

Hello, Hello Lovely Crafters!

On to May we go....and already a week into the month. How does that happen?? I love sharing this love of paper crafting and making cards with you and seem to keep the classes full and rolling. Thank you always to each and everyone one of you for attending classes and supporting me so I can keep sharing with you and inspiring you!

Keep reading for more details. Let me know if you read it and what your answer is by Monday, May 20th for your chance to win a prize from my stash! Don't worry, it'll be something good.

April Winners Announced

Congratulations to **Diane B** for winning the drawing for the secret question in the April newsletter. Her favorite retiring color is Tranquil Tide so she scored a roll of the Tranquil Tide retiring ribbon. The SAB Celebrations were held in early April and I gave away prizes to **20 lucky people**. **Sandy G** cashed in her half item for winning the Referral Contest I had during SAB and got herself a Stamparatus....what a good choice!

April \$50 order Promotion with Christine

During April I gave away markers and sour cream containers with qualifying orders. The sour cream containers had candy in them and there were 4 with half off item slips hidden in them. Only three of them were turned in so far.....does someone need to look inside theirs to see if they won a half off item? The lucky three who found half off item slips in their containers were **Gayle C, Pat B, and Jill B**.

Wow...that was a lot of prizes, but I love giving away stuff to you! Congratulations to all of you!

Stamping with ME = 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. Email chrismbertram@msn.com, call / text to 920-960-4390 or pop me a FB message. You can see my whole schedule online at <http://christinebertram.stampinup.net>.

5/11 (SA) – **BEST CATCH PRODUCT CLASS** (OC pg. 44) 3 CARDS – CARDS BY CHRISTINE STUDIO – 11 AM-1:30 PM – COST: \$12 OR \$20 MIN ORDER
5/13 (M) – **CLUB CLASS** – 6:15 PM
5/15 (W) – **MONTHLY CARD MAKING CLASS** 3 CARDS – CARD BY CHRISTINE STUDIO – 5:45/6-8:30 PM – COST: \$12 OR \$20 MIN ORDER
5/16 (TH) – **MONTHLY CARD MAKING CLASS** 3 CARDS – ANNIE'S – 5:45/6 PM-8 PM – COST: \$12 OR \$20 MIN ORDER
5/18 (SA) – **MONTHLY CARD MAKING CLASS** 3 CARDS – CARD BY CHRISTINE STUDIO – 10 AM-12:30 PM – COST: \$12 OR \$20 MIN ORDER
5/20 (M) – **MONTHLY CARD MAKING CLASS** 3 CARDS – CARD BY CHRISTINE STUDIO – 5:45/6-8:30 PM – COST: \$12 OR \$20 MIN ORDER
5/21 (TU) – **FRAMED ART 'HOME' OR 'WELCOME'** MONTHLY COLLECTION CBCS – 5:45/6 PM – COST: \$25+FRAME OR Free w/\$35 ORDER+FRAME
5/22 (W) – **MAKE A CARD/SEND A CARD CLASS** 6 CARDS – CARDS BY CHRISTINE STUDIO – 5:45/6-8:30 PM – COST: \$20 OR \$30 MIN ORDER
5/29 (W) – **ANIMAL OUTING CARD CLASS** 4 CARDS – CBCS – 5:45/6-8:30 PM – COST: \$15 OR \$25 MIN ORDER
5/30 (TH) – **EVERYTHING IS ROSY CARD CLASS** 3 CARDS – CBCS – 5:45/6-8:30 PM – COST: FREE WITH PURCHASE OF SUITE BY MAY 6TH OR \$10 TO ANYONE ON MY TEAM WHO PURCHASES AND BRINGS ALONG TO CLASS

Home/Welcome Class with Interchangeable 'O'

Just a quick call out that this extra class is slated for Tuesday, May 21st at starts at 5:45/6 pm. Please let me know if you plan to attend and if you want Home or Welcome and if you want me to pick up your frame or not. I get the frames from Hobby Lobby so I need to coordinate that ahead of time.

The Everything is Rosy Product Medley is hot!



Now through May 31, or while supplies last, Stampin' Up! is offering a FABULOUS suite of products called Everything is Rosy Product Medley. This suite is definitely for you if you are an avid crafter or LOVE Stampin' Up! products. I LOVE it :)

The suite of products is \$80 and if you purchase it through me by May 20th (or with host code **ZQ42KAJQ** for online orders) you will be invited to an exclusive class where you will make three cards designed with products from the suite. The class is slated for Thursday, May 30th at 5:45 / 6 pm. You will receive the kits if you can't make it to class. I don't have the cards designed yet.....I just received my medley yesterday.

