

Hi everyone

What a wet month we have had! It's been a nightmare for our rear carpark, but the good news is that we have laid 6 metres of rock to make it much more suitable to drive & park on. The plan is for it to be useable in all weather now. We're sorry if you got muddy feet or you were stuck parking a long way up the street. It's been a huge job, but we're happy with the result. In wet weather we need to stick to the gravel surface, but once it warms up we will resort to the full carpark & grassy area.

### What's new

It's been a quiet month for new deliveries. We've still had heaps of boxes arriving, but most are replenishment stock. Here are our new arrivals: -

- A couple of weeks ago we received this beautiful new Lavinia range of stamps called 'The sunbloom collection'. It features fairies, bees, flowers & hummingbirds pictured below. In a subsequent top-up order we received a small number of Lavinia 2025 calendars. Their new-style calendar is one you create yourself with each month having its own page. Lavinia have some guidance videos if you chose to follow them or you can decorate each month as you like. If you would like one of these please let us know so you don't miss out. We won't be stocking a large quantity as we are unable to sell them after the year has passed.



- We love the new Christmas embellishments from Paper Rose. The matching paper range are is very similar to some we have in stock so we didn't get it, but we do have the fabulously festive 'Jolly holidays' embossed die cuts pictured below & the cut apart pack for those of you with time on your hands! We are sure to have some more Paper Rose Christmas stock as it is released.



- Tamara & Chris have been using Tim Holtz collage paper in recent projects & Meagan regularly uses it on her art journaling pages. We were delighted to see this new release 30 pack with two of each 15 designs pictured above. Tamara is teaching some great techniques to colour the black printed images on collage papers & has a class in August described below. This set are the perfect size for a cardfront or they can be trimmed for lots of other craft projects

- We are looking forward to our 2024 Christmas ranges arriving over the next couple of weeks. 'Christmas blessings' from Mintay is a blue/golden beige colour scheme to make a nice change from the traditional Christmas reds & greens. We have 6x6 pads, die cuts and 12x12 fussy cut & label sheets coming in this collection.
- We also have a couple of traditional Christmas ranges coming soon including the 6x6 Prima paper pads & ephemera called 'North pole'. 'Merry & Bright' is a wonderful new collection from Graphic 45 with 12x12 papers, 8x8 & 12x12 paper packs, ephemera & rub-ons. Both of these collections are decorated with deep red & dark green Christmas designs & will be here soon.

## Classes

### Card-making

**Vanessa's** new cards for August are using the 13@rts 'Flow with colour' paper range. Her four lovely cards feature pretty florals, butterflies, & feminine images on soft pink, mint green, lemon & mauve backgrounds. This set include 3 beautiful, dimensional cards & a shaker card.

**Tamara** is heading away for a well-deserved break soon. She has two fabulous classes with availability before she leaves & will be returning in late September.

- In her new 4 card class you will learn ways to use Tim Holtz collage paper similar to what is pictured above. One of the cards features collage paper with a coloured bird print. The remaining 3 cards are using 'botanical' collage paper with black printed images & Tamara will teach you to add colour using watercolour paint & the new Tim Holtz spritzes. This wonderful card set includes a 2025 calendar easel & all are on display. We will schedule more classes when Tamara returns.
- Tamara also has a lovely set of 4 bright cards called 'Circling the rainbow'. This class combines some of the Paper Rose rainbow collection papers. You will have a choice of colours to pair with some graduated Bazzill colours learning some beautiful, layered circle techniques. The gorgeous, embossed butterfly die cuts make a beautiful addition to these cards. Finally, you will create a unique circular rotating card using pretty floral patterns.

### Chris

Chris has been busy shovelling rock to create a carpark, but she will have some new card classes complete & on display by mid-August. One group of cards that are almost finished is our first Christmas set for 2024. Chris is using the Paper Rose 'Christmas Holidays' 6x6 paper pad to create 5 rustic Christmas cards with a bit of an Australian theme. In this set we will be using some of our favourite card designs that are relatively simple to repeat for Christmas including a waterfall, pillar-fold & twist/pop cards. These will be on display next week & others will follow throughout August after we receive the new collections.

Chris has been teaching a very popular 10-card class using the Mintay 'Great outdoors' 6x6 paper pad throughout the year. In August we are offering an abbreviated 5 card lesson using these papers. The 5 card set will include the stamped reflection card, distress crayon technique card, water coloured embossing folder technique, rustic stamped/coloured card & a gatefold with a twist.

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

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August - 10am - 1pm - 4 13@rts 'Flow with colours' cards with Vanessa \$28
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August - 10am - 1pm - 4 Paper Rose 'Circling the rainbow' cards with Tamara \$28
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August - 11am - 2pm - 4 Collage paper technique cards with Tamara \$28
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August - 9-30am - 12-30 - 5 Paper Rose 'Rainbow twirl' cards with Chris \$30
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 9-30 - 12-30 - 5 Mintay 'The Great Outdoors' cards with Chris \$32
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August - 10am - 1pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Christmas holidays' cards with Chris \$32
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August - 9-30am - 12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Christmas holidays' cards with Chris \$32
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August - 9-30am - 12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Christmas holidays' cards with Chris \$32

## Scrapbooking

Vanessa has designed an amazing couple of pages using the 13@rts 'vintage in blue' collection. She has enhanced the lovely 'steampunky' blue & brown embellishments in this collection with some of her favourite rose gold & it looks fabulous.

- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August - 10am - 1pm 2 'Vintage in blue' scrapbooking pages with Vanessa \$28

Vanessa has also created some layouts with the gorgeous pastel collection 'Flow with colours' from 13@rts. These pages feature pretty floral embellishments, butterflies & feminine images. This class doesn't have any availability in August, but we can arrange dates for either class to suit you. Both layouts are on display at the shop.

Chris has created some scrapbooking layouts using the Mintay 'Great outdoors' collection. In this class we use distress oxide ink, crackle medium & stencils to create backgrounds for this rustic theme. Photos that work well with this class include camping, hiking or anything outdoorsy.

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August - 2pm - 5pm- 2 Mintay 'Great outdoors' layouts with Chris \$28

## Art Journaling

Meagan is repeating one of her most popular art journaling projects & has one class with availability for August. The page is titled 'Home' & Meagan uses the wonderful Lavinia bottle mask stencil sets along with some of their gorgeous new stamps. In this class you learn to create a stencil ghosting background & build a scene using stamps, masks & inking techniques

- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 10am - 1pm - 'Home' art journaling page \$30

We are aiming to create a new day in our calendar for Meagan later in the year. In the meantime, if you would like to be on a waiting list for any of her classes please let us know your preferred days & we may be able to slot you in somewhere.

Keep smiling



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