

Hi everyone

We've had some great news over the last few weeks regarding some of our favourite designers that have changed distributors. First, we had news to say the wonderful Australian company Darkroom Door has successfully moved to England. Stewart has assisted the new owners to set up & manufacture DRD stamps & we have our first order coming next week. They are yet to have any new designs, but seem to have stock of our old favourites which is wonderful for now!

Jamie Rodgers has purchased Creative Expressions & Woodware which is more fabulous news. Both brands have new designs, but we are not sure if they will reissue any of their old favourites. We have a couple of new ones pictured below

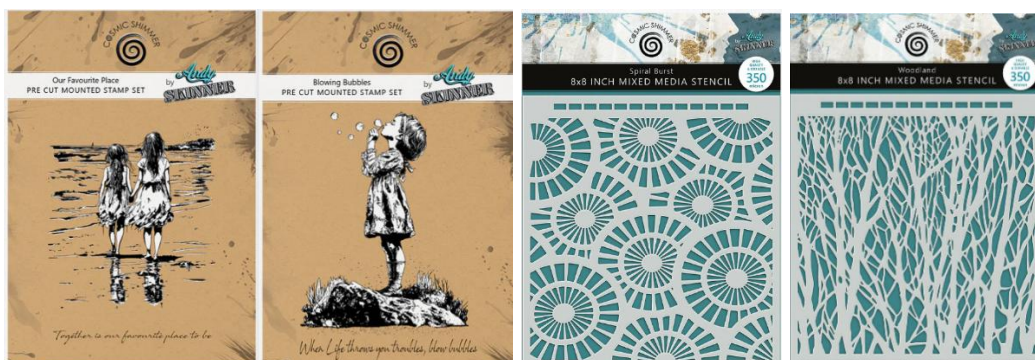
For those of you that haven't heard, Andy Skinner (formerly with Creative Expressions) is back selling his stamps & stencils in the UK. His stamps are works of art & totally different to any other brands we stock. He has so many excellent examples & tutorials online with great ideas. We have a couple of his new release stamps pictured below & will soon be ordering more

Some great local news is that Couture Creations have advised that they will have stock of all card/envelope pack sizes next week!!!! The square white cards have been out of stock for over 12 months & many of you have been hanging out for this announcement. We will be ordering plenty, but if you'd like some put aside & a phone call when they arrive, we will add you to our list

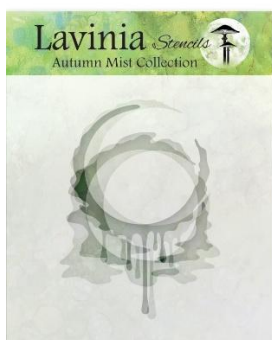
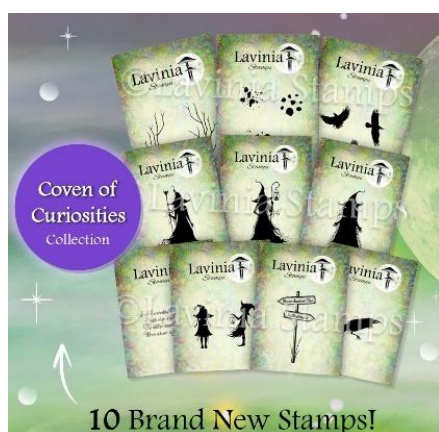
Thanks to those of you that have booked & finalised payments for our 13@rts workshops later this month. Once we have this newsletter sent, a separate message will follow with details of the event & what to bring etc. We're very much looking forward to a great weekend & counting the days until Aida's arrival.

What's new

- We have a couple of wonderful stamps & 8x8 inch stencils from Andy Skinner's new collection pictured below. We will have the final 4 stamps to complete the set very soon



- Also from the UK are the new release Lavinia stamps & stencils. Most of the products in this 'Coven of Curiosities' collection have a Halloween theme including some gorgeous tiny witches, 3 medium witches, ravens, witchy verse & a signpost. The collection also includes a great set of splats & some witch hazel branches. We have good stock of their new "Autumn mist" stencil set that is perfect for creating different framing elements on your projects. We also have a few of their 2026 released calendars. These have blank pages with calendar grids for you to personalise them & each year they have you-tube videos with fabulous ideas for their decoration



- We have received some 2026 calendar tabs from Uniquely Creative, but they are selling fast. We will have more as they become available
- Many of you are waiting for Couture Creations to reorder their silver bling stickers. We understand that these are a long way off. We have been able to source some 3mm silver sticky bling (pictured below) which are slightly bigger than the tiny CC bling, but they are certainly better than having none at all. These large packs are only \$2-50 & have over 1000 pieces.
- As mentioned above we have some great new products from Jamie Rodgers including Woodware Christmas stamp set, a wide landscape music stamp, Christmas borders & Vintage suitcase die sets pictured below. There are plenty of others on our shopping list!