Watch this video for more details! <https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=F2-mKMTEa58>

New Annual Catalog, June-August Class Schedules, and Scavenger Hunts

The new Annual Catalog goes live Tuesday, June 4th.....who's excited for that??? Me, me, me!! The new catalogs will be delivered tomorrow, and I will be handing them out as I see you at classes this month. Please reach out to me if you aren't signed up for a class in May and need to make other connections to pick up your new catalog. I have two handfuls of people that I selected to have catalogs mailed directly to you from Stampin' Up! and I will email you separately to let you know so you can watch for it.

I have the June through August Class Schedule pretty much set.....remember, it's not set in stone because things can come up. Use it as a guide to plan what you want to attend. I always send an email and at least one reminder for each class and I also create a FB event for each class. Always RSVP with me in case a time/day/location happens to change so I can get in touch with you and you aren't left in the dark.

The Annual Catalog Scavenger Hunt is hot off the press and will be handed out with your new catalog. I will also send a separate email with it in the next few weeks.

Catalog Launch Party and In Color Class and Monthly Coupons

There are two Catalog Launch Parties with In Color Card Classes set. One is set for Sunday, June 9th at 1 pm and the other is set for Wednesday, June 12th at 5:45/6 pm. This is your time to make 5 cards using the 5 new 2019-2021 In Colors....they are so soft and delicate looking. The bundle I'm featuring that night is the To a Wild Rose stamp set and framelits which was inspired by a million-dollar achiever winner's grandmother who always loved roses.

I will have lots of new product on display for you to touch and feel and smell...oh my! There will be drawings with prizes for those who attend and those who place different qualifying size orders.

This is also the event that I had out the Monthly Coupons....a sheet full of coupons for the year, one for each month that can be used to get some extra special discounts and FREE goodies.

Those that RSVP by at least two days before each event will receive a door prize and their name in the attendance prize drawing two times. Early registration helps me plan better....and I need all the help I need these days. I'm always SUPER EXCITED for the door prizes that I'll be making for those who RSVP and attend will receive....I just cannot wait to make them. 😊

Please note: You can still stop in for the party if you want to get in on the drawings, see product, get the coupons, etc and **not** do the card class. The party part is FREE and the cost of the class is \$18 or FREE with a minimum \$25 order at class if you want to do the class.

New Club Starting in June

I had a great response from my customers and it looks like the club is full again....YAY! The next one will run until about this time next year and we will be selecting the hostesses for each month at the May class this coming Monday. I will advertise when there are openings again next year. We can always get one started up at any time if you would like to start your own club making cards with me and have at least 5 to 6 people that would join.

I also have my Monthly VIP club that will continue to run for those that like that option instead. For this club, you just complete the form after making a minimum \$25 purchase at each monthly class and after attending 6 consecutive classes and purchasing the minimum amount you get to pick out \$20 in FREE items. I always have forms available if you need one.

In Color Club Starting in June or July

Want to get the new 2019-2021 In Colors on a budget? I have the perfect thing for you.... a 5 month club with 5 members at \$40 per month (includes S & H and tax) starting in either June or July. It will get started once I have 5 people. Each month a member receive all of the following in one of each new In Colors:

- 1 ink pad – value \$7.50
- 1 ink refill – value \$3.75
- 1 pack of cardstock – value \$8.75
- 8 sheets of 6" x 6" Designer Series Paper – \$2.30
- 1 roll scalloped linen ribbon – value \$8
- 18 adhesive backed dots – value \$1.30
- 1 marker – value \$3

One month the **host will receive \$18 in FREE merchandise** of her choice. She'll receive additional host benefits if she adds to her order during her month (extra orders from herself or outside orders from family and friends).

Hosts will also receive a FREE pack of Pearl Basic Jewels OR Rhinestone Jewels the month she is hostess!

Extra host orders and Stampin' Rewards item selections are due to the demonstrator by the **1st** of each month. Orders will be placed within the first two days of the month and will be available by the **10th** for pick up.

Contact me to let me know you are interested or if you have any questions. This is the third or fourth year in a row that I have done this special club. I cap it once I'm at 5 people. Please note, these orders don't count for class fees.

