

## Happy DECEMBER Everyone!

Here we are....in December....just one more month left in this year we call 2020. Are you in the holiday spirit already? Are your decorations up? Did you put up a tree? So many questions, but not the hidden question.

I'm happy to tell you that I was number 37 in the world and number 27 in the US of all Stampin' Up! Demonstrators....wow, wow, wow!!! That is amazing and I could not have done that without the help of amazing mom and dad, Tyler, my Bee Happy Stampers team, my wonderful customers, and all my special helpers who lighten my load. We all worked so hard this past year and made some many wonderful memories. We shared, created, inspired, loved, and laughed in spite of all the craziness that was going on around us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

The new Cards by Christine Studio (aka The Hive) will host its first class tomorrow, Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup>...with Lucky Hand. It's been a long haul to get here, and I still have LOTS of stuff to move in....but we're going for it. I will bust out the champagne and sparkling grape juice!!!

I'm super excited that the new mini Spring Catalogs will be mailed out to all of you in the next week....yay! You will love looking through a new catalog!

Thank you again to all of you for your support this last month! I appreciate the in person and online support! It was another great month and I know I couldn't do it without ALL of you! THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH! You guys are the best. I know you can choose who you shop through and I always appreciate when you pick me. ☺

Congratulations to Cathy Jackson and Patricia Estrada for winning the November Monthly Creative Challenge, to Mo Stites for winning the Card Class Challenge for November, (I have prizes from my stash for all three of you), to Bobbi M for winning the November Newsletter drawing (she won a \$10 gift certificate to use in December), and to many others who have won the cards I make during my online classes! Brenda Koepfel was the lucky winner of the half-off Snowflake Wishes Bundle. Congrats everyone!!

The Mystery Card Night and Top Fan drawings will be held after game night on Thursday, the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Keep reading to find out about so much stuff that is new or coming up!

### **Upcoming Classes – I'd love for you to join in for some stamping fun!**

Please RSVP to me as soon as you know you're going to attend class, so I can plan the number of kits to prepare for class and ensure there is space and a set of kits for you.

I will be doing Facebook Live Online classes all fall on Thursday nights for those not ready to venture out yet....I'd love for you to join me live or catch the replay. Please RSVP for online classes if you want to make the cards along with me.

**Email [chrismbertram@msn.com](mailto:chrismbertram@msn.com), call / text to 920-960-4390 or pop me a FB message.** You can see my whole schedule online at [cardsbychrisb.com](http://cardsbychrisb.com). Please note that the amounts shown below for class fees are if paid with cash or check at class. There's a lot coming up this month.

## **DECEMBER**

12/2 (W) – **Lucky Hand** – 4 Cards & 5 Games of Lucky Hand – CBCS – 6 - 8:30 pm – Cost: \$32 – **RSVP by 11/21 with payment**

12/3 (TH) – **Stampin' Game Night and Card Workshop** – 4 Cards & 5 Games – **Online** – 6 - 8:30 pm – Cost: \$32 PP – **RSVP by 11/21**

12/6 (SU) – **Holiday Open House** – CBCS – 12 - 4 pm – Cost: FREE, 1 Make 'n Take and special discounts for orders placed at open house + snacks & refreshments – **RSVP BY 12/4** for extra name in for door prizes

12/7 (M) – **Holiday Open House** – CBCS – 6 - 9 pm – Cost: FREE, 1 Make 'n Take and special discounts for orders placed at open house + snacks & refreshments – **RSVP BY 12/4** for extra name in for door prizes

12/9 (W) – **Snowflake Splendor Card Class\*** – (HMC pgs 36-38) – 4 Cards – HIVE – 5:45/6 - 8:30 pm – Cost: \$15 or FREE w/\$25 order at class

