



The Scrapbook Sentinel

A Free Newsletter For The Friends of: Imagine That! Scrapbooks & Gifts

At every party there are two kinds of people - those who want to go home and those who don't.
The trouble is, they are usually married to each other. -Ann Landers

Be The Life Of The Party With These Great Scrapbooking Projects

There are people who love weddings, and there are people who love parties. And when those people who love weddings also love to THROW parties... well now you've really found someone special. I knew someone who actually loved to do both! I love to organize events and such but I am not sure how well I could work under that kind of pressure. (After all it is the day for the bride.) Maybe, I would just hire a party planner☺

Anyway, that's got me thinking about weddings and celebrations in general. There's a good possibility you may have/had one or two scheduled for this summer or fall, and I wanted to share with you some great simple projects and gift ideas.

1.) **A Brag Book.** A brag book is a small, easy to carry album that can be whipped out at a moment's notice, so that the owner can, show it off! Brag books are perfect for parents, grandparents, even the bride herself. And they work not only for weddings, but birthdays, graduation parties, anniversary parties, family reunions – any celebration. You can finish your project in an afternoon – or in our studio that is always open free of charge. This is a doable project and one that your recipient will treasure!

2.) Another terrific bride, shower, or graduation gift is to jazz up the **Guest Book.** Rather than having everyone sign the standard lined book, you get everyone to sign an actual scrapbook you've pre-decorated. They can include best wishes with their signatures.



Later, you can insert some candid photos of the celebration.

Another option is to put out loose scrapbook pages for the guests to sign, which then can later be included in his or her album.

3.) **Pre-decorate an album** for the bride, graduate, birthday girl/boy, the parents (or yourself!) Choose any sized album and pick up all your supplies at one time – then, using those papers, stickers and embellishments, create simple,

uncluttered bordered pages. (NO PICS) Complete your gift with adhesive and a pen, so that even if the person you are giving it to has never before stuck a photo to a page, they will be able to make this album.

4.) I just love the idea of a **Wedding Heritage Album.** It's often not feasible to copy every heritage photo for every family member, but what you can do, is to take a copy of everyone's wedding photo to make a family tree album of sorts. Start with the oldest photo you can get your hands on, and go from there.

Include, whenever possible, birthdates, dates of passing, wedding anniversaries, etc. Put it together in an expanding album, so as you go, eventually pictures of the great-grandchildren and their families can be added. You should either leave the back side of each page blank, or include journaled stories, on the back sides, so that as you add pages from each family, you won't have any problems keeping the groups sectioned off.

It's a great project, serving multiple purposes. You get the chance to make a heritage album that is manageable, without actually having to organize and scrap every photo.

Also, it is relatively easy to scan copies of the photos for all interested family members, and finally, you will have the satisfaction of making something truly significant – a timeless photographic family tree that will be treasured for generations to come.

While we're on the subject, let me ask you, where are YOUR wedding photos? Have you ever scrapped them? Now don't worry – I'm not asking for a show of hands, but if you have never scrapbooked your own wedding because you're overwhelmed at the thought, I can totally understand. You are not alone – most people want their wedding album to be as perfect as their wedding day. Talk about pressure! Nothing says elegant like beautiful wedding layouts, but nothing creates greater Desperate-Freeze-Up-Stage-Fright, than the thought of having to create layouts as beautiful as the event itself. Even if it was someone else's wedding you attended, it can be difficult to scrap those beautiful photos. But fear not! We are here for you. Our wedding "aisle" ☺ is loaded with papers, stickers, chipboards... and ideas that will help you create wedding layouts that convey the event simply and memorably.

So come on in, and let's get you started.

Just where has the time gone?

Can you believe that summer 2008 is just about over? *And that more than half the year is over?* In just the Blink of an eye, we will all be preparing for the Holiday season. Do you still

Have last years holiday photos in boxes?
Have you scrapped all those summer

Photos? Don't worry I still haven't done mine either, but I am hoping to get caught

Up in the near future. Set yourself a goal, mark your calendar and let us help you get those projects completed.

New Products Are Arriving

We are so excited about all the new products we saw (and of course purchased) while attending the annual Summer Trade Show in Chicago. The product is already arriving and the girls are going crazy trying to find places for all the new goodies.

They have decided to hold a sale for a limited time only. They have put tons of goodies on sale- Including embellishments, papers, pens, rubber stamps, inks, and more. This sale is for a VERY LIMITED time, so if you want to stock up on supplies for your gift giving projects, Holiday cards, or just some fresh new supplies come on it while the selections are at their best.

MARK YOUR CALANDERS

We are participating once again for the second annual Scrap Pink Weekend. Our Crop will be on Saturday September 27th- This will be a Twelve Hour Marathon. Starting at Noon and will end at the stroke of Midnight. The crop fee will help support Komen for the Cure's promise to save lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality care for all, and energizing science to find the cures. This will be a "Pink Event". Call the store to reserve your spot. There will be giveaways, door prizes, special savings, and of course FOOD. (Yes, Food is Good).

