

THE *MTL* GAZETTE

A free newsletter for the friends of Memories that Last

THE SMART APPROACH TO AN ORGANISED YEAR

Well here we are - survivors of another Christmas, where the next few days will be spent wading through left-overs, and filling bins full of wrapping paper and cardboard boxes. It won't be too long before we are back in the rat race at full speed with shopping lists, back-to-school lists and to do lists. And of course - let's not forget our first list of the year - the Resolutions list. As I was putting up the new calendar (ready to be super organised this year) I thought that I would share with you my smart approach to an organised year.

I love the ritual of putting up the new calendar and the fresh possibilities it contains. All those clean, still-empty squares just tempting us with the notion that This Year, we can do life better. We WILL manage our schedule rather than allowing it to manage us...we WILL focus on what really matters and not allow the Urgent to overwhelm the Important. Nothing like a new calendar to see what CAN BE. Well scrapbooking is no different than anything else in our lives. The more organised we are - the more we feel like we can handle it - the more we will enjoy the process and want to partake. So having said all that, what are your goals for your scrapbooks this year? Do you want to complete an album as a gift for a child, or your parent's wedding anniversary? Would you like to finish a family album or two...how would it feel to finally get your own childhood photos preserved in an album?

One big way to find fulfillment in our hobby is by taking the reins and taking a stand for organization. Nothing says happiness like tidy paper bins. Nothing motivates like rediscovering what you already have and are now excited to use again. So come and take the S.P.A.C.E. Challenge with me. This is my formula for success - no matter how much stuff you have.

So our MISSION is: **Organisation** and Our Formula for Organising is: **S.P.A.C.E.**

So what is SPACE I hear you ask. Quite simply it stands for the following:

- S** - Sort
- P** - Purge
- A** - Assign
- C** - Containerise
- E** - Equalise

Sort - the first step. Identify what is important to you and sort it into groups by colour, category - whatever works best for you. Continue sorting within the groups if you wish.

Purge - Decide what you can live without and get rid of it. It's OK to let go. Remember, you're making room for fun, new products. Everything you purge goes somewhere. Some of it may be trash, some can go into your kid's bins, or you can donate some to your local pre-school. Share with your friends or organise a swap with your buddies. Remember one scrapbooker's trash is another's treasure.

Assign - Decide where to store your supplies. Make sure the location is logical, accessible and safe. Include everyday supplies in the area where you scrapbook. Your infrequently used items can go on the other side of the room.

Containerise - This is the fun part. Now that you know where your supplies will go, make sure everything has a home, whether it's a drawer, tote, plastic container, binder or basket. Your containers should be sturdy, easy to handle and the right size. Once everything is containerised, put them in their designated places, step back and enjoy the satisfaction of completing a huge task.

Equalise - Spend 15 minutes maintaining what you've organised before you start a project. If you spend a little time putting things away after making a big mess, you'll easily keep your space organised.

The key to making this formula work is to follow the steps in order. When things are organised and I know where to find everything I'm not only more efficient, but I feel more creative. January is a new year and a fresh beginning. Make it a successful scrapbooking year by getting organised. You may choose to do this in a weekend or work on it for five hours a week in January. However you choose to do it - don't delay - you'll love having everything in its place. I hope this formula helps you get organised for a fantastic creative 2010.

Cheers, Anne-Marie

Top New Year's Resolutions:

I had to share this list of most-popular New Year's Resolutions with you. Just take a look and see how our scrapbooking classes and crops can help you reach your goals...

Spend more time with family and friends

(Our crop schedule is included, and there is always room for more!)

Get in shape and/or lose weight

(Do you have any idea how much your scrap bags weigh – just make sure you carry one on each arm – don't want to be lopsided!)

Quit smoking and/or drinking

(No problem – our scrap room is smoke free, and everyone knows you should NEVER Drink and Journal!)

Learn something new

(Did I mention our Class Schedule is also included with this newsletter?)

Get Organised!

(Well, that's an easy one... take the S.P.A.C.E. challenge!)

Help Others

(Get your friends together and come to our Crop days...)

Enjoy life more.

(We are here to serve – At MTL, Scrapbooking IS Happiness!)