12/10 (TH) – **Snowflake Splendor Card Class\*** – **Online** – 6-8 pm – FREE, but if you would like To Go Kits the cost is \$15 or FREE w/\$25 minimum order for class Porch Pick Up / \$19 or FREE with \$40 order Mailed – **RSVP by 12/4** for the To Go kits

12/12 (SA) – **Monthly Card Making Class** – 3 Cards – CBCS – 10 am - 12:30 pm – Cost: \$12 or FREE with a \$20 minimum order at class

12/12 (SA) – **Snowflake Splendor Card Class\*** – (HMC pgs 36-38) – 4 Cards – CBCS – 1:30 - 4 pm – Cost: \$15 or FREE w/\$25 order at class

12/13 (SU) – **Bee Happy Stampers Team Gathering** – 4:30 - 6:30 pm – Cost: FREE – Bring a dish to pass and a white elephant gift

12/14 (M) – **Club Class** – 6:15 pm

12/15 (TU) – **Monthly Card Making Class** – 3 Cards – CBCS – 5:45/6 – 8:30 pm – Cost: \$12 or FREE w/\$20 min order at class

12/16 (W) – **Monthly Card Making Class** – 3 Cards – CBCS – 5:45/6 – 8:30 pm – Cost: \$12 or FREE w/\$20 min order at class

12/17 (TH) – **Monthly Card Making Class** – 3 Cards – **Online** – 6 - 8 pm – FREE, but if you would like To Go Kits or a set of completed cards the cost is \$12 or FREE w/\$20 min order for class Porch Pick Up/\$16 or FREE with \$35 order Mailed – **RSVP by 12/11** for To Go kits

12/21 (M) – **Paper Pumpkin Class** – **Online** – FREE or subscribe by December 10<sup>th</sup> to have your kit to make along with me

12/28 (M) – **Winter Bingo** – 2 Cards & 6 Games of Bingo – CBCS – 6-8:30 pm – Cost: \$25 **RSVP by 1 day prior w/payment**

12/29 (TU) – **Mystery Card Making Night** – **Online** – 6 - 7:30 pm – FREE!

## **SPRING MINI AND SALE-A-BRATION CATALOGS LAUNCH JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The 2021 Spring Mini Catalog will be live Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> and goes through June 30<sup>th</sup> while Sale-A-Bratation goes until February 28<sup>th</sup>. To find electronic copies of the catalogs on January 5<sup>th</sup> go to [www.cardsbychrisb.com](http://www.cardsbychrisb.com) and click on the Catalogs link. I will have catalogs available starting December 6<sup>th</sup> for customers that are local to me to pick up. For those that aren't local I've decided to mail the catalogs myself versus having them sent directly from Stampin' Up!

### **SHOP**

Here's the deal: for every \$50 you spend (before tax and shipping), you get a FREE Sale-A-Bratation product. That means it's the perfect time to purchase those products you've had your eye on while earning more products for free. There is also a set you can earn with a \$100 order.

### **HOST**

Need another excuse to get together with friends? Just host a qualifying party with at least \$300 in sales during Sale-A-Bratation and you'll earn an exclusive stamp set called Punch Party! My calendar fills up fast so please contact me soon to pencil in a date if you would like to host a party of your own....heck, you can even have it in my studio so you don't have to clean your house.

### **JOIN**

It's the best time of year to join Stampin' Up! During Sale-A-Bratation, you can become a demonstrator for just \$99 and you will get to choose \$125 of product for your Starter Kit—anything! Plus, you will receive an exclusive gift from the upcoming catalog, an assortment six 6"x6" stacks of DSP. Plus, the kit ships for free and it comes with a sample Paper Pumpkin! Who's going to be my first new team member in January?

Just a reminder with this SAB, SU made changes. Beginning in 2021, they will have two Sale-A-Bratation promotions throughout the year (one in the first six months, and one in the last six months). They will also be shortening the length of the promotion. Instead of having a single, three-month Sale-A-Bratation, each Sale-A-Bratation promotion will now last for two months. This change will mean four months of Sale-A-Bratation a year!

