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Hope & Promise—Pass it on!

What is it about this time of year that throws me into a cleaning frenzy? Is it because it is the end of one year and I want to clean out old "baggage" or because it is the beginning of a new year and I want to make room for all the hope and promise that brings? After 50 plus years, I now know that when things around me are out of control—my control!—then I resort to doing what *I can* do by cleaning and reorganizing. This is the time of year when I *don't* want to hear what you have accomplished because the power of suggestion causes me to rush off to do the same! (Thanks a lot, Mitzi—my refrigerator is now clean—inside and underneath!)

On the bright side, though, this cleaning and reorganizing and taking inventory bodes well for our customers with a **MAJOR CLEARANCE SALE**—see story below.

Perhaps this will provide a source of hope and promise for you in the new year!

The beginning of a new year also prompts thoughts of our local Lioness Club's annual *Sayner Spring Stampede* to be held the first weekend in May—May 5, 6 & 7—story on the back page. This is always an exciting time for everyone as it means summer is just around the corner, exhibitors have lots of new ideas and products to share after attending trade shows and stampers and scrappers jolt their creative child to come out of hibernation and begin dancing to the music of their dreams. Many people say this event is the best in Wisconsin—if you only attend one convention, this is the one!

For Judy and me, the new year excites us with ideas for new classes for the year. We attend shows and classes,

dream, play, experiment, bleed and sweat, laugh and curse to come up with inspiring ideas and techniques to share with you. It is the best time together we have all year—hope and promise fulfilled for us. It is a great way to start the year and we are ever thankful for you, our customers, who support and encourage us in the business of finding ways to express our creative spirits.

The circle is complete: you inspire us to inspire you! This sums up the hope and promise of a new year and it is my wish for you. Seek out or keep and cherish what nurtures you and let go of those things that prevent you from being the amazing, gifted person that you are. We are each gifted creatively to be a gift to one another. Pass it on!

The Biggest Clearance Sale in Our History!

We just have to make space for the new stuff we will find at the shows this winter—in fact, as you read this, we are shopping the Las Vegas show (really tough duty!)—OR put an addition on the shop (and John squelched that idea....spoil sport). So, make a bee line to **The Mark-it Place** and reap the benefits of the biggest clearance sale in our history! We are putting hundreds of stamps, stickers,

embellishments, decorative papers, ephemera, magazines, books, fibers and supplies on sale at 40% to 50% off—no kidding, this is BIG!

This sale will be held President's Day weekend: Friday, February 17 through Sunday, February 19. That's not all....Pastimes, Traditions and GreenWeavers will also have clearance sales: Traditions and GreenWeavers will offer 20%—70% off selected items

and Pastimes will have 40% off storewide! You can't afford to miss this weekend in Sayner!

The Mark-it Place will be open regular hours: 9 am to 5 pm Friday and Saturday and 10:30 am to 3 pm on Sunday.

Pssst: We'll be putting things on sale almost daily between now and President's Weekend so frequent visits might be a good thing to schedule!

WINTER SHOP HOURS

Tues—Sat 9am to 5pm

Sun 10:30—3pm

CLOSED MONDAYS

UNTIL APRIL

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The measure of Love is to Love without measure



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Measure by River City Rubber Works #4125H, 1 1/2" x 2 1/4", \$8.950

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