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Rubber Stamping and More...

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What's New?

Greetings Everyone! It's finally here--summer that is. Yippie!!!! Summer is definitely a much anticipated time of the year. With all the summer heat that has descended upon us, the kids are running rampant with all the water play and frolic possible to stay cool. Ahhh the beauty of an air conditioned shop! But alas this will not last (does that rhyme) as we venture into a new chapter and begin to put together a transition plan for a move in early fall. The new location is without air conditioning but we truly hope that a better parking "arrangement" will make up for some of the benefits that we lose from our existing location.

We are excited and, again, hope that you will be as well. There will be lots to do between now and then so hang on for the ride. It promises to be a GREAT one! Oh, by the way, not to worry, we have extended our agreement for the current location until the end of September so rest assured that there is plenty of time for a visit or two at the shop. See you soon.

In other news, we just wrapped up our annual Arts Triathlon and, oh my goodness, what a terrific event. It was a day filled with wonderful art projects, lots of food and lots of fun and camaraderie with three great instructors who shared all of their talents all day long! A BIG thanks to John Petersen, former owner of InkogNEATo, Cheryl Darrow, Ten Seconds Studio, and Gretchen Ehram, artist and

designer for the Rubbermoon Stamp Company. It was fabulous!

We also want to take a minute to thank all of you who participated and helped make the Triathlon all that it could be. A particularly HUGE "thanks" is extended to our fabulous staff in all corners of the planning stages, polishing stages, and the finalization stages to make the entire event the success it was. We are continually blessed with such wonderful friends and can never tell them enough just how much we appreciate their being part of our team.

Please be sure to soak up some of the hazy and lazy days of summer. Rubberstamping and scrapbooking are perfect for filling not only your day but that of the kids as well. Let them explore their own artistic spirits and let them get messy. It's all part of the experience.

As always, we wish you well as the year unfolds and hope that you will remember to keep it fun. That's what it's all about - FUN!

"New" Stuff. We are always looking for new and interesting stamp companies and, although we are not attending, CHA Chicago is scheduled for July so our reps will likely be bringing back some wonderful new "stuff" in both rubber stamps and accessories. We are excited and hope to showcase much of this new "stuff" at our new location. How much more exciting can that be?

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, one of the triathlon legs was called "Out of Africa" so how appropriate it is to welcome our second order from Coronado Island. Coronado has fabulous designs and we love the selection available of all the safari animals and the many ethnic rubber stamps that are available as well.

We also just received a sizable order from the Rubbermoon Stamp Company showcasing many new designs from Gretchen Ehram. They are fun and lots of mischief so do check them out.

A new shipment from Memory Box of simple and easy rubber stamp designs has also just arrived. Many of the 6" x 6" paper packs that Memory Box is well known for were also included.

A small shipment just came from Peddlers pack and, although small, it has some great new designs including a new background stamp that Peddlers is so famous for. Some great summer designs are included and are sure to please any flip-flop artist!

We hope you will enjoy what you see on your next visit. As usual, if there is something you would like to see, please let us know and we'll do our best to bring it in for you as well as others to enjoy!

O *Accessories and More.*

Accessories, both old and new, arrive almost daily. With the previous mention of CHA in July, accessories are likely to accessorize our new location with lots of new

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and very fun “stuff”. We are totally looking forward to it and hope you are as well. With that in mind, here are some highlights on a few new accessories we already have along with some everyday accessories that we always have on hand.

- K&Company has done it again with their large selection of “Chipboards To Go”. Lots of words, shapes, letters, and way more are available in very nice containers that you’ll just love.
- A series of kits for making an assortment of books, including a tag book, simple star book, a book in a book, and more are now in stock. These great books continue to be available from InkogNEATo and its new owner Penny Wise Arts. We are glad to have them on board along with their fantastic micro beads.
- All the new StazOn Opaque colors are also now in stock. Lots of yummy colors to choose from.
- Ten Seconds Studio has outdone themselves with the awesome selection of border molds, tools, and so much more to showcase all their metal works. This is a fabulous opportunity for anyone who works with metal or clay. The selection is rather large so be prepared to stay a while.
- For those of you waiting for those Adirondack Metallic Mixatives, well, they are finally here. Pearl/Copper and Gold/Silver will certainly balance your already growing collection of these great inks.
- Just when we thought there couldn’t possibly be more, Ranger introduces a ton of new Distress Inks by Tim Holtz. We’ve got them all including the re-inkers so hurry while we are well stocked!

- Lots of new stickers from various manufacturers in different dimensions to accommodate any project.
- Paper is definitely an ongoing effort. The only way to describe it is that we have run out of paper racks and are looking for more. Lots of 12” x 12” already available with lots more to come. Don’t we just love our paper?

There is lots more so stop in soon! If we don’t have it and you want it, please do let us know.