Product availability during Sale-A-Bratation will be greatly improved. Here's how they'll achieve this:

- January–February Sale-A-Bratation: They will only offer domestically-sourced products in this Sale-A-Bratation brochure. Historically, the short sales cycle combined with Chinese New Year have caused product availability issues. Now, by offering only domestically-sourced products during this first Sale-A-Bratation promotion, you don't have to worry about your

- favorite products moving to Not Orderable status.
- July–August Sale-A-Bration: The product selection in the second Sale-A-Bration will be broader and available only *while supplies last*.

### **SALE-A-BRATION \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATES**

Throughout Sale-A-Bration I will be doing drawings for \$25 gift certificates with me. You will get your name on the board and entered into the drawing each time you earn a free SAB item (2 times if you pick the \$100 value SAB item) How cool is that? Not only do you earn free items from SU, but lucky winners will get small shopping sprees with me! Last year 8 people won \$25 gift certificates with me. Don't worry if you forget to write your name on the slip...I'll follow up with you to get your name added. Who doesn't love winning?!?! To be entered into the drawing for the secret hidden question reply with your answer to what your favorite Christmas cookie or candy is. I like a lot of them, but have always loved spritz cookies....there's something about almond extract that is amazing!

### **SPRING SCHEDULE & SCAVENGER HUNT FOR MINI SPRING AND SAB CATALOGS**

The new spring schedule is RTG! Ready to Go that is.....you can find a copy in this email and available on CardsbyChrisb.com – go to newsletters or <https://tinyurl.com/CardsbyChristineClasses21> - this is where you can always find an up-to-date copy.

The new Spring Mini and SAB catalog Scavenger hunt is also attached in the email and available on CardsbyChrisb.com – go to newsletters and you can find the link for the pdf file.

### **MINI STAMPIN' CUT & EMBOSS MACHINE PREORDER STARTS THIS WEEK!**



Stampin' Up! is excited for demonstrators/discount shoppers to preorder the Mini Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine starting on December 1<sup>st</sup>! There will be a limit of one machine per demonstrator during the preorder. Customers will be able to order a 'Mini Boss' starting in January. The 'Mini Boss' machine comes with all the plates you need to get started. The preorder does not include the machine's replacement plates or the Mini Magnetic Plate. SU is still working to resolve the quality issues with the Magnetic Cutting Plates, and the launch date for the Impression Mats is still to be determined. They will let us know when they have updates regarding either of these products.

**Demonstrator preorder:** December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Customer launch:** January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **New In Person Club Starting in May**

Are you looking to be a hostess with the mostess and earn some FREE items? Joining a club is a great way to do just that. I have a current group that meets the second Monday of each month and they make the "Monthly" cards. There are currently 8 people and we could include a couple more if anyone else would to join. December is the last time the current club will meet and it will start over in January. The club lasts for the number of months that there are people in it and you take turns being the hostess each month. I will draw names live to see who the hostess will be each month. A minimum \$20 order is placed each month and you would attend class the second Monday of the month. If you can't make it to class that night you would need to get me your order before class and

I will include the kits in your order or you could attend one of the other monthly card classes that particular month. The month you are hostess you earn your rewards based off the sales of all the orders that night. You can collect outside orders the month you are hostess to help you earn additional hostess dollars for more free STUFF. The month you are hostess you bring a treat to share. Also, you bring your normal supplies in your toolbox for card making. This group also exchanges birthday cards. Let me know if you are interested soon as space is limited.

## CURVY CELEBRATIONS AVAILABLE!

Celebrate with curvy stamps, dies, and more! Designed for a variety of special occasions, the Quite Curvy Variety Bundle includes everything you need to create one-of-a-kind crafts. Don't let stress steal your spirit—get ahead and order this exclusive bundle for a festive and frenzy-free season!

