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# Friends and Company

## Rubber Stamping and More...

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### *What's New?*

Greetings Everyone! Summer is certainly drawing to a close in many ways including the fact that some schools are already in session. Somehow we must have blinked here at the shop and missed at least some of the summer. It just passed so very quickly. We did manage some fun in the sun but just not enough of it. We are extremely grateful for what we have and what we are able to do. Fall is our favorite time of the year so the good times will surely continue to roll. We hope here at the shop that you all have had a wonderful summer and are ready to take on fall followed by the holidays.

With fall just around the corner, we have been very busy at the shop preparing for our usual fall festivities but are also including an Oktoberfest event that we hope will be on the agenda for years to come. Details will follow under separate cover but do save Saturday, 27 October 2007 for this first time annual event. It's gonna be a blast!

We experienced a very successful 2007 Arts Triathlon since our last newsletter. Our instructors and their assistants were all fabulous and the projects, we think, went beyond attendees expectations. A special thank you to all the support staff who always work so hard to make this event so successful year after year! We are extremely grateful to all of them, our instructors, and also to all our very valuable attendees. We are already working on something for 2008 and

as soon as a date is available, you all will be the first to know.

Lots of great classes are planned for the fall newsletter period. We have also added an Altered Dex Club hosted by Maria Loomis and the ATC group, hosted by Margaret Dessell is always looking towards continuous growth. These clubs have tons to offer members and the expense is miniscule so do check them out. It boils down to lots of fun. Our great lineup of classes has something to offer many levels so decide where you would like to be and jump on in!!

Although August did not prove to be as much of a down time month as we had hoped, we did manage to attend a terrific trade show in Vancouver and bought lots of great "stuff" for you to check out. It is already arriving so visit soon.

As you will note later in this newsletter, our 10-year anniversary is here and we can hardly believe it. We want to celebrate and we want to celebrate with you. You are why we have reached this milestone and we want to show you our appreciation by offering a host of activities that we are sure you will enjoy. Lots of demos are planned, our WOWZA wheel will be available for discounts of up to 25% off, door prizes will be given out hourly, and, of course, we'll have some munchies and who know what else. Two full days of "stuff" are planned so please just stop in to say hello. We are always delighted when our day includes you!!

## 10-Year Anniversary Celebration

Sat, 8 Sep 2007  
10:00 – 4:00

Sun, 9 Sep 2007  
12:00 -4:00

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

**"New" Stuff.** Many of our old time rubber stamp companies are sporting new designs, especially for the holidays, and lots of great accessories are also in the works. This new "stuff" is slowly migrating to the shop and we hope to have a full installment by the end of September so that you have lots to choose from for all of your holiday greeting cards and holiday creations and/or projects. Lots of possibilities are available through our class offerings so check them out early and make plans early as well.

Karen Lockhart and the Lockhart Stamp Company have delivered

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their goods and they are definitely a must see. Some are very whimsical and fun and others, perfect for holiday gift giving, are more serious but still fun

B-Line Rubber Stamps continues to deliver its wonderful line of stamps. There are so many to choose from that it is often difficult to decide. Since our last newsletter, we have received two orders and another is expected soon. If you have not experienced this line of rubber stamps, you need to take some time to do just that. They are great!!

Inkadinkado is a line of rubber stamps that never ceases to amaze us. They are fun to look at, fun to use, and fun to make projects from. Their Halloween designs are beginning to arrive and are already a huge hit. Don't worry, we'll get whatever we need to keep the supply going. Do check them out!

Some of the old time favorites from Magenta have been restocked along with many new designs. Magenta has always been, and continues to be, one of our favorites. You might say that we grew up together and they have always been there for us.

Fall orders that are expected into the shop soon include the Outline Rubber Stamps, a company that we have not seen in a while. Also on the list are Hero Arts, Penny Black, Rubbermoon, and who knows what else. Stay tuned. It's a fun time of the year!

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

Accessories continue to spill in right along with all of the rubber stamps. We picked up a few new items from the trade show in Vancouver and are looking forward to sharing them with all of you as soon as they arrive.

Some of the newer items include Memory Glass in both frosted and clear. These pieces of glass, which come in four sizes, are ideal for

numerous projects including making jewelry! We also picked up the Memory Foil Tape in copper, gold, and silver which can be used in conjunction with the Memory Glass. We found that it is also very useful for foiling on Stampboard.

