

Hi everyone,

After a wonderful, warm holiday Chris has returned refreshed & relaxed. A huge thanks to Jenn, Meagan, Tamara & Vanessa for holding the fort in her absence. Without these amazing girls a rest would not be possible, so we are very lucky to have them. Apart from teaching some fabulous classes & assisting customers they have been unpacking plenty of boxes with lots of new craft goodies.

What's new

- Our stamp pressure tools have finally arrived. Some clever people have made their own, but if you don't have those skills or you are time poor, this tool is fabulous. It helps to apply firm pressure all over your stamp when using your stamp platform



- Tim Holtz has another new product for us to play with because clearly there aren't enough options in the distress range. Our new Distress Spritz has arrived & we've done colour swatches on both black & white cardstock. It's a pigment ink in a clear liquid unlike the dye-based inks, distress sprays/stains or mica stains that have coloured powder in a coloured liquid base. There are going to be new storage tins to fit these bottles, but they won't be available until October. The range starts with 12 colours & will likely expand in the future.
- Tim Holtz has also been busy designing new scissors. We have the smaller secateur style as well as the 9-5 inch longer shears with an open top handle pictured above. They are titanium coated, non-serrated & the flexible handles are very comfortable for people who have swollen hands/fingers. They both come with covers for the blades & each has 2 springs for variable tension.
- Many people are using 6x8 albums to store stamps & dies. We have purchased these bright 6x8 albums & have plenty of 10pkt refills for them. Of course these could also be used for small scrapbooking albums if you didn't want to use the regular 12x12 options.



- Art Impressions have a range of tiny stamps that make up what they call matchbook cards. They have just released these new miniature stamp & die sets & we thought we'd give them a try for regular card making & scrapbooking. The first set is for lovers of golf 'Let's Par-tee' & 'keep it reel' for lovers of fishing. We'll have a play with these & see if we'd like to stock others in the range.



- The remaining Graphic 45 papers from the 'Flights of Fancy' collection have finally arrived & are pictured above. These beautiful vibrant pages would make fabulous card fronts without doing much else & will also work beautifully with other 12x12 sheets in the collection.
- For those of you wanting to get a head start on 2025, calendar tab 10 packs have arrived.
- Lavinia have designed another beautiful new range called 'The sunbloom collection' featuring fairies, bees, flowers & hummingbirds. Wholesale orders open this coming Friday so we shall put ours in then. We will be getting all stamps in the range so if there's any you would like, let us know & we will call you when they get here. Our order is likely to be here mid-late July.
- Our final Darkroom door order arrived today 😞. We will contact those of you who had special orders over the next few days to arrange pick up. We have topped up on our favourites, but don't forget that there will be no more. If you have something you love we suggest you get us to put it aside for you.

Classes

We've had lots of class cancellations lately due to illness, so we hope it's a better month for everyone. There are not a lot of classes with availability this month as we are filling places for make-up classes.

Art Journaling

Meagan has only one class with availability during July being her 'Sheep happens' page. 'Baa bara' is a gorgeous sheep stamp set from Pink Ink designs. Meagan has brought her to life starting with a Gelly printed background using distress oxide & Lavinia mica sprays then adding stencils, gesso, stamping, collage, Tim Holtz water colour pencils & collage tissue paper.

- Sunday 21st July - 12noon - 3pm - 'Sheep happens' art journaling page with Meagan \$30

If you would like to be on a waiting list for any of Meagan's classes please let us know your preferred days & we will hopefully be able to slot you in somewhere

Card-making

Tamara has several classes on the go this month, but they are very popular & only one has availability. This set of 4 cards features some terrific stencilling techniques. In this class you learn many ways to use stencils including embossing glaze, ink blending/resist & a fabulous boho technique.

Vanessa's new cards for July are using the Mintay 'Spring is here' paper range. Her four lovely cards feature pretty florals, butterflies, bird houses & bunnies on pastel backgrounds. These gorgeous cards are suitable for all occasions & the class is good for all ability levels.

Chris

Chris is still teaching her 5-card class using the vibrant **Paper Rose 'Rainbow twirl'** 6x6 paper pad in July. These cards have a dragon fly theme & are enhanced by the matching embossed/glazed embellishments. We stamp/emboss/colour a beautiful woodware dragon fly pond stamp on vellum, create a bright background using alcohol ink on translucent yupo & make 3 other interesting cards using this beautiful paper range

She has also created a 10-card set using the **Echo Park 'Winnie the Pooh'** 6x6 paper pad & some 12x12 sheets. This set is all about classic Pooh themes of friendship & hugs. We create 4-dimensional fold cards, a couple of embossing glaze technique cards, a shaker card & we use the two gorgeous stamp sets for some colouring. Cards are on display at the shop.

These are card-making dates with availability in July: -

- Saturday 6th July - 11am - 2pm - 4 Mintay 'Spring is here' cards with Vanessa \$28
- Saturday 13th July- 11am - 2pm - 4 Stencil technique cards with Tamara \$28
- Thursday 25th July 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'Spring is here' cards with Vanessa \$28
- Friday 26th July 10am - 4pm - 10 Winnie the pooh cards with Chris \$65
- Tuesday 30th July 9-30am - 12-30pm - 5 Mintay 'The great outdoors' part 1 cards with Chris \$32

For customers who have been around for a while you will be aware of the transformation of our former shop/house at the front of number 6 Melrose Avenue. We have a tenant moving in shortly & we will have 'no parking' signs on the driveway & the front parking area. Under no circumstances are customers to park in these places. Please use the parking area in the back yard or street parking if this area is full.

Keep smiling



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