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Rubber Stamping and More...

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What's New?

Greetings Everyone! Summer has come very quickly this year so don't blink or you might miss it altogether. We all hope here at the shop that each and every one of you has time to play and enjoy what some of the summer has to offer. Besides those long lazy days of summer, don't forget the fun and frolic with family and friends which include visits to the beach, at least one barn raising picnic, perhaps a BBQ riboff or two, and lots of rubber stamping by taking your rubber studio outside for a change.

All of us here at the shop have totally shifted into the summer mode and we have to admit that it feels great!. What it means for us is that we are slowing down a bit particularly following two of the largest and most challenging events we have participated in thus far.

The "2004 Arts Triathlon" was a smashing good time. We all had a fabulous time and it really allowed all of our creative spirits to exude for a very full day of fun "stuff". We would once again like to thank Tim Holtz, Sherry Wilson, and "Jessi", our very talented lineup of instructors, for hosting such terrific classes as part of the Triathlon. A very special "Thank You" is also extended to all of our support staff (and there was lots) whose contributions, both small and large, helped to make the Triathlon such an outstanding event. WHAT A TEAM!! We love you ALL!

Although our "Scrap"acular event was not what we had hoped for, those participating had a grand time and so did we. The creative spirit was also present at this event so we know that we are headed in the right direction. A special "Thank You" is extended to Joanne Ellis for sharing her wonderful ideas and for her continued support in helping us capture a whole community of scrapbooking enthusiasts. You can be sure that you will see more in this area over the next few months.

Our new paper club, "The Paper Connection", continues to exceed our expectations. We are having so much fun in the process of developing each month's theme that it is hard for us to hold back. This new and innovative paper club is proving to be loads of fun and definitely responds to some of the needs that our enthusiasts have expressed so read more about it in this newsletter and step up to the pizza box!!

The summertime afternoon siestas are becoming a habit, however, they only spur us on in the planning and scheming of great and wonderful events. Just look at this lineup:

- -Another special visit by Tim Holtz is scheduled for August
- -We are furiously working on our annual July BBQ
- -Our 7-year anniversary plans are already underway
- -An Oktoberfest is likely to become a reality

- -Look for our second "Scrap"acular Event.

and who knows what else. There is so much "stuff" that we could go on and on and on but.... stay tuned as the summer evolves into fall and all of these events unfold. We want all of you to be a part of what is planned so we'll see you very soon!

O "New" Stuff. As many of you already know, we have placed ourselves on a self-imposed moratorium. Even though our staff keeps saying "You're kidding. With all the "stuff" that keeps coming in daily, how is that possible?" Well, let's put it this way. We are trying to resist and to focus on only the necessities but does that really happen? Nah! But you be the judges. You will find the store stuffed with products waiting for good homes so stop in to take a look for yourselves. We know you will like what you see!

We currently have more alphabet stamps than ever in the history of the store. These rubber stamps are extremely popular with both the rubber stamping and scrapbooking communities, so we continue to strive for a huge selection of these very versatile rubber stamps. We currently have tons of mounted alphabets and also a handful of unmounted which helps to keep costs down. We don't believe that you can have too many of these sets so please check out our selection.

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Some favorites include deliveries from Magenta, Hampton Art, Impression Obsession, Hero Arts, Paper Inspirations, Peddler's Pack, PSX, and so many more. Please note that the much awaited "Schooner" from Impression Obsession is finally in. Although we have lots, don't put off picking up yours today. The sample speaks for itself!

Lots of fun and very cool "stuff" so stop in and let us know how we are doing. We like to see you smile!

O *Accessories and More.*

Our line of accessories continues to grow at a fairly rapid rate. Most of what we currently stock is well suited to either the rubber stamper or the scrapbooker. A crossover of many products is totally possible and is only limited by one's imagination. Let your imaginations SOAR!!

One of our newest accessories, and proving to be very popular, is the QuickKutz Personal Die Cutting System. First introduced by Tim Holtz in early May, we were skeptical because of the costs and commitment one would have to make in owning such a system. Well, we are here to tell you that this very fun, creative, and extremely functional tool is one of the best and is most invigorating and rewarding. The possibilities are tremendous for creating card and page titles with a host of fonts along with shape pocket dies as well. A recent introduction of "goosebumps" has left us giddy and anxious to see what other new QuickKutz products are in the mill. This system is, without a doubt, a financial commitment so, before you plunge, please let us give you a personal tour. You won't be disappointed!

We now have fully stocked the new Adirondack Alcohol Inks along with their associated blending solution. These inks create a vibrant and polished effect on non-porous surfaces such as glossy paper, and are also acid free, permanent, quick drying, and transparent. Take your imagination to an extreme to include surfaces such as dominoes, shrink plastic, glass and other slick surfaces. Fun, fun, and more fun!