Paper Pumpkin



This May, you're in for a treat. Paper Pumpkin has teamed up with Shelli Gardner, Stampin' Up!'s board chair and cofounder, to deliver you a very special Paper Pumpkin kit. It's exclusive, collectible, and one of a kind. Die-hard Paper Pumpkin and Stampin' Up! fans won't want to miss this special edition.

The look and feel of this kit is all Shelli. It's elegant, feminine, and so full of springtime details that you'll probably just want to take a walk, breathe in the fresh air, and then go home and stamp every card in the kit. And the box it comes in? We predict that you'll be keeping it . . . like . . . forever. Wait and see. https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=9&v=9LGvGoYcOTA

More about the May Kit: It includes an exclusive photopolymer stamp set, paper and crafting materials to create 12 cards (3 cards of 4 unique designs), 12 exclusive, coordinating envelopes, and a Classic Stampin' Spot.

Coordinating colors: Crumb Cake, Early Espresso, Old Olive, Petal Pink, Pool Party, Pretty Peacock, Soft Suede, and Very Vanilla

Make sure to get signed up by tomorrow, May 10th, for this kit which is called Hugs from Shelli. For those on the fence about it, I'll be ordering two extra sets. First come, first serve on those and they will be \$22 each.

Last Chance Retiring Products

Select products from the 2019 occasions catalog and 2018–2019 annual catalog are retiring—and this is the last chance for you to get them!

Swap Group

The customer swap group is in full swing and they are loving it. There are about 9 of us 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 start including you in the correspondence. We're already working on the cards for May, but you can always get in for the June cards.

Personalized Stamps Round 3

Round three of the personalized stamps is in full swing. I have about 20 people interested so far...yay! I have sent an email to everyone that told me they were interested. If you didn't get an email and would like a stamp you better get in touch with me....I missed it along the way. I will be working with each of you that have contacted me already to understand what you want, have Kelly design it, and get a proof back to your for approval. We'll get it sent out for processing once all the designs have been approved. Is anyone else interested that hasn't told me yet?

Kelly put together some options for you and they are attached in this email. Take a look at the attachments to see if you like any of the 8 options. One attachment contains different fonts that you could choose from. Let me know the number and letter for the option you like, for example, 2E and style font you would like. If you find that you like a couple of them and want 2 different stamps made that won't be a problem, just let me know both options and font styles that you want. Also, please let me know what name you would like on the stamp(s). These choices are at \$12 each. She also created some other choices for you. Those are on the other attachments and priced accordingly on the sheets. You'll need to let me know the number if you pick one of those.

Save the date for the next Used Stamp Sale

July 26th has been set aside for the next stamp sale. It will start at 7 am for all those early birders who want to look for worms. It will go until about 6:30 pm. This time it will be in my garage. Start prepping those things you no longer want so they can become someone else's treasures.

Bus Trip to Lansing, MI for SU!'s OnStage

The next Stampin' Up! event is slated for **November 16th** in Lansing, Michigan. I booked a bus, have a block of rooms, and I'm taking my team and 35 other demos along for the most outstanding and most fun trip ever! We're going to play bingo, trivia, games, watch moves, and have PRIZE PATROL.....and that is just for the bus part! I'm organizing a Shoebox swap for Saturday night and another organized swap for all those in my group. The bus leaves early in the AM on Friday, November 15th from Green Bay and we will pick along the way. We'll leave the hotel at 8 am Sunday morning, the 17th and be back to the Fox Valley in the afternoon sometime.

I'm super excited to take my team with me and would be even more excited for those that aren't on my team to join it and come along to experience this most amazing SU trip. You should think about joining my team now and let me know if you are interested so I can save a spot on the bus just for you. 😊

And now that you've read all the way through to the end, to be entered into the drawing, please let me know which stamp set you are saddest to see be retired.

Christine

OLD NEWS

New SU Plastic Bags

Stampin' Up! did away with providing free plastic bags to demonstrators. Lots of different government regulations that they had to adhere to and the cost became too much. The option they gave us is to purchase bags that are reusable. Starting today, newly bagged orders will be with these new bags and they will have a tag on them with your name. The tag says, "Don't throw me away." with some additional lines and it will have your name on it. Please make sure to bring the bag back with you to the next class you attend so I can put your next order in it. There is a brown SU box by my back door that you can set them in when you arrive. If you don't know when the next class you'll be attending is, maybe just take your things out of the bag and leave it in the bronze garden hose container for me to bring in. I'm open for other ideas if you have them and would love to hear them.