The Quite Curvy Variety Bundle became available November 3, 2020 and goes until January 4, 2021. You can pick and choose what you'd like or click the EASY button and get the whole shebang.

### QUITE CURVY BUNDLE

156228 ~~\$46.00~~ \$41.25 • Available in French  
The Quite Curvy Bundle includes the Quite Curvy Stamp Set and the Curvy Dies.

STAMP ARTWORK SHOWN AT 60%



ACTUAL SIZE



#### QUITE CURVY STAMP SET

(suggested clear blocks: a, b, d, h, i)  
12 photopolymer stamps • Available in French  
Coordinates with the Curvy Dies

#### CURVY DIES

10 dies. Largest die: 5-1/4" x 1-1/2" (13.3 x 3.8 cm)  
Coordinates with Quite Curvy Stamp Set and Curvy Christmas Stamp Set

### CURVY CHRISTMAS STAMP SET\*

STAMP ARTWORK SHOWN AT 60%



ACTUAL SIZE



### DESIGNER SERIES PAPER



#### CURVY CHRISTMAS STAMP SET\*

155364 \$21.00 (suggested clear blocks: a, b, f, h)  
13 photopolymer stamps • Available in French  
Coordinates with the Curvy Dies

#### CLASSIC CHRISTMAS 6" X 6" (15.2 X 15.2 CM) DESIGNER SERIES PAPER\*

155969 \$11.50  
48 sheets: 4 each of 4 double-sided designs.  
Acid and Lignin free  
Cherry Cobbler, Sahara Sand, Shaded Spruce

## QUITE CURVY VARIETY BUNDLE

158396 \$78.50 \$70.50 • Available in French



Variety Bundle includes one of each item listed below at a 10% discount

- Quite Curvy Stamp Set
- Curvy Dies
- Curvy Christmas Stamp Set
- Classic Christmas 6" x 6" (15.2 x 15.2 cm) Designer Series Paper

\*Exclusive products available only during this promotion. Available while supplies last.

## Paper Pumpkin DECEMBER 2020 – Beary Comforting



December's cute and cuddly Paper Pumpkin kit—called "Beary Comforting"—is designed to uplift your loved ones as this beary tough year finally comes to a close. After a year like 2020, we all could use a big bear hug! With the help of this bear-themed kit, you can create 12 unbearably cute cards featuring warm and fuzzy friends, sweet stamps, and meaningful messages. Near or far, send your friends and family the extra comfort, love, and encouragement they need with this month's Paper Pumpkin kit!

The kit contains enough supplies to create 12 cards and coordinating envelopes.

**Card size:** 4-1/4" x 5-1/2"

**Envelope size:** 4-1/2" x 5-3/4"

**Coordinating colors:** Basic Gray, Calypso Coral, Cinnamon Cider, Daffodil Delight, Rich Razzleberry, Soft Sea Foam, Whisper White

Subscription Information -

Buy a 1, 3, 6, or 12 month prepaid subscription through me or subscribe at [mypaperpumpkin.com/en/?demoid=2127905](http://mypaperpumpkin.com/en/?demoid=2127905) and you will receive the December kit.

To Subscribe - Click above OR - you can get a 1 month, 3 month, 6 month, or 12 month prepaid subscription in my store [HERE](#) (save money on 3, 6, and 12 month subscriptions)

Join me live on Monday, December 21st while we put some of the kit together and make alternative projects.

**Note:** Supplies may be limited toward the end of the subscription period. Sign up via this link - <https://www.paperpumpkin.com/en-us/sign-up/?demoid=2127905>

## Guest Crafter on Craft Roulette

Are you ready for some entertainment?!? I am penciled in to be a Guest Crafter on Craft Roulette

on Friday, December 11th, 2020. What is Craft Roulette you ask??? Craft Roulette is a spontaneous creative exercise all done in front of a live FB audience. Four parameters are determined by the spin of a wheel for projects, colors, elements, and one random choice. I have roughly an hour to create a small project, usually a card, flying be the seat of my pants with what I have around me.

