Hi everyone

We hope that everyone got to spend some time over the last month enjoying our gorgeous Autumn weather. We were blessed with some fabulous sunny weekends & that always brings a smile to our faces whether you are playing sport, bush walking or crafting in your sunroom. Chris is back on deck a couple of days a week after great feedback from her surgeon about her progress so far. This would not have been possible without the wonderful team of ladies who took over the reigns during her time in hospital & rehab. Many, many thanks to Jenn, Tamara & Vanessa for holding the fort & running the show so smoothly. Many of you met these wonderful ladies for the first time & enjoyed their new classes during Chris's absence. They will continue sharing teaching & shop duties during May for which we are very grateful. They've been unpacking lots of boxes & here are some of our new goodies.

What's new: -

A couple of weeks ago we received a long-awaited delivery of new stamps from
Lavinia. They have been extremely popular & we hope to find time to create some
new cards with them soon. In the meantime, you can do something fabulous with
them yourself. They have released a couple of beautiful new toadstools (& a set of
fairy ladders to go with them), Noof the fluffy cat, 2 different music staves &
notes, small pixie houses, woodland ferns, witches hat, flower pods, small lanterns &
three different sets of gorgeous dancing mice.



- We also received some great new stamps from Darkroom door in April. The small, sketched alphabet is fabulous for journals or scrapbook pages, but is also small enough to personalise cards too. They have made some beautiful cards with the maple leaf background stamp on their blog & the new collage hearts & squares team up very well with their stencils. New abstract stamps are coming this week too.
- Tim Holtz has released some fabulous new decorative tape packs. Pack one "marbled" is a set of 3 wide tapes & pack 2 "trims" contains 12 narrower tapes.
 In the same release we received some foundry wax packs. These are used to create a luminous metallic look on your projects with or without the aid of a heat tool. Twin Packs include mined/gilded and stirling/statue. All are pictured below.
- For something completely different "Spring gnomes" is a lovely new collection of pastel gnome images & sentiments from The paper boutique. We'll be using these cheery 8x8 pads to create a set of class cards for June so keep an eye out for them.



 Sizzix have released another fabulous collection of Tim Holtz dies & embossing folders & we have chosen a few that we loved including the silhouette birds, brush stroke butterflies & artsy stem die sets. We also love the new 3D texture fades embossing folders cracked leather & woven to add some fabulous dimension to your projects.



Classes

We're delighted to welcome Meagan to the team at Coldstream to add another dimension to our papercraft classes. Meagan loves to work with mixed media & her first project is a beautiful art journal page with an underwater theme using some gorgeous Lavinia stamps. You will learn to make your own collage tissue paper using a gelli plate, paints, stencils & stamping techniques. You have the choice of creating a single journaling page or you can bring along your own 9×12 inch art journal to work with. Meagan's first class will be:-

• Sunday 29th May from 1pm - 4pm

We will arranging further dates as required. Cost is \$28 if you bring your own journal or \$30 for journaling card to be supplied.

Scrap booking

Vanessa has created two beautiful soft pink & rose gold layouts using the Mintay "City of Love" collection. Depending on your photos, embellishments can include lace, hearts, flowers, ivy, teacups & cake. Layouts are on display at the shop & classes with availability are:-

- Monday 30th May 10am 1pm City of Love layouts with Vanessa \$25
- Saturday 4th June 11am 2pm City of Love layouts with Vanessa \$25

Card making

Jenn will be taking a well-earned break from teaching for a few weeks & we look forward to seeing her back with some more fabulous card making ideas soon.

Tamara will be continuing with her Simon Hurley stamping foam classes this month. You will learn to use many things you have in your stash including embossing folders, dies, stencils & even random patterned things from around the house like paper towels, placemats, jumpers, feathers, leaves etc. You will also play with a few different colouring techniques & will turn some of your creations into fabulous backgrounds.

Vanessa has a created a beautiful new set of 4 cards using the Mintay "City of Love" collection which includes a rocker card, gatefold card & side-step fold card. These pretty cards are suitable for all occasions & skill levels.

"Outback friends" is a lovely Australian collection by Paper Rose & by popular demand Vanessa is still teaching her gorgeous 4 card class using this rustic, Aussie animal themed range. Cards are suitable for all occasions & skill levels.

Chris is creating a set of cards using Stamperia "Savana" papers. They have a wild animal/safari theme & will be on display at the shop in the next week or so & certainly by the 25^{th} May when we are scheduled to have our first class!!!! There will be more dates next month if you'd like to see them before committing to class - LOL.

Dates with availability for all classes are listed below:-

- Thursday 5th May 10am 1pm 3 Stamping foam technique cards with Tamara \$25
- Saturday 7th May 11am 2pm 4 city of love cards with Vanessa \$25
- Tuesday 10th May 10am 1pm 4 Outback friends cards with Vanessa \$25
- Saturday 14th May 11am 2pm 3 Stamping Foam technique cards with Tamara \$25
- Wednesday 25th May 9-30am 1pm 4 Savanna cards with Chris \$25
- Thursday 26th May 10am 1pm alcohol ink spinner 3 card class with Tamara \$25
- Sunday 29th May 1pm-4pm "Under the sea" art journaling techniques with Meagan \$30

All of our projects are on display at the shop. If there are any classes you'd like to do & the dates don't suit, get in touch & we'll arrange alternatives for you.

Keep smiling 💙



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