Project Sheets for the Suites

I participated in a virtual swap that included all the suites in the new Occasions catalog and I want to pass the hard work and creativity forward. Each suite includes about 10 projects that use the products from within each suite. I will email the compiled pdf document as a special thank you gift to those who purchased the bundles in those suites through me. The following bundles are included in this special: Forever Lovely, Wonderful Romance, Sweetest Thing, Bloom by Bloom, Butterfly Gala, Needle & Thread, and Geared Up Garage. I will need to go back through the orders to see who gets which one and will do that soon. For those that can't wait, just pop me an email of which bundles you purchased through me and I'll forward the file(s) asap.

NEW! Facebook Live and To Go Classes Starting Soon!!

Want to stamp with me from the comfort of your own home?? I have a great opportunity for you! I will be offering 5 existing classes as Facebook Live classes and 2 product-based classes with a To Go option between now and the end of May. I have all the details for you in the two attached pdf files. Check them out and let me know if you have any questions. I am super excited to try my hand at the Facebook Lives. I'm using these 5 as a 'get my feet wet' period before committing to a weekly Facebook Live like Kelly, my upline, does. You can click [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1u8WXvO-dneS-MSnwOGvdc9e9ZmYmRuWNxadFqQTzbqw/prefill) to sign up for a class or copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1u8WXvO-dneS-MSnwOGvdc9e9ZmYmRuWNxadFqQTzbqw/prefill>

Class Announcements and Pictures via Email

I always try to send at least two emails about each upcoming class. Did you know that 99.9% of the time include a picture of the cards that we'll be making so you can see ahead of time what you'll be making? I'm letting you know this because recently I heard that some customers didn't know there was an attachment to look at. Now that you know this, let me know that you read this mini newsletter packed with lots of information and tell me what class you are most looking forward to next.

Receiving Emails from Me

At some point I received permission to send you emails or let's say I thought it was ok to send you emails. With that being said, if you don't want to receive emails from me you need to let me know so that I can remove you from the distribution group. I do not select you one by one when drafting an email and I have been doing this for over 5 years so my group has become quite large. You became a part of my group and once you are in the group, you will continue to receive emails from me indefinitely. I know, that I do not send as many emails as Michaels, Joann's, or Kohls (I know because I get one to two a day from them), but if there ever is a point where you don't want to see emails from me, you just need to reply to one of them and let me know. I **will not** take it personally and would prefer my emails go to people who want to see them. I do not want to breed negatively from you. I think all that know me by now know that I just want to have fun stamping with you and do my best for it to be a happy time. I just simply love stamping and sharing Stampin' Up! with you!

Facebook Notifications

With all that being said about emails, please know that based on your settings within Facebook that if you like my Cards by Christine page or are part of my VIP customer group that you could still receive emails via Facebook that have nothing to do with an email I send. You would need to check your settings in Facebook. On the other end of the spectrum, 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....I know so many little details. 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.

Stampin' Up! Storage



Product Launch: April 1, 2019

Whether you have an entire room or a small corner in your home for stamping, your creative space should be tailored to you. Our new product line, Storage by Stampin' Up!, provides you with modular storage solutions that let you organize—and customize—your space your way!

Storage by Stampin' Up! is designed to store and showcase your Stampin' Pads, Stampin' Ink Refills, Stampin' Blends, Stampin' Write Markers, Watercolor Pencils, and other accessories. Here are some other features and benefits of Storage by Stampin' Up!:

- Keeps products organized, tidy, visible, and trackable at all times.
- Ensures that your Stampin' Pads, Stampin' Write Markers, and Stampin' Blends are all stored horizontally, as recommended.
- Designed to be stylish, durable, compact, stackable, and modular.
- Blends in naturally with most home decor with its white neutral color.
- Stacks vertically and can be arranged to fit practically any flat workspace.
- Easily assembled and disassembled for rearrangement and/or cleaning.

Inventory Disclaimer: Because Storage by Stampin' Up! is a brand-new product line, our inventory levels for this initial launch are based on research of similar products and their existing demand. If our inventory of Storage by Stampin' Up! products is depleted, we will turn items off until their inventories have been replenished.

I think that covers everything that I didn't forget about....LOL