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> so you can watch the card making action live in Facebook on the Mary Gunn Fuun page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/119661714782108>

### **Small Business Showcase – Used Stamp Sales in 2021**

The next Showcase and Used Stamp / Scrapbooking & Accessories Sale at The Masonic Center in FdL is set for **Saturday, March 20th from 9 am until 2 pm** (lets cross all our fingers, toes, and everything in between that we will be able to have this event in March).

For those who like to plan like me, **Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>** is slated for the sale in my garage. Then in November, we have the Small Business Saturday Showcase slated for **November 27<sup>th</sup>**. Mark your calendars now.

**Selling** - Please see the document attached in the email for guidelines on selling. Important notes: please use a light painters tape or masking tape to mark the prices and your three initials. That way we can pull it off easily to keep track of what sold for who. Use quarter increments. Let me know if you still plan to drop off anything. I will need orders by the day after the sale for customers who sell anything. Also, since I'm no longer storing everything after the sale, you are welcome to bring whatever you'd like to sell including wood stamps...remember that people generally don't buy them so price them to sell.

**Buying** - Show up during the sale to shop the used stamp sale as well as check out the Small Business Saturday Showcase that I'm cohosting with some friends.

### **Customer Swap Group**

The customer swap group is in full swing and they are loving it. There are about 10 swapping each month. Since it is a month to month swap, the group wanted me to let you know that anyone can join in the fun at any time. All you need to do is let me know you're interested, and I'll add you to the Facebook group for this group. They're already working on the cards for December, but you can always get in for the January cards.

### **Stampin' Up! Plastic Bags**

The new processing area is in full swing! I am going away from using plastic bags and moving towards a system where I have bags with pockets for me to put notecards with your name on them. I will have a bag with your name on it and you will take your items out of the bag and put into a bag that you bring along. You will leave my bag in the top drawer so I can use it for the next person. I recommend keeping a grocery bag or two in your car so you always have a bag to grab when you pick up your orders.

### **Personalized Stamps**

I hope those that have ordered personalized stamps through Kelly are liking them. For those that are interested in ordering any type of personalized stamp, like for the backs of your cards or for your return address on envelopes it isn't too late to order. Kelly is continuously receiving orders for them and orders them once a sheet fills up. You can reach out to her directly via email at **kbuechel@live.com** if you would like to see what is available or if you would like something special designed. You don't need to include me in the correspondence....this is her baby now.

Kelly put together some standard options and she can send them to you via email. Just pop her an email asking her to send you what she has to get started. She'll let you know specific pricing, but most are around \$12.

## Gift Certificates Are Always Available

Looking for the perfect gift for your crafty friend or family member?? Is someone looking for something to buy you for your birthday? Stampin' Up! makes the perfect gift. Let them know that I sell gift certificates and now they can be purchased directly from my online store ([cardsbychrisb.com](http://cardsbychrisb.com)) or by contacting me directly. I can also coordinate the shopping part if they would prefer you open a gift. I'm here to help make it easy to give you the perfect gift! Gift certificates are always fun to get and use! I added a couple wish lists to the email I sent in case you want to use one of them.

## Facebook Notifications

If you like my page and are not seeing posts in your newsfeed, then you should check your settings to ensure notifications are turned **on** and that your setting is set to **standard** and **not** highlights. Some even set the default to **see first**, then you are guaranteed to see my stuff and that is amazing when the clearance rack is updated.

**Visit My Blog at [www.cardsbychrisb.com](http://www.cardsbychrisb.com) for more details and pictures of cards for upcoming classes.**

You'll find all the current catalogs, events, and host code at [cardsbychrisb.com](http://cardsbychrisb.com).

I think that's it for now.....I hope you were as excited to read the news as I was to write it. Thank you so much for your continued support! You are what makes my job so great!

Happy Stamping!!

Christine