Brads continue to be prominent in many projects and also in greeting cards. We have a fairly large selection of brads that range from the plain 1-inch brad to the more exquisite brads used in wedding projects or simply for that special touch. Lots to look at!

We also have lots of new ribbon from the Offray Ribbon Company in Chester, NJ. This line of ribbon is sold in spools and generally contains enough ribbon to complete more than one project. Lots of polka dot fun. Themes of our ribbon spools also include our furry friends, i.e., cat and dog, and also several for the sports fan! Very cool!!

A very prominent item that we have been waiting for is the "Scrap-O-Dex" from Zsiage located in New York. The "Scrap-O-Dex" will likely take a prominent seat in the "Altered Dex Club" mentioned earlier and further showcased in our class schedule. The "Scrap-O-Dex" has the potential for so many outstanding creations including recipe collections, address and/or contact files which could be personalized with photos, calendar, planner, wedding planning and just so much more. Check out the club activities. You'll be glad you did!

Here are some things that you should consider as part of your toolbox or just for fun:

- Lots of designs and cool creations are possible with our large selection of boxes, purses, art boxes, from the Bare Elements line from Creative Imaginations. This

company takes paper crafting very seriously.

- A huge selection of sticker tablets with many themes that can be used by both the rubber stamper or the scrapbooker.
- Urban Bling that will add shimmer and sparkle to any project. Can be used for gift wrapping, décor accents, greeting cards, scrapbooking and so much more!
- Artist Trading Cards in packs of 100 all in white. Saves lots of cutting time.
- Collage packs from Mary Mata ideal for making ATCs and lots of other great "stuff"..
- Acid free and non-toxic Stickers for all your crafting projects! Select from among 25 yummy colors!
- Paper continues to be a passion and includes our paper club called the Paper Connection. Be a member today and share in all this paper wealth!
- We carry many inkpad refills for all the inkpads we carry. If we are out, please let us know and we'll get them for you.
- Most of the TenSeconds line of metal works including metal, tools, molds, wheels, and more. We just decided that for the entire month of September, all of the products in this great line will be offered at **20% off** their existing price. Think about getting a head start on some of your holiday gifts.
- We currently have at least 20 of the Penny Black sticker designs but more are on their way. Two very beautiful sticker designs are expected soon for truly easy Christmas card making. Can't wait!!

There is lots more and the shelves are brimming so take some time just for you and stop by to see things for yourself! We think you will be pleased!

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## The Paper Connection

OK, stop the presses. We are looking for new members to this terrific club and you may be just the right candidate. Read on for more information. Please take time to join and register today. It's loads of fun and its value is great also!

Looking for some fun? Looking for some surprises? Looking for something different? "The Paper Connection" may be exactly 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 paper now available on the market. The club consists of membership with monthly dues of \$19.95. 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. With each six month membership, members receive a 10% discount at Friends and Company on all 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.

## Class Notes

The September and October class lineup is fabulous. Challenges are available for all levels of bookmaking, rubber stamping, scrapbooking and much more. A wide range of techniques and class themes are being offered by our outstanding instructors. We are sure you will enjoy many of these

opportunities. 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.

- 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.

- Class cancellations require a 3-day notice for a full refund. Classes exceeding 3 hours in length require a 5-day notice. Classes with guest instructors require a 3-week cancellation and events such as the Balcony Bash or Scrapbooking Crop require a 2-week cancellation.

- 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.

- Please refrain from wearing perfumes and/or similar fragrances while attending classes. This will help to ensure that all students who are allergic can attend without cause to worry. We very much appreciate your cooperation for the enjoyment of all.

- 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. If a class requires you to bring a supply list, please be sure to

distinctively mark your items to make certain of ownership.

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

## "ENVY" Lope Contest

Our Congratulations is extended to Linda Riegelsberger, our 2007 "Envy"lope contest winner. Linda received a \$100 gift certificate to the shop as the first-place winner. Many thanks to all of you who took time to vote but an especially HUGE thanks goes to all of you who took time to participate. All entries are posted at the shop for your viewing pleasure. They are, simply stated, magnificent.

## Happy Birthday

A reminder that you can receive 25% off on any one rubber stamp or stamp set 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 your fire alarms as one part of your automatic celebration! An added bonus is that the balcony is available for birthday parties (and other events) by simply reserving the space. Special arrangements can also be made for any of the particulars, i.e., food, instructor, etc. Just give us a call!