Important Dates

- 1 Jul-Paper Connection
Pick Up Date
- 3 Jul-Closing at 4:00 pm
- 4 Jul-Closed
Happy 4th
- 11 Jul-ATC Club Mtg
- 14 Jul-WS Street Festival
- 15 Jul-WS Street Festival
- 16 Jul-WS Street Festival
- 28 Jul-Balcony Bash (Please
call for details)
- 1 Aug-Paper Connection
Pick Up Date
- 8 Aug-ATC Club Mtg
- 24 Aug-Doris’ Birthday-Get
54% off any one item

The Paper Connection

If you have ever wondered how best to support the store, joining “The Paper Connection” may be just the answer you are looking for. Being a member of the Paper Connection benefits both of us by providing you with a wonderful monthly themed pack of paper and collectibles and providing us with what we need to operate each month. Membership, coupled with the Friday Connection classes, has far exceeded our expectations and we are confident that as a member, you will enjoy its rewards. This innovative, fun, and perhaps unique approach to owning paper 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 are 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.

We are now including several color copy samples using the current theme to help get your creative spirits flowing. One might refer to it as “A Class In A Box”. These are easily replicated samples. It’s really a Win/Win so check it out!

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

- 12 Jul-Penny Black X
w/Diane Radischat
- 19 Jul-H₂O_s
w/Diane Radischat
- 26 Jul-Xmas w/K.Lockhart
w/Camille Parry
- 16 Aug-All Occasion
w/Doris Goulet
- 23 Aug-
w/Camille Parry
- 30 Aug-Picture Perfect
w/Diane Radischat

“Envy”lope contest

The fourth annual Friends and Company “Envy”lope contest for 2006 is currently underway and we need more participation. It is simple and it is easy so please refer to a previous newsletter for details or stop in at the shop. Entries must be

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postmarked by 31 July 2006 to qualify so hurry on in.

Carolyn's Corner

Dear Carolyn – I find paper to be a real challenge. I have discovered that most papers are intimidating to me which makes them hard to work with. I suspect it's only a phobia of sorts but what can I do to get past this phobia and make handling and using paper fun like it is for most people? Allison

Dear Allison – Well now Allison, this is a good one and one that has not passed my desk before. Let's see what we can do to help you.

First off, take any piece and any size decorative paper and tear it to shreds. It probably will feel good except that you might feel you have wasted money on the purchase of this paper. Tearing (but not into shreds) is often a method used to accentuate a card or project. Some people love it and some people hate it but it's definitely an option.

Paper may be intimidating for you because you have no idea what to do with it. Magazines are a tremendous help for ideas and suggestion for using decorative paper. Once you have cut into a piece, it becomes much easier each time you do it. Don't think that you have to use the whole sheet. Take a small piece and use it on a project. Put the rest aside for a project later on. To get past this "phobia", I suspect that you just need to get out there and play – lots of play. So many of us love paper but I can appreciate how difficult it might be for someone to use. There is so much to choose from so just pick a sheet and get started.

Something else you could do is get together with other friends who love this industry and play "copy cat" for a while and see what they do. Could be eye opening.

I hope this helps. The most important thing of course is to have fun so don't let it get the best of you. You'll discover a whole new world once you get going!

Convention Tips Puyallup Rubber Stamp Convention

A new rubber stamp convention is scheduled for the Puyallup Fairgrounds on 29 and 30 July. We know very little about it other than this is the first time for this convention in this area. We have the \$1.00 off admission card so stop in to pick one up if you plan to go. For more information, go to rubberstampandscrapbookexpo.com.

Also, please check out the May/June 2006 newsletter for some convention tips that are worth repeating and especially if this is your first ever convention.

Class Notes

Our class lineup for July and August presents many great opportunities. The lineup is full of terrific ideas and presents many opportunities for fun and getting projects started or completed for gift giving all year long. We are very pleased to include some new instructors so please check out the class schedule. 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.
- Some classes now require students to bring a "Basic Class Kit" with them to class. Please see the list of class descriptions for more information and what the kit needs to contain. Keeping costs down is essential, therefore, we hope that this new requirement will help do just that.

- Pre-payment required on ALL class registrations. No exceptions. Students who have not pre-paid may forfeit their space in class so please – do pre-pay.

- 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 30 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.

- If you have an OTT light and want to use it in class, please bring it along. Bringing other items to class unless specified, i.e., basic class kit, could result in the loss of your own tools so please refrain if possible. Please make certain that all items in your basic class kit are clearly marked with your own personal identifier.

We appreciate your becoming fully aware of these class policies and your understanding of their need.

Tips and Things

- o To make dots using a dauber (large or small), tap dauber onto your inkpad several times to get lots of ink onto it. Now "daub" your paper and to get a nice solid edge on the outside of the "daubed" spot, twist the dauber. A very uniform and attractive circle will result every time!

- o Inkpad dry? Don't throw it out. Most inkpads have re-inkers.

- o Pass our website on to anyone. It's www.friends-n-company.com

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HAPPY STAMPING!!

Until the next time,

Take Care – Doris