

Hi everyone

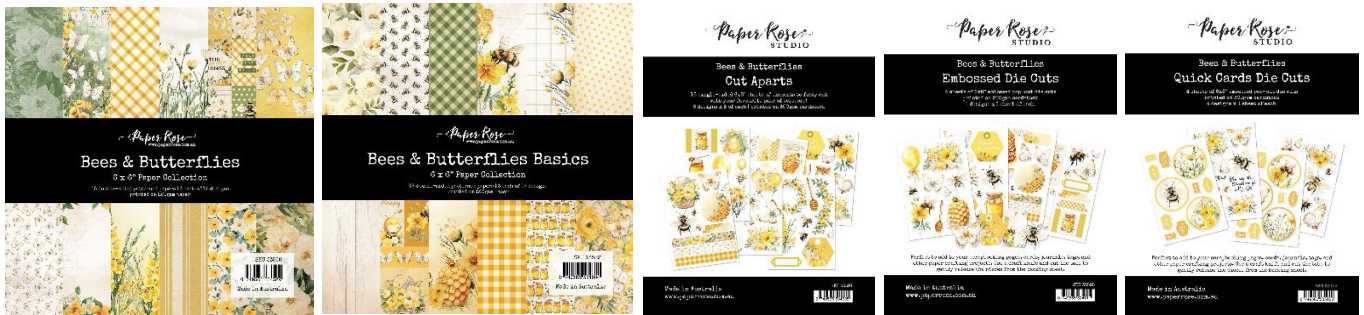
We hope you are all getting back into the swing of things after most of us have had a relaxing start to the year. It has been a huge month for us & we have so much to tell you about!

The good news needs to be first! We have been speaking with Aida Domisiewicz from 13@rts in Poland & we are delighted to announce that she will be coming later this year! The craft weekend will be from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October with 4 classes in total. We're having 2 card-making workshops making the same cards, one scrapbook & one mixed media technique class. The final details, cost & times are still to be decided & we will have more information in our March Newsletter. For Aida's last visit we took an 'Expression of interest' list. If you think you'd like to join us, you can provide your name & contact details & you will be first on the list when details are finalised. No payments will be accepted until everything is set. If you decide not to participate there will be no cost. We are forming a list now.

The bad news is that one of our big suppliers 'Creative Expressions' will be closing next week. We will soon be unable to purchase their own branded goods, along with Cosmic Shimmer, Woodware, Pink Ink Designs & Andy Skinner stamps to name a few. Some of their products have been unavailable for months & they have obviously not been re-ordering stock for some time. It's always a sad day when a wonderful business closes their doors. In years gone by the business would be taken over, but unfortunately the craft industry (as with other industries) is suffering from Chinese companies copying designs & selling them for nothing, so a takeover is probably not viable. We have ordered top-ups of our favourite products where available, but if you have something you love, now would be a good time to buy it before there are no more.

### What's new -

- Paper Rose have released a gorgeous new range called 'Bees & Butterflies' which is a predominantly yellow & gold base with touches of green & white. There are plenty of bees & butterflies as the name suggests, with pretty florals, plaids, honey pots & honeycomb. There are two collections & we couldn't decide which to get so we have both original & basics in 6x6 paper packs, some 12x12 papers, embossed die cuts, cut aparts & the new quick cards die cuts as pictured. 12x12 paper packs have been ordered & will be here soon.



- Our 12 new Versafine Clair ink colours have finally arrived. These pads are perfect for stamping as their oil-based pigment ink composition provides the crispest stamped image. These are the go-to inks for Lavinia stamps & we now have 32 fabulous colours in stock. It is not surprising that the re-inkers are not yet available. We hope to have news on them soon.



- AAll & Create are a new brand for us. They have some new & interesting stencils that we love starting with this one called 'Lotza Dots'. Keep an eye out for some projects using this.

- Bazzill Bling 'Diamond' white cardstock is finally available! It's been on backorder for over 6 months & ours will be here next week from the USA
- We have ordered 3 wonderful new Mintay ranges & really look forward to receiving them soon. Keep an eye out for 'Photographer', 'Blossom Serenity' & 'Home Sweet Home' in the next couple of weeks. Pictures will be in our March news.

## Classes

We've spent the last couple of weeks doing a some re-shuffling. We have so many classes throughout each week, but they are all generally filled with regular students. If you are keen to join a regular class we have added a few new class days to our monthly calendar & they are listed below. In the meantime, we have all been busy creating over the summer break & have some lovely new projects for you.

