more than 8 months ago when we made the very difficult decision to discontinue mailing our newsletter. Distribution in its current form appears to be working rather well. As always, for those of you who might find it difficult to pull from the internet or can’t make it into the shop as often as you would like, an easy solution is to provide us with six pre-addressed and pre-stamped envelopes. We will get your newsletter out pronto! Members of The Paper Connection

automatically receive a copy in their monthly boxes. Another great reason to become a member!

### Important Dates

- 1 Sep-Paper Connection Pick Up Date
- 1 Sep-Auntie Amy Tacoma Convention Tickets Available
- 10 Sep-8-Year Celebration
- 11 Sep-8-Year Celebration
- 13 Sep-ATC Club Mtg
- 15 Sep-QuicKutz Club Mtg
- 24 Sep-Jewelry & Bead Show at Friends and Co.
- 1 Oct-Paper Connection Pick Up Date
- 1 Oct-Auntie Amy Rubber Stamp Convention
- 11 Oct-ATC Club Mtg
- 20 Oct-QuicKutz Club Mtg

### And the Winner Is:

#### “Envy”lope contest Ends

Our 2005 “Envy”lope contest has come to a close and we are very happy to announce Kaylyn Hunter as the official winner in this year’s contest. Congratulations Kaylyn for your entry in the people choice award as receiving the most votes. Kaylyn will receive a \$100.00 gift certificate from Friends and Company for her exciting entry. All the entries were beyond fantastic and were so very fun to receive in the mail. We would like to thank each of you who participated for sharing your talents with the rest of the world. We don’t think that this contest is really over. Stay tuned for more as these entries hit the big time!!

### The Paper Connection

“The Paper Connection” continues to exceed our expectations. The Friday Connection classes have been a real hit and will continue to be showcased in our wonderful lineup of classes.

Congratulations have already been extended to Haley McLaughlin for her winning entry in our 1-year anniversary contest. Haley has already begun to enjoy her free 6-

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month membership to the Paper Connection. Now that's a bargain of fun, fun, fun!!

It's all about fun for us here at the shop. We hope it's what you are looking for as well and make it a part of your everyday "habits".

Now, if you are looking for fun and surprises, "The Paper Connection" may be just what you are looking for! This is an innovative, fun, and perhaps unique approach to owning paper and is made up of club members who just love pampering themselves. 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 which is all about paper. Members receive a 10% discount at Friends and Company on all stocked paper products during the time of membership. Sound appealing? More details are available at the shop

Now if this weren't enough, we've got more! For a very limited time only, Friends and Company is making available to members and non-members as well, an exclusive Holiday and Special Occasion Collection for 2005. This is a Special Edition of the Paper Connection in limited quantities with lots of great "stuff". Reserve your copy today for \$39.95. We are sure you will not want to miss this spectacular offer. Remember, this Holiday and Special Occasion Collection is limited so reserve your copy today while you are thinking about it.

### "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 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

- 14 Sep-Backgrounds  
w/Lindy Combs  
21 Sep-Fall Festival  
w/Diane Radischat  
28 Sep-Spotlight Cards  
w/Diane Radischat  
5 Oct-Quilt Designs  
w/Lindy Combs  
19 Oct-Gift Cards  
w/Diane Radischat

#### FRIDAY CLASSES

- 16 Sep-All Occasion  
w/Doris Goulet  
23 Sep-4-6 Petite Cards  
w/Doris Goulet  
14 Oct-Powdered Chalk  
w/Diane Radischat  
28 Oct-It's the  
Holidays  
w/Sandy Huff

### Auntie Amy's Rubber Stamp Convention

Friends and Company is pre-selling tickets for the 1 October 2005 Auntie Amy Unconventional Rubber Stamp Convention at the Tacoma Dome. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis at \$4.00 each. We are currently accepting self addressed and postage paid envelopes for mailing immediately upon receipt so do it NOW while it's fresh in your mind!!

Other rubber stamp and/or scrapbook stores also selling tickets

in this area include Scrapbooks Etc (co-sponsor of the Croppin at the Dome event); Monkey Love Rubber Stamps, Seattle; The Polka Dot Stop, Burien; and Pennywise Arts, North Bend. The expanded boundary in 2005 for ticket sales is fabulous and you surely will be able to easily pre-buy your tickets.

Each pre-purchased ticket includes an unmounted die, early entry by a 1/2 hour, and a savings of \$2.00.

Here are some convention tips and/or reminders for all of us and especially if this is your first ever convention.

- Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing.
- Carry a water bottle for some refueling.
- Be prepared with cash for a quick getaway at the crowded registers.
- Drag a tote along with wheels or a backpack or something that does not require carrying to put all your treasures in.
- Practice patience and remain composed with the large crowds.
- If going with friends, don't try to stick together. There is tons to see so make plans to meet periodically instead. Cell phones can be very handy.
- Take advantage of all the free demos and class events.
- Most of all – HAVE FUN!!

### **Carolyn's Corner**

Dear Carolyn – I am wondering if you have any tips or tricks to dry embossing. I really do like the look and love using chalks with it but I find it can get tedious and tiring on my hand. I have also had my papers tear from what I would call over use or maybe just too much "embossing". Any ideas or suggestions? Phyllis

Dear Phyllis – Dry embossing has always been a reasonably delicate art form for me. I also love the way

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it looks but have limited patience so until recently I usually did not do much dry embossing. Using waxed paper over your paper is an immediate help and will lessen the likelihood that your paper will tear. It is a very inexpensive "tool" but there is also a product called "Paper Glide" on the market which is also supposed to help with your stylus gliding over your paper. Both of these will likely help and are both reasonably cost effective. I must admit that I have taken up dry embossing again when I was recently introduced to a machine called "The Wizard". Being the skeptic that I am, I figured that it was just another marketing ploy when told that it would make dry embossing seem like a dream come true. You can probably take a look at one of these at your local rubber stamp store. Although it does not work with all brass stencils, it does work with many of them. I was fascinated with the results and I think you would be also. What will they think of next?

### Round It Up Fundraiser

Our collections for the "The Sweet Willie Foundation" are going well. Please remember to drop whatever change you might have into our giving jar at the desk. If you are interested in more information on this foundation, we are very happy to provide it to you. Larger, tax deductible donations, are also gladly accepted.

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

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 from September 1<sup>st</sup> and ending December 30<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to bring in non-perishable food donations any time 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 of regularly priced

merchandise good any time during the food drive. Our annual goal is better than 300 pounds and we would like to fill the Food Bank again this year! You have been extremely generous in years past and we hope to see many of you again this year.

### Class Notes

Our class lineup for September and October 2005 is exciting, full of holiday ideas, and presents many opportunities for fun and getting many projects started or completed. All levels of rubber stamping are available. Please do note these guidelines:

- Receive a class discount of 10% off your purchase the day of class. Excludes 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. Classes involving guest instructors require a full 14-day cancellation. 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 of their need.

### *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.

Exchange Policy. We will gladly exchange unused items within 30 days of sale but a sales receipt must accompany your request. No exchanges can be made for paper products, magazines, sale items or specialty items such as beads.

### **Tips and Things**

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