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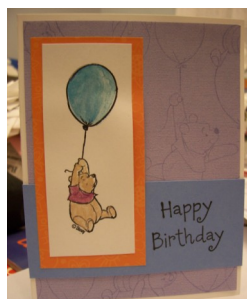
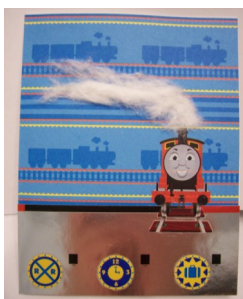
*Newsletter for Southern Ontario Stampers*

January 2011

### Newsletter Editor's Message

Just a reminder that the January 21 General Meeting will be a stamping evening making Happy Birthday and Cheer Up cards for the children at the Hospital for Sick Children.

You will be provided with these 4 themed card kits to work on:



- Batman,
- Thomas the Tank Engine,
- Winnie the Pooh,
- **plus a Teen Flower themed card** (picture unavailable).

As part of your basic stamping kit, you should bring:

- Small expression stamps (e.g., Happy Day, Cheer Up, Happy Birthday) and black ink pad
- Doublesided adhesive tape
- Glue (white glue is fine) to attach the cotton for the train's steam
- Mounting tape (for the optional Spiderman card)
- Fine lined pen or marker (e.g., white or black)
- Favourite colouring tools (e.g., chalks, coloured pencils, Copics, paints)
- Bone folder or popsicle stick to rub on stickers
- Related themed stamps or embellishments to add your own personal touch to the cards.

As well, if you have time left after completing your four cards kits, there will be additional different Mickey Mouse, Spiderman and Winnie the Pooh card kits available to put together.

These samples of the prepared card kits will give you an idea of what you might include in the basic stamping kit you bring with you.



For each finished card placed in the donation box, your name will be entered to win door prizes. Names will be drawn at the end of the meeting. ~ Joanne

### Agenda

General Meeting  
Friday, January 21, 2011  
**Loblaws Lower Jarvis**

- 6:30-7:00 pm: Set Up and Sign In
- 7:00-7:15 pm: Announcements
- 7:15-8:30 pm: **Stamping Night—  
Cards for the  
Hospital for Sick  
Children**
- 8:30 pm: Draw Prizes  
Announced
- 8:45-9:00 pm: Clean-up

### When Checking In

- Please pick up your name tag.
- Pick up your Newsletter with 'Name Label' if you have requested a printed copy.
- Please check off your name on the attendance list.
- We always appreciate anyone who can help us set up and put things away at the end of the meeting.
- Bring projects for Show and Tell. Please identify your art.



## Upcoming Events

### General Meetings...

**Fri, Jan 21, 2011: Loblaws Lower Jarvis**

- *Stamping Night (Cards for Hospital for Sick Kids)*

**Wed, Mar 2, 2011: North York Seniors Centre**

- *Vendor Night*

**Fri, April 8, 2011: Loblaws Lower Jarvis**

- *All Night Stamping (using 1 stamp to make several different cards)*

**Wed, May 11, 2011: North York Seniors Centre**

- *Demo Night*

**Fri, June 24, 2011: Loblaws Lower Jarvis**

- *Potluck and Boot Sale*

### Play Days...

- Sat, Feb 26, 2011: Grenadier
- Sat, Apr 30, 2011: Grenadier
- Sat, May 14, 2011: Satellite at Bizzy B's Stamp & Scrap
- Sat, June 11, 2011: Grenadier
- Tues, July 12, 2011: Satellite at Angela's Creative Papercrafts

### Workshops at the Grenadier...

- Sat, Feb 26, 2011: To Be Announced
- Sat, June 11, 2011: Never Ending Flippin' Cards with Joyce Chiu

### Other Events...

- Apr 16-17, 2011: Adventures in Stamping, Akron, OH
- July 16, 2011: Stampfest, Brancroft, ON
- Aug 2011 (TBA): Heirloom Productions Stamp Show, Novi, MI
- Aug 27-28, 2011: Stamp and Scrap Show Hamburg, NY

## Dec 8 Meeting Prize Winners

1. **Dyke Savage:** Heidi Grace Clear Snowflake Stamps;
2. **Marissa Decepida-Wong:** Making Memories—Scrapbook Embellishment Value Pack;
3. **No tickets purchased:** Set of 3 Acrylic Blocks; and
4. **Anna Zahedi:** 50/50 Draw.

## Remember Your Secret Pal Exchange

- You should be mailing your secret pal at least one item a month.
- If you haven't been regularly receiving from your Secret Pal, please inform Marg Preklet.
- Remember to use Marg's return address on your envelope, in case there is a problem, it will be returned to her:

26 McNairn Court  
Richmond Hill, ON L4C 5X1

- Please ensure that you have used sufficient postage.
- If you have any questions, please e-mail or contact Marg Preklet.