CRICUT EXPRESSION PROMOTION

**Buy a Cricut Expression for \$700
and get 7 Cartridges FREE**

Limited to first 4 customers
Free cartridges via redemption only

**Taking pre-orders NOW
for Jan 22nd delivery in-store**

Shop re-opens 4th Jan 2010

NEW YEAR SALE

25% OFF STOREWIDE

from 9.30am Wed 6th Jan 2010
to 5.00pm Wed 13th Jan 2010

excl already discounted items
in-stock items only
no backorders or rainchecks
no further discounts apply

BUSINESS FOR SALE

**A Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity
to purchase a successful,
multi-award winning business.**

As you may have heard through the
scrapbooking grapevine, Stuart and I have
decided to sell MTL.

This has been a personal decision
that we have made due to changes
within our immediate and extended family.

If you love scrapbooking and have entertained
the thought of owning your own business then
this is the opportunity for you.

No set-up headaches - just step through the door
and take the reins.

**ALL REASONABLE OFFERS
WILL BE CONSIDERED**

If you would like to discuss this
great opportunity please call

Anne-Marie on 0412 384 385

or leave your details at the shop

January Class Calendar



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 CLOSED					1 A HAPPY NEW YEAR CLOSED for HOLIDAYS	2 CLOSED for HOLIDAYS
3 CLOSED for HOLIDAYS	4	5	6 Sizzix Capers 10.30am - 1pm	7	8 My Mind's Eye Ooh La La 10.30am - 1pm	9 Christmas Joy 10.30am - 1pm
10 CLOSED	11 Kids Class 11am - 1pm	12	13 Kids Class 11am - 1pm	14 FREE CROP 10.00am - 3pm	15	16 "Cherish" Canvas 10.30am - 1pm
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24 CLOSED	25	26  CLOSED for Australia Day	27	28	29 Quick & Easy 10.30am - 1pm	30 FREE CROP 10.00am - 3pm

Please note: Must have a minimum of 3 bookings for class to run. Notice of Cancellation of class or CROP NIGHT must be given 48 hrs prior for refund or credit towards another class or crop.

Please bring Basic Class kit to every class – this incl trimmer, adhesives, ruler, pencil, craft knife and scissors.

Class Bookings can be made by ringing the shop on 9821 3622 or booking online at www.memoriesthatlast.com.au and clicking the calendar icon.

Class Descriptions

**Shop Hours:**

Mon to Fri - 9.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday - 10.00am - 4.00pm

Sunday Closed

Crop Nights : every 2nd and 4th Friday

Class	Costs	Description
Christmas Joy (pre-cut kit)	\$15 plus kit	Scrap your 2009 Christmas photos with Rita's Christmas Joy page. The perfect opportunity to complete one of Rita's Cricut Capers class as we will precut all the cricut embellishments. Photo size used 5 x 7 Landscape. Kit TBA
"Cherish" Canvas	\$15 plus \$34 kit	Designed by Kath Parker. Create this beautiful 10"x10" Black and White canvas using the Bo Bunny Unforgettable range. Come along to learn some basic techniques for decorating a canvas. Excludes chip-board title, please feel free to bring your own.
My Mind's Eye Ooh La La	\$15 plus \$16 kit	Designed by Kath. Create two single page layouts using My Mind's Eye Ooh La La range. We will show you how to use this masculine range for both boys and girls. Please bring foam tape. Photos: pg1: portrait 5x7, pg2: 5 x black & white portrait 2x3. Excl. page title and adorn it alphabet, please feel free to bring your own.
Sizzix Capers	\$15 plus \$21 kit	Designed by Larissa. Create two single page layouts using a variety of Sizzix dies. Please bring foam tape, black pen, brown ink, kindly glitz, red pen. Photos: 5x7 landscape, 5x7 portrait. Baby Page has 3 mint green layouts, 4 blue layouts and 7 pink layouts available.
Quick & Easy	\$15 plus kit	Choose your own papers and embellishments to create two quick and easy layouts, in one layout learn a great technique using a crafter's workshop template. Photos: 2 portrait 4x3 and 3 portrait 4x3.
Kid's Holiday Classes	\$22 Incl lunch and All materials	Kids Holiday classes. Variety of projects will be available. Check closer to date for descriptions. All kids classes include Macdonalds lunch and project materials.
CROP NIGHT	\$10	Come and enjoy a night of scrapping with friends. Bookings essential as places fill quickly.

Class Calendar correct at time of printing. Please check website for up-to-the-minute updates.