We are excited to announce we are bringing in THE GLITZ GIRLS and Emily Smith for some fantastic Celebrity Classes. We are working out the final details. They will be teaching some great classes- and showing off some wonderful new products! Remember when we bring in celebrities and designers these classes sell out fast. Watch your emails for more information as it becomes available.

Sabrina's Class for the month of August is a beautiful mini album – You will be using fabric for the cover (and you can even add a photo right on the fabric.) You will be learning all sorts of new things. If you have not been down to the store to see this beautiful album stop on by and get signed up.

Welcome New Scrappers!

Here are the new people that became members of our scrapping family this last month!

We'd like to welcome you publicly, and wish you all the best!

Melinda B., Katie R., Sarah B., Amy W., Jolie R. Welcome new Carlsbad ladies- Barb S., Vivian C., Tanisha G., and Susie H. And our new Lubbock Ladies- Carla S., Ann W, & Mindy F. Thanks for all the referrals.

We love giving recognition to our new friends and our wonderful existing customers who are kind enough to refer their friends and relatives to us! We're all helping each other, which is the whole point of all this!

Right?



Inspirational Story Of The Month

The Salty Coffee

He met her at a party. She was so outstanding, many guys chasing after her, while he was so normal, nobody paid attention to him.

At the end of the party, he invited her to have coffee with him, she was surprised but due to being polite, she promised. They sat in a nice coffee shop, he was too nervous to say anything, she felt uncomfortable, and she thought to herself, "Please, let me go home..."

Suddenly he asked the waiter, "Would you please give me some salt? I'd like to put it in my coffee." Everybody stared at him, so strange! His face turned red but still, he put the salt in his coffee and drank it. She asked him curiously, "Why do you have this hobby?" He replied, "When I was a little boy, I lived near the sea, I liked playing in the sea, I could feel the taste of the sea, just like the taste of the salty coffee. Now every time I have the salty coffee, I always think of my childhood, think of my hometown, I miss my hometown so much, I miss my parents who are still living there." While saying that tears filled his eyes. She was deeply touched. That's his true feeling, from the bottom of his heart. A man who can tell out his homesickness, he must be a man who loves home, cares about home, has responsibility of home... Then she also started to speak, spoke about her faraway hometown, her childhood, her family.

That was a really nice talk, also a beautiful beginning of their story. They continued to date. She found that actually he was a man who meets all her demands; he had tolerance, was kind hearted, warm, careful. He was such a good person but she almost missed him! Thanks to his salty coffee! Then the story was just like every beautiful love story, the princess married to the prince, and then they were living the happy life... And, every time she made coffee for him, she put some salt in the coffee, as she knew that's the way he liked it.

After 40 years, he passed away, left her a letter which said, "My dearest, please forgive me, forgive my whole life's lie. This was the only lie I said to you---the salty coffee. Remember the first time we dated? I was so nervous at that time, actually I wanted some sugar, but I said salt. It was hard for me to change so I just went ahead. I never thought that could be the start of our communication! I tried to tell you the truth many times in my life, but I was too afraid to do that, as I have promised not to lie to you for anything... Now I'm dying, I afraid of nothing so I tell you the truth, I don't like the salty coffee, what a strange bad taste... But I have had the salty coffee for my whole life! Since I knew you, I never feel sorry for anything I do for you. Having you with me is my biggest happiness for my whole life. If I can live for the second time, still want to know you and have you for my whole life, even though I have to drink the salty coffee again."

Her tears made the letter totally wet. Someday, someone asked her, "What's the taste of salty coffee?" She replied, "It's sweet."

Ain't Love Funny?

Love is a symbol of eternity. It wipes out all sense of time, destroying all memory of a beginning and all fear of an end. -Author Unknown

I think men who have a pierced ear are better prepared for marriage. They've experienced pain and bought jewelry. -Rita Rudner

Keep your eyes wide open before the wedding, half shut afterwards. -Benjamin Franklin

A husband is like a fire, he goes out when unattended. -Evan Esar

A good wife always forgives her husband when she's wrong. -Milton Berle

Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight. -Phyllis Diller

All marriages are mixed marriages. -Chantal Saperstein

The secret of a happy marriage remains a secret. -Henny Youngman

Just think, if it weren't for marriage, men would go through life thinking they had no faults at all.

A birthday is just the first day of another 365-day journey around the sun. Enjoy the trip. -Author Unknown

Never be the first to arrive at a party or the last to go home, and never, ever be both. -David Brown, quoted in Reader's Digest "Quotable Quotes," April 2004

A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells thousands of students dressed in identical caps and gowns that "individuality" is the key to success. -Robert Purvis

Just about a month from now I'm set adrift, with a diploma for a sail and lots of nerve for oars. -Richard Halliburton

All that stands between the graduate and the top of the ladder is the ladder. -Author Unknown

Live the life you have. -Henry David Thoreau

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