## Creative Exchange

Sign-up sheets will be at the January 21 meeting.

If you cannot attend, contact our Exchange Coordinator, Lily Li (Telephone: 905-482-2828 or e-mail: [kcmilmil@gmail.com](mailto:kcmilmil@gmail.com)).

1. ATC Exchange: Year of the Rabbit (Chinese Zodiac)
2. Card Exchange: Penny Black

**Sign-up deadline is: Wednesday, February 9, 2011.**  
**Exchange date is: March 2, 2011.**

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## **SOS Welcome to New Members**

- Carol MacDonald
- Correction from the December newsletter: correct spelling is Anna Zahedi

## **Upcoming Article Requiring Member Input by February 5, 2011 (for March Newsletter)**

***Favourite Stamping Websites:*** I'm in search of your favourite websites that inspire you to make your cards. Submit a few lines about handy websites to Joanne Iwasa at: [joanne.iwasa@sympatico.ca](mailto:joanne.iwasa@sympatico.ca) and I'll compile your comments into a Members' Say article.

## **A Member's Say Article on Favourite Websites for Card Sketches** *Submitted by Marg Preklet*

I know sometimes we have an artistic block and can't think of a creative layout for a card or go beyond our comfort zone. I have discovered that there are many websites and blogs that offer free card sketches and have weekly challenges. It's fun to see what other people come up with using the card sketches.

I have listed just a few.

## **MoJo Monday**

It is free to subscribe. You get an e-mail every week showing the sketch of the week. Just go to this URL and fill in the details to subscribe:  
[www.feedblitz.com/f/fbz?Sub=508631](http://www.feedblitz.com/f/fbz?Sub=508631).

It features a weekly sketch challenge blog with card sketches designed by Julee Tilman. A new sketch is posted every Monday, with a special contest held the first Monday of each month.

**Card Patterns:** <http://cardpatterns.blogspot.com/>

## **Card Sketches**

New sketches are posted on Sunday mornings along with 3-4 design ideas. More design ideas are posted on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Card Positioning Systems owner/sketch designer is Tami Mayberry.  
<http://cardpositioningsystems.blogspot.com/>

## **Inspirational Card Sketches**

<http://icsketches.blogspot.com/>

## **2 Sketches 4 You**

<http://2sketches4you.blogspot.com/>

These are just a few to try, there are so many on the internet. Enjoy viewing them!

## **A Member's Say Article on Reduce, Reuse, Recycle or for SOS - Reclaim!** *Submitted by Sandra Morgan*

Fancy cookie packages or tins often are lined with white finely corrugated paper. I have cut this paper into PLAIN shapes such as large circles to use as backgrounds on card fronts. Butterflies look good when they alight on them, it helps give more depth and elegance to the scene and the price is right!

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Jan 1: Margaret Harron

Jan 9: Donna Choo

Jan 11: Maureen O'Hearn

Jan 14: Joanne Caruso

Jan 17: Kathy Kemp

Jan 19: Sandy Morgan

Jan 31: Terry Winston

Feb 8: Carin Brahm

Feb 11: Maurene McQuestion

Feb 17: Ann O'Shea

Feb 24: Mary Katherine Soucie

Feb 25: Lily Li

Feb 27: Ruth Brott

Feb 28: Carolyn Disher



### Tip / Helpful Hint

*Submitted by Carol MacDonald*

At Carin Brahm's card workshop in November, Carin was impressed with my bag of flowers. I told her I buy the stems of silk/velvet flowers from Dollarama or Michaels (on sale). Then I pull off all the flowers and take them apart to use as embellishments. You get LOTS of them for only a dollar or two.

### Our Deepest Sympathy

It is with sadness that Southern Ontario Stampers convey our condolences to Tonie Scauzillo whose father passed away on December 10, 2010.

### Random Acts of Kindness Update

*Submitted by Marg Preklet*

Here's an update on the total numbers for cards we have donated through the SOS Random Acts of Kindness.

- Seniors at the Grenadier Senior Residence: **60**
- Hospital for Sick Children: **61**
- Seniors at the North York Senior Centre: **30**
- Christmas cards for the troops: **1,053**

So our grand total of cards donated is **1,204!**

Thank you to everyone who has made a card contribution, remember every card counts and helps bring a smile to the person who receives it. The Random Acts of Kindness box will be at the membership table at every meeting. If you have any other suggestions for recipients to receive cards through Random Acts of Kindness, please contact Marg Preklet.

**Next Newsletter Deadline:  
Saturday, February 5, 2011**

Submit your articles to [joanne.iwasa@sympatico.ca](mailto:joanne.iwasa@sympatico.ca).

### Guest Policy

Guests are welcome to attend one meeting free of charge. To attend any more, they must pay the Annual Membership Fee.