Excellent for both the rubber stamper and scrapbooker are "Top Off Your Page" and "Mini Toppers" from Cross-My-Heart in Dallas, TX. These very fun coordinated die-cuts can be used alone or mixed and matched with each other or with rubber stamps and prove to be perfect embellishments for either of these environments. There are lots of fun themes to choose from and surely something for everyone.

Just when we think we have seen them all, out come new and fun punches that further enhance any project you are working on. We have several of the new Paper Shapers from EK Success.

There is too much to tell you about when it comes to "7 Gypsies". An extremely eclectic company whose products are for anyone into altered books or altered anything for that matter. Lots of cool metal findings, bolts of twill with cool sayings, sheets of acetate with lots of words and sayings and just so much more. We have dedicated nearly a full wall of products that are unlike anything we have carried thus far so come in to check it out. Some of these great products are a must have for those toolboxes.

Some things that we should not forget about include:

- Bead chain from Making Memories in various colors.

- Reflective Interference Opalite Ink for use with dark papers.
- Classy Accents and Metal Mania embellishments.
- Old World Art Fracture Glaze to create the look of antique fractured ceramic on many surfaces, including paper.
- Black mounting squares from Making Memories.
- Crop In Style Pen Caddy which holds 75 pens, stands upright and folds flat.
- Premo Sculpey Polymer Clay.
- Petals Possibilities and Petal Pebbles for embellishing.
- Professional quality Sanford soft-lead Prismacolor pencils.
- A host of glass beads, jewelry making tools, and charms!

There is lots more so stop in soon!

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 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 membership is six months. Members receive a membership card valid for a 10% discount at Friends and Company on all

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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.

"ENVY"Lope Contest

At press time, the 2004 "Envy"lope contest was still underway with voting continuing through the end of June. A winner will be announced in early July and given appropriate credit in the next newsletter which includes a \$100.00 gift certificate to Friends. A second place winner will also be announced and awarded a \$15.00 coffee card from the Hotwire Online Coffeehouse. Entries will also be posted at the shop for your viewing pleasure so check it out.

Friends and Company would like to thank all individuals who participated. The entries are fabulous and have created a unique artful stir among those frequenting the Hotwire Online Coffeehouse. We would also like to thank the folks at Hotwire for their continued support and unique partnering in this endeavor. It simply means more fun for more people. Thanks Hotwire!!

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, Saturday, 2 October 2004 at the Tacoma Dome. Tickets will be available by 1 September on a first-come, first-served basis at \$4.00 each. Friends is currently accepting self addressed and postage paid envelopes for mailing immediately upon the receipt of tickets from Auntie Amy. Do it NOW!!

CARD SWAP INFO

Card swappers are taking the summer off! The bi-monthly card swap is on hold until fall. If you or anyone you know is interested in being a part of this fun group, please let us know at the shop. It's a great way to meet people, collect a great assortment of cards and an opportunity to enjoy 15% off your entire purchase the night of the swap. Don't pass this all up!

SENIOR NEWS

Our senior classes are also experiencing a summer slow down but promise to be as fun as always. 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 Jul-Lettering Fun
w/Doris Goulet
- 28 Jul-QuickKutz "Stuff"
w/Doris Goulet
- 11 Aug-Easy Backgrounds
w/Lindy Combs
- 18 Aug-Paper Collage
w/Sue Cramer
- 25 Aug-Holiday Cards
w/Lindy Combs

FRIDAY CLASSES

- 2 Jul-Asian Design
w/Sue Cramer
- 6 Aug-All Occasion
w/Doris Goulet

Class Notes

Although our class lineup for July and August is less intense due to our summer slow down, it continues to be terrific and presents many opportunities and challenges for all levels of rubber stamping and/or scrapbooking. A good range of techniques and class themes are offered that we are sure you will enjoy. 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.

- 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.

Carolyn's Corner

Good Grief!! Like so many others, Carolyn is on summer sabbatical. We have to admit that it has been quite a while since we have let Carolyn off the hook and given a "proper" vacation. So Carolyn – have fun with your summer totally ahead of you. We'll see you back in the fall with new vigor and tons of new tips and techniques that your readers are asking about.

If you have a tip or question for Carolyn, please forward to the shop and we'll make certain she gets it.

Important Dates

- 1 Jul-Paper Connection

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Pick-Up Date

2 Jul-Fourth of July Sale

3 Jul-Fourth of July Sale

4 Jul-Closed

Happy Fourth!

9 Jul-WS Street Fair

10 Jul-WS Street Fair

11 Jul-WS Street Fair

24 Jul-Annual BBQ and Demo

1 Aug-Paper Connection

Pick-Up Date

7 Aug-Special "Tim Holtz"

Series of Classes

Tips and Things

o Lose your newsletter? Go on-line
to www.friends-n-company.com

HAPPY STAMPING!!

Until the next time,

Take Care – Doris