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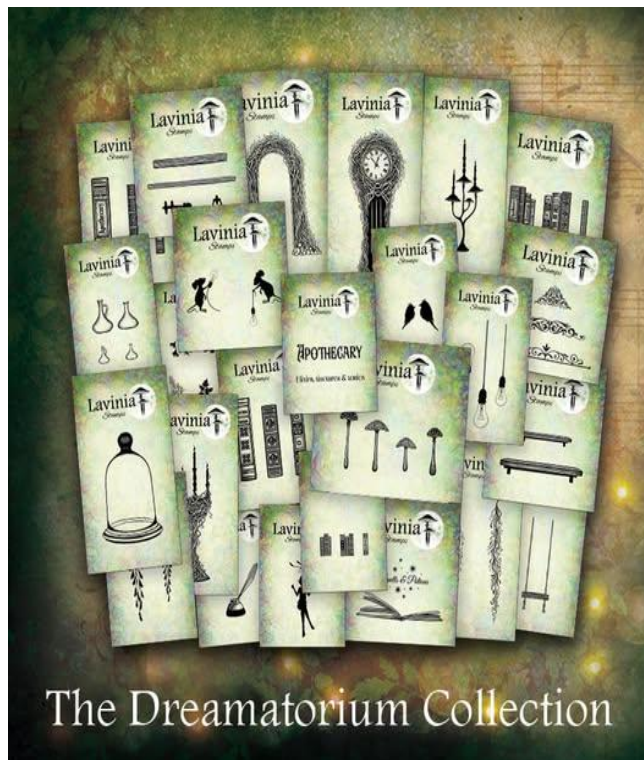
It's been an amazing few weeks & a very busy time at the shop. We have welcomed so many new crafters since the closure of some local stores & look forward to seeing more of all of you!

As most of you know we offer classes 7 days a week & there is rarely a day when our classroom is not full. Keep in mind that we have a rear carpark off the street & it's a busy place. Please be mindful of others when parking so there is room for everyone & watch for cars coming in & out.

Aida from 13@rts is currently designing our October workshop projects. Her new ranges 'Black Velvet' & 'Fantasy Land' were released last week. She has been busy promoting these collections at craft shows in France, Spain & at home in Poland & we are sure you're going to love them. Our shipment is on the way & we are expecting it next week. We will send a separate email soon with photos, prices & details of the October workshops.

What's new - there are so many new items this month you may need to zoom the photos

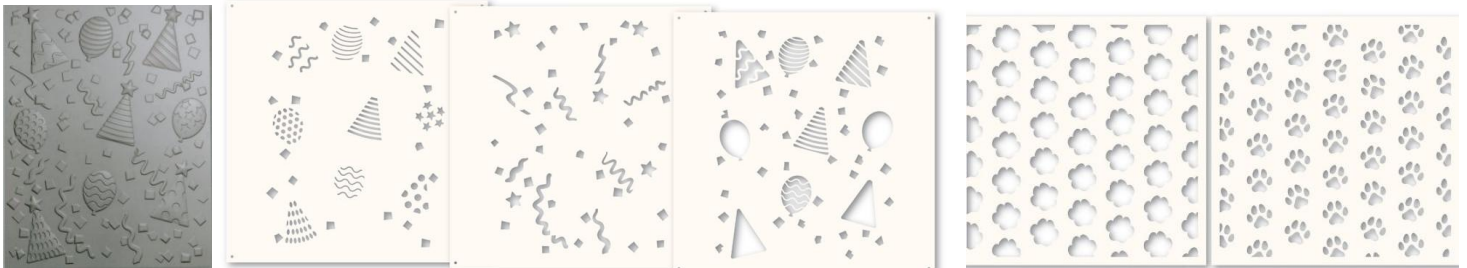
- Our Lavinia 'Dreamatorium Collection' has arrived & are pictured below. We still have stock of most stamps. We have placed a top up order that we hope to have mid- May.