### Art Journaling

We are delighted to have **Meagan** teaching for an extra day in each month & finally have some of her classes with regular availability: -

- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 10am -1pm - Lavinia 'Forest Collage' art journal page with Meagan \$30
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2pm - 5pm - 'Curiouser & Curiouser' art journaling page with Meagan \$30

'**Curiouser & Curiouser**' is one of Meagan's fabulous new creations for 2025 with an Alice in Wonderland theme using Graphic 45 papers. In this class Meagan teaches you to create a mixed Media background using a gelli plate, texture paste, paint, gesso, collage paper, patterned paper & 13@rts 'Colorglow' powders. Your page is completed by collaging the Graphic 45 papers & playing cards then adding watercolour pencil for shadowing.

'**Forest Collage**' is another beautiful new page created by Meagan. In this class you will create your background with Lavinia Elements inks & stencils before building up a layered forest scene with various different stamping techniques & many Lavinia stamps. Finally, you colour your stamped images with alcohol markers, elements inks, Stardust Gelli roll pens & glitter brush pens.

### Scrap-booking

We are equally delighted to have an extra monthly session of scrapbooking with **Vanessa**. Along with her regular Wednesday class, she now has a class on Saturday morning. In her first Saturday class she will be teaching a fabulous travel layout using Mintay 'Places we go' range. Her page is on display at the shop & if you'd like to join in this class will be: -

- **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 10am - 1pm** 'Places we go' scrapbooking layouts with Vanessa \$30

Further scrapbooking classes with availability for Vanessa will be on the **2nd Saturday of the month**.

### Card-making

**Tamara** has a new class on the **4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month from 2-5pm**. For her first Friday class this year she will be repeating a wonderful Alcohol ink technique class. In this class you create an amazing background using a salad spinner, an interactive shooting star card & a fabulous beehive card - all using alcohol inks in different ways.

- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2pm - 5pm - 3 alcohol ink technique cards with Tamara \$30

Many of you have been asking for Masculine cards & **Vanessa** has created a lovely set of 4 using Mintay 'Garage' range. She has combined her fabulous dimensional cards with silver mirror board, corrugated card & some garagey embellishments. Dates are listed below.

**Chris** has made a set of 5 beautiful cards using an older Mintay 6x6 paper pad called 'Blissful Time'. This set of cards includes a floral gel press background, a gorgeous Lavinia stamped & coloured image, simple pinwheel, gatefold & a new exploding

She has recently started creating a new set of 10 cards using Mintay 'By the lake' These will be complete next week & there will be more dates for class in our March newsletter

Chris continues to teach her set of 5 cards using the Paper Rose 'Cozy Fall' 12x12 papers. The cards feature florals, books & knitting images on beautiful, muted pink, yellow, orange, sage green & blue coloured backgrounds. We use embossing glaze, texture paste, stencils, watercolour pencils, blended inks & sticky masks to make these colours pop

Chris is also teaching a 3-card class using the pretty 'Flight of fancy' papers from Graphic 45 this month. In this class we create 3 backgrounds using pixie powders, texture paste, distress oxide inks & new distress spritz. The backgrounds compliment the gorgeous pastel coloured hummingbird & butterfly images in this paper range.

She has discovered some cardmaking kits using Couture Creations Vintage Tea 12x12 paper pack from 2023. The four paper tole cards include a gatefold easel, concertina window tab, triple circle window & a simple A5 layered card. Cards are on display at the shop & we have enough kits for one more class listed below

Classes with availability in February are listed below. Those with a star (\*) have regular places every month outlined in yellow, others are just random places for January/February: -

- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 9-30am - 12-30pm 3 'Flight of Fancy' cards with Chris \$28 (\*4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January - 9-30am - 12-30pm 5 'Cozy Fall' cards with Chris \$32
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January - 10am - 4pm - 10 Mintay 'By the Lake' cards with Chris \$68
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February - 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'Garage' cards with Vanessa \$30 (\*1<sup>st</sup> Saturday)
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'Garage' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'Garage' cards with Vanessa \$30 (\*1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February - 9-30 - 12-30 - 5 Mintay 'Blissful time' cards with Chris \$35 (\*1<sup>st</sup> Friday)
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 10am - 1pm - 5 Mintay 'Blissful time' cards with Chris \$35 \*(2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 10am - 1pm - 4 Vintage Tea cards with Chris \$32
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 9-30am-12-30 - 5 Alice in Wonderland cards with Chris \$32 (\*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 9-30 - 12-30 - 5 Mintay 'Great outdoors' cards with Chris \$32 (\*3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 9-30 - 12-30 - 5 Mintay 'Blissful Time' cards with Chris \$35 (\*4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2pm - 5pm - 3 alcohol ink technique cards with Tamara \$30 (\*4<sup>th</sup> Friday)

We have been advised of another fabulous local charity accepting donations of handmade cards. Some of you have dropped donated cards to us to pass on to 'Heart letter pen' before they finished up. This new group have slightly different requirements & we will research those fully before working out a donation plan. We will have more information for you in our March news.

Our shop will be open for regular hours this coming long weekend on both Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January & Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Australia Day Public Holiday.

Keep smiling



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