- We have several customers who are very impressed with the 'My Sweet Petunia' glue press. Ours are on the way along with some of their amazing sticky mats. Using glue is not something we love to do, but it is much less messy with these fabulous tools.

Classes

Card-making - Due to our 13@rts workshops later in October there are not as many classes with availability this month. We are all going to be working overtime to ensure we have a terrific weekend & we'll be taking time off to show Aida around our amazing Yarra Valley.

Vanessa has designed 4 fabulously festive cards using the 13@rts 'Grungy Winter' range. She has paired blues, brown & rose gold with modern grungy Christmas images. These quirky cards are perfect for the young at heart & feature loads of baubles, cogs & Christmassy characters. Vanessa's wonderful card shapes include a 6-sided pinwheel, embossed gatefold & diagonal easel card.

Chris has several card projects on the go in October & many of them are Christmas themed. She has a 10 card Christmas set using the 8x8 **Mintay 'Holly Jolly'** paper pad. Most of these are using patterned paper & card shapes including a pinwheel, tri-coloured shaker, bay window, shutter, easel & Christmas tree shaped card. We also create some textured backgrounds with mica spray, stencils & embossing folders. This class can be done in one day or over 2 sessions.

Chris is also teaching a 5 Christmas card set with some **Graphic 45 'Deck the Halls'** 12x12 papers. We have chosen to accentuate the blue in most of the cards & have created some backgrounds with mica spray/pixie powder, texture paste/embossing glaze & a festive scene in a masked jar. The dimensional cards in this set are a gatefold & concertina label.

Chris continues teaching the very popular **Paper Rose 'Holiday Fun'** Christmas cards made with the 6x6 inch paper pad. This is a bright red, black & white range is from late 2024 featuring modern trees, Santas, presents, owls & houses. We make a 3d Christmas tree shaped card, an exploding labels card, a blended night sky card, owl easel, textured/embossed Christmas tree card & a jigsaw card with leftovers.

If you're not into Christmas cards Chris has designed some new masculine cards using the 13@rts 'grungy winter' collection. We use 12x12 papers in this range along with an Andy skinner stamping/blending card, shaker card, a chess stamped/stencilled card, coloured sportscar & a rustic birthday card with hessian. Later in the month 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.

Tamara has had her knee surgery & is recovering well. We're looking forward to some amazing new creations when she returns in November.

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

- Saturday 4th October 10am - 1pm - 5 Graphic 45 'Deck the Halls' cards with Chris \$35
- Monday 6th October 10am - 1pm 4 x 13@rts 'Grungy Winter' Christmas cards with Vanessa \$30
- Tuesday 7th October 10am - 1pm 4 x 13@rts 'Grungy Winter' Christmas cards with Vanessa \$30
- Wednesday 8th October 9-30 - 12-30 - 5 x 13@rts 'Grungy Winter' masculine cards with Chris \$35
- Thursday 9th October 9-30 - 12-30 - Part 2 - Mintay 'Holly Jolly' cards with Chris \$35
- Saturday 11th October 10am - 1pm 4 x 13@rts 'Grungy Winter' Christmas cards with Vanessa \$30
- Wednesday 15th October 9-30 - 12-30 - 5 Graphic 45 'Deck the Halls' cards with Chris \$35
- Saturday 18th October 10am - 1pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Holiday Fun' cards with Chris \$35
- Sunday 19th October 10am - 4pm - 10 Mintay 'Holly Jolly' cards with Chris \$68
- Tuesday 21st October 9-30 - 12-30 - Part 1 - Mintay 'Holly Jolly' cards with Chris \$35
- Friday 31st October 10am - 1pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Wedding Bloom' cards with Chris \$35

Scrapbooking - Neither Vanessa or Chris have availability for scrapbooking in October

Art Journaling - Meagan is taking a break in October & we look forward to having some new class dates for you to attend in November

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.

Looking a little further ahead our shop will be open on Tuesday 4th November (Melbourne Cup public holiday) for the usual times between 11am & 3pm. We often open on public holidays to give busy people more opportunity to visit.

Keep smiling



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