- Paper Rose have some fabulous new products this month. Many of you have been asking for tri-fold cards & they have released 2 designs. We have either rectangle or oval-shaped window options. They are all in white at this stage
- Paper Rose have also been adding to their wedding themed range. We recently purchased Wedding Blooms 2.0 paper pads & some fabulous 12x12 papers. This is an extension of the lovely navy & gold collection that we have been working with over the last 12 months - including a card-making class below. In addition, they have designed a more traditional wedding range in white, beige & gold tones. We have 6x6 paper pads, cut aparts, embossed die cuts & some 12x12 sheets



- Paper Rose sentiment sheets have been very popular & we have stock of birthday & Christmas packs along with some single sheets of both. Their new packs (pictured above) are simply called "sentiment sheets" & have greetings for all occasions & very few with 'happy birthday'. This new design is also made with a heavier weight 300gsm card. Packs include 6 different fonts. Set one has 6 of each black & white sheets. Set two have 6 gold foil/white & 6 silver foil/white in each package. We have some sample packs open for you to see them more clearly
- To make room for these new Paper Rose products we have reduced several of the 6x8 paper pads. Many have been discontinued & are in our special's bin.
- We recently had a small order from Memory Box to top up some of our favourite dies & we loved these stencil sets. 'Party time' has an embossing folder & small matching die set. It also has a separate 3 piece matching stencil. Their paws stencil set is also adorable. Both are pictured below.



- Sizzix recently had a release of 'vault' embossing folders pictured below. We thought we needed to add these to our collection. 'Airmail' is a fabulous mesh of travel images & 'Flourish' speaks for itself. Both are limited edition folders & we have plenty in stock



- We were just about to send out the newsletter when our Mintay parcel arrived. It was a busy night, but we now have some of the amazing Bon Voyage & Lighthouse collections (pictured above) on the shelves. We have 8x8 paper pads, die cuts, 12x12 fussy cut & 12 label sheets in both ranges. Bon voyage is a gorgeous travel range in dusty blue, tan & a splash of pale pink. It features luggage, cameras, compasses, signposts, planes, cars & ships so it covers all your holiday needs. Lighthouse is a nautical collection of wonderful deep blue & a touch of burgundy with sailing ships, telescopes, sea creatures & plenty of other old world nautical images.

We have two wonderful ranges from 13@rts arriving from Poland next week. Sadly, they have missed our May newsletter deadline, but they will be at the shop soon & we will have photos in June

Classes

Scrap-booking

Vanessa has created some stunning layouts using the 13@rts 'Paint your life' range mentioned above. These are fabulous for all types of photos as they include Autumnal tones with leaves, corrugated card & some fabulous rustic patterned papers

She will also be repeating some gorgeous layouts from last year featuring the Mintay 'Lilac Garden' range. The theme is definitely purple & floral with birds & butterflies. You can add some white horses or kittens if you choose, but there are plenty of other beautiful options to work with. Availability includes: -

Saturday 10th May - 10am - 1pm 13@rts 'Paint your life' scrapbooking layouts with Vanessa \$30

Thursday 28th May - 10am - 1pm Mintay 'Lilac Garden' scrap booking layouts with Vanessa \$30

Card-making

Tamara has only one class with availability in May & it is a repeat of an April class teaching her wonderful embossing folder techniques. In this class you will learn to emboss with different types of card including 'colorcore' cardstock. You will create a gorgeous card by colouring a stencil/embossing folder combination, then you will use some Distress embossing glaze to create a beautiful glossy pattern & finally you will use an amazing ink technique with a fireworks pattern. Tamara has notes for all these techniques so you can easily repeat them at home.

Vanessa has designed 4 fabulous new cards using the 13@rts 'Paint your life' range for May. This rustic collection includes paint brushes, pots & palettes (as the name suggests) along with florals & leaves in gorgeous Autumnal tones with a touch of blue & teal. Vanessa's cards have a mix of fabulous shapes & designs including a rocker, shaker & window card. Her favourite rose gold cardstock is the perfect accompaniment for the rust & teal set that also includes a great masculine card.