### A Members Say Article on My Most Used Stamps

**Joanne Iwasa:** While I like this stamp, if you asked me what my favourite stamp is, I would have said one of the Viva Las Vegas people stamps (e.g., Elvis, Princess of Wales, my squatting sumo wrestler). Whereas my most used stamp is a different stamp, one that always stamps cleanly and boldly on the inside of handmade cards and I even use it inside bought blank cards.

It is the Hero Arts C2770 Enjoy Your Birthday stamp.



I hope you enjoy it too!

**Joyce Chiu:** I don't own this stamp, but my most used stamp is the Stamp Oasis 1711-J Dragonfly Circle. I've taught a tunnel card making class and a spinner card class featuring this stamp and each time I borrowed it from a friend who said she couldn't think of how to use the stamp. I still do not own this stamp.

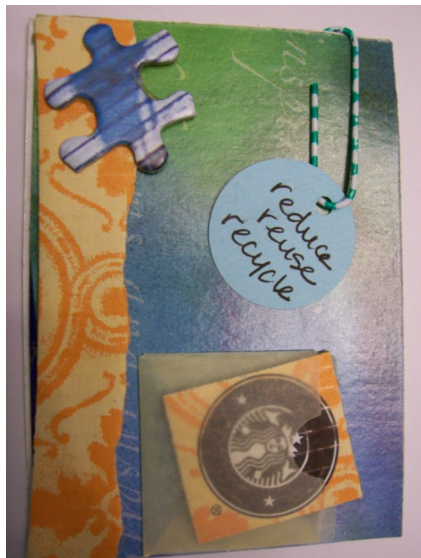


**Tell us about your Most Used Stamp.** Send your suggestions to Joanne Iwasa including a picture of the stamp or a stamp impression, the make and name or part number, and a brief description about why it is your most used stamp.



**A Member's Say Article on**  
***Reduce, Reuse, Recycle or for SOS - Reclaim!***

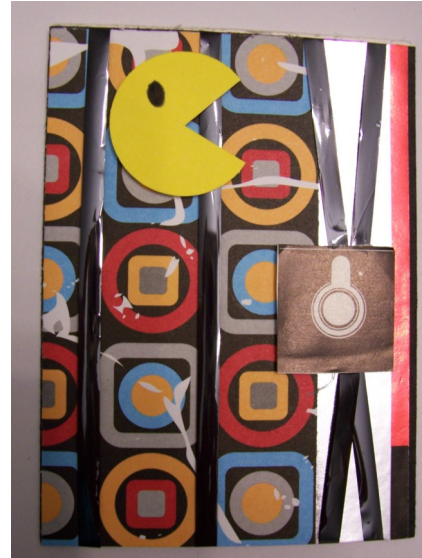
*Submitted by Diana Yee*



Reduce, Reuse and Recycle with a puzzle piece, paper clip, coffee liners and a Tissue Box as background.



Try reusing your coffee stir sticks, green masking tape and yellow file folders.



You can reuse cassette tape on your ATCs!



This Thanks ATC was made using a button, thread, an origami bird made from candy wrapper, a coffee sleeve from Timothy's, 3 tea bag tags, and text and background from a catalogue.



This Travel ATC has a paper clip, 2 pop can tabs, an end cap from a Pillsbury weiner wrap, a shirt pin, Liz West postcard, a Hertz rental car map, a Hong Kong postage stamp and sushi grass.

**Tip for**  
**Copic Marker Storage**

*Submitted by Joanne Iwasa*

Wen Wang used empty toilet paper rolls to store her Copic markers in. She had some shoebox sized boxes lying on their sides on her crafting table, the toilet paper rolls lay on their sides and she stored the markers in the rolls so it was easy to sort and see the colour of the pens.

I thought it was an odd way to store them but it works. I knew I had to progress to something more complex than my medium sized Ziploc bag. NOTE: I've graduated to toilet paper rolls and Wen went out and bought real containers for her Copic.





## Creative Exploration to Canada and New England Tim Holtz Cruise

September 30 – October 9, 2010

*Submitted by Maurene McQuestion and Wendy Howse*



On September 30, 2010, we boarded our flight to Newark and the Bayonne Port to begin our exciting 10 day adventure on the Creative Exploration to Canada and New England cruise with Tim Holtz and 160 other crafters/artists. This amazing trip included the ports of Portland, Bar Harbor, St. John, Halifax, and Boston.



creation of several projects. Even though we all created the same projects, everyone's looked unique based on the colours they used, their individual placement of embellishments and their own creative imprint on their projects.