## SENIOR NEWS

Our senior classes continue to be lots of fun. Classes begin at 10:30 a.m. (note change) with pre-registration required. The fee per class is \$12.00. All other class guidelines apply.

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## PLEASE NOTE THAT SENIOR CLASSES HAVE BEEN MOVED TO MONDAYS.

We hope this move and time change will accommodate many folks who have requested these changes. Please let us know how we are doing!

### MONDAY CLASSES

- 10 Sep-Colors of Fall  
w/Diane Radischat
- 17 Sep-Chalks On Paper  
w/Diane Radischat
- 24 Sep-Fall Fun  
w/Doris Goulet
  
- 1 Oct-Trick or Treat  
w/Diane Radischat
- 8 Oct-Lockhart Designs  
w/Doris Goulet
- 15 Oct-All Occasion  
w/Doris Goulet
- 22 Oct-Holiday Cards  
w/Diane Radischat

## Carolyn's Corner

Dear Carolyn – Over the years, I have bought several hole making devices primarily to set eyelets (which I dearly love) but I am still not very pleased with what I have invested in so far. Could you please suggest some choices that would be available to myself and to others who might like help in this area. I'm tired of spending money on products that just don't seem to work efficiently. Katherine

Dear Katherine – I know that it will be hard to believe, but I am still a die hard when it comes to hole punching. It's hard for me to get away from the original hole maker which I don't believe really has a name. It's the steel metal post that makes a hole anywhere – and I mean anywhere. The problem with this tool that many found a "hazard" is that a hammer is required to hit the metal post in order to create a hole. Personally, I have no trouble with this option, however, the market saw a need for something different so lots of other tools were popping in haphazardly.

Since the initial steel post, nothing has come close to it except for a punch called "Screw Punch". This particular punch is often referred to as a Japanese Screw Punch as it is manufactured in Japan but has no real identifiable information about it on the packaging. Book makers, hobbyists, and lots of folks in the rubber stamping and scrapbooking world are sold on the Japanese Screw Punch so I would advise that you contact your local store to see if it can be ordered for you. The price point is just OK (about \$45.00) but I do believe that you will find it easy to use and, in the long run, quite affordable.

Dear Carolyn – What is the least expensive embellishment that a stamper could use to add pizzazz or bling to a project? Just curious what you might think? Maria

Dear Maria – This really is a tough choice and I have given it lots of thought since receiving your letter. I think for me that it boils down to brads. If you are not familiar with them, get acquainted with them as they offer lots of options for adding that pizzazz you are looking for. They are relatively inexpensive and very easy to use. You can also paint them, use rub-ons over them, and do just about anything you want with them. Most rubber stamp stores carry them and now scrapbooking stores do as well. A piece of caution, however, is that there are many to choose from so this just might be the hard part. If you are like many of us – gotta have them all, hence, forget about the least expensive part of your question! Just move on to the next chapter.....

### ***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. 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 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 are allowed. No returns of any sort are permitted on discounted items of 40% or more. We are sure that you understand the necessity for these policies and will support them.

### **Important Dates**

- 1 Sep-Paper Connection Pickup Date
- 2 Sep-Altered Dex Club Meeting
- 8 Sep-ATC Club Meeting
- 8 Sep-10-Year Anniversary Celebration
- 9 Sep-10-Year Anniversary Celebration
- 28 Sep-Crop 'Til You Drop
  
- 1 Oct-Paper Connection Pickup Date
- 7 Oct-Altered Dex Club Meeting
- 13 Oct-ATC Club Meeting
- 19 Oct-Crop 'Til You Drop
- 26 Oct-Balcony Bash
- 31 Oct-Happy Halloween!

## Tips and Things

o Lose your newsletter? Go on-line to [www.friends-n-company.com](http://www.friends-n-company.com).

o Glenn Huff and Phil Smith –both friends, both retired, both bored. Looking for small handyman jobs that no one else wants to do because they are too small. Call the shop today and we will get you connected. They are also building references if you require any!

o Need a quick fix for frayed paper? Simply use an Emery Board and sand the frayed edge lightly.

HAPPY STAMPING!!

Until the next time,  
Take Care – Doris