Chris has a new set of 10 cards using the gorgeous 13@rts 'Flow with colors' 6x6 paper pad. This range features pretty floral, pastel shades & the cards are predominantly purple. Many of this set are created with stamping techniques including heat embossing, masking, stamp kissing, embossing glaze & colouring. We also create easel, shaker & stencil resist cards. This set of cards are usually done in two sessions of 5 cards. You will need to do both part one & two if you choose this class. There are usually plenty of options for both sessions & there will be many more in June

Chris is repeating a very popular class from last year using the Paper Rose 'Wedding blooms' 6x6 paper pad. This lovely collection of navy & gold papers is very versatile & only two of the cards we create need to be wedding, engagement or anniversary themed. We have created 3 cards with general or birthday themes using balloons, cupcakes & flowers. In this class all 5 cards have a different dimensional shape including a waterfall, easel, a couple of different gatefolds & a pillar fold

She continues teaching her set of 5 cards using the Mintay 'Home sweet home' 8x8 inch paper pad that features mauve, white & sage green modern home designs with lots of great background papers. Mintay have changed their small paper pads from 6x6 to 8x8 inches so these cards will provide some ideas for using this new size. Unlike most of Chris's classes, this class is purely using patterned paper with no inky or messy techniques. Cards include some slimline designs, easel, pinwheel & a large 8x8 card suitable for a group to sign.

Card making classes with availability in May are listed below: -

- Monday 5th May - 10am - 1pm - 4 13@rts 'Paint your life' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Tuesday 6th May - 10am - 1pm - 4 13@rts 'Paint your life' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Thursday 8th May - 9-30am - 12-30pm - part one 13@rts 'Flow with colors' cards with Chris \$35
- Saturday 10th May - 2pm - 5pm - 4 13@rts 'Paint your life' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Friday 16th May - 10am - 1pm - 4 13@rts 'Paint your life' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Sunday 18th May - 10am - 1 pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Wedding blooms' cards with Chris \$35
- Monday 19th May - 9-30am - 12-30pm -5 Mintay 'Home sweet home' cards with Chris \$35
- Thursday 22nd May - 10am - 1pm - 4 13@rts 'Paint your life' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Friday 23rd May - 10am - 1pm - 5 Mintay 'Home sweet home' cards with Chris \$35
- Friday 31st May 2pm - 5pm - 4 Embossing folder technique cards with Tamara \$30

Art Journaling

Meagan has only one class with availability in May & that is her 'Happy Easter Noof' page. Noof is a gorgeous, large cat stamp by Lavinia & he is the focal point of this delightful Easter themed project. You will start the page creating a gelli printed background with paints & different household items to give texture. Your next layer will include stamping & stencilling, then you will add more images using collage & stamps. To finish off you add some lovely glittery effects. This class is scheduled for

- Wednesday 28th May - 2pm - 5pm - 'Happy Easter Noof' art journal page with Meagan \$30

As always, if you like the sound of any of our classes & you don't see a date that suits you, get in touch with us & we will find a place for you or arrange a new day/date.

A big thankyou to all those who have donated to our 'homemade cards for seniors' collection box. Their aim is to bring smiles to the faces of seniors & we have 100s of smiles already. The schedule is for 'Thinking of you' cards ends mid-May, then we will be accepting birthday cards until mid-August. Keep up the good work 😊

We have been made aware of another charity that can use our support & that is a women's refuge that is in need of bras of all sizes. They need to be 'as new' so I managed to find some I had worn once or twice that I will never wear again. We are happy to be a collection point for them & donations can be dropped at any time.

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mums. If your family are out of gift ideas for you, they can pop in to pick up a voucher for any amount or we will happily post or email it to them. We hope you have a fabulous day!

Keep smiling



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