*Maurene & Wendy*

We had 13 hours of classes while at sea with plenty of time to still explore and experience the ship and do other activities between ports. All classes were held in the Conference Centre. A large room was set up for the classes with rows of tables to easily accommodate the students. We also had a studio that was open 24/7 stocked with all the supplies we needed to work on projects, or just create and socialize with other crafters. Tim supplied all of the stamps, inks, embossing folders and dies, scissors, etc. needed and even left his new Vagabond machine in the studio for us to try out. We didn't need to bring any supplies with us on the trip although many of us brought paper or tags to use with Tim's supplies. A third room was the "store" where you could purchase to your heart's content all of the Tim Holtz items plus other vintage items or materials we used in class. Needless to say we did a little bit of shopping.



If anyone has taken a class with Tim Holtz, you will know what an amazing teacher he is. He is enthusiastic, loves to teach and really emphasizes creating and playing as you learn techniques rather than copying a layout or design. His wonderful style for sharing, creating and exploring was infectious as he led us through the

We were divided into 2 groups of 80 students per class but it never felt crowded or like there were too many students in a class. Tim provided background information and instructions supported by handouts and PowerPoint images on 2 screens at the front of the room. Three of his helpers were at every class to hand out materials and "freebies" and help anyone who needed assistance. Over the course of the classes we received so many products including adhesives, tissue tape, paper, embellishments, inks, stamps, stickers from Tim and other sponsors. It was amazing.

*"Goodies" from the cruise below:*



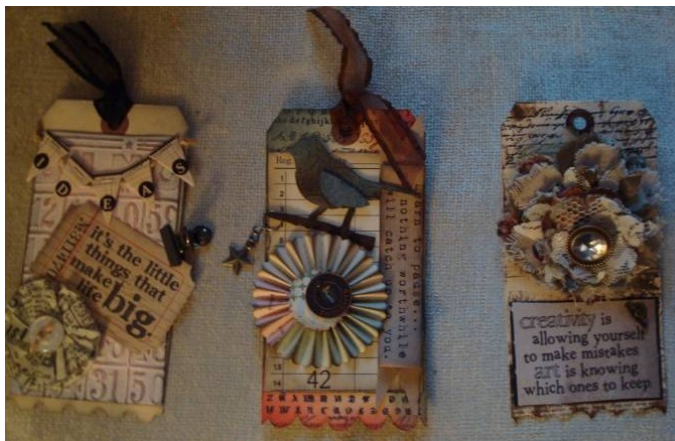


## **Tim Holtz Cruise** (continued from page 6)

Our projects began with the creation of a travel journal which we continued to complete and add to over the course of the trip as we picked up souvenirs and trinkets along the way.



We also had a 1 ½ hour class creating 3 absolutely amazing tags.



Another project done in a 4 hour class was the creation of a curio cabinet which we continued to complete over the course of the trip. We put our own unique touches on it with the layout, embellishments and our own little trinkets picked up at various ports as well as the embellishments given to us by Tim.



*Maurene's curio*



*Wendy's curio*

Our final project was a canvas which literally transformed before our eyes.



*Maurene's canvas*



*Wendy's canvas*

All in all, this was a wonderful vacation, cruise and experience.

Hope you vicariously enjoy our Tim Holtz creative adventure.

~ Maurene & Wendy





## 3D Framed Card Instructions

*Submitted by Joanne Iwasa*

Here's a quick way to make a framed 3D stand up card.

You'll need:

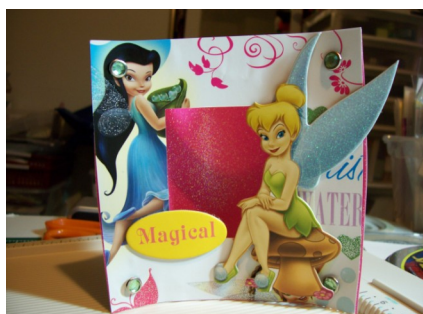
- Cardstock 5" x 6"
- Cardstock 5" x 4.75"
- 4 Brads
- Doublesided adhesive tape
- Embellishments/Stamps



**Step 1:** Cut your 5" x 6" piece of cardstock.



**Step 2:** Cut a square in the middle of your 5" x 4.75" cardstock 1.25" from each outside edge.



**Step 3:** Using doublesided tape or glue, attach the two pieces of cardstock together about 1/2" from the left side of the card (top to bottom).



**Step 4:** Add embellishments.

**Step 5:** Attach the 4 brads about 1/2" from each corner and you are done!



To mail the card, leave right brads undone and include instructions to feed the brads through the holes in the bottom cardstock.

## Future Newsletter Articles

Don't forgot to send Joanne Iwasa your newsletter articles or Member's Say information. I'm looking for new techniques, Fast & Easy recipes (e.g., see the Sept and Dec newsletters), Most Used Stamp, Tips / Hints, favourite card templates, etc. We're looking for articles for the upcoming newsletter (submit articles by February 5 for the March newsletter) and for future newsletters (April, May and June).

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