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WINTER HOURS
Tues—Sat 9am to 5pm
Sun 10:30—3pm
CLOSED MONDAYS
UNTIL APRIL

The Newsletter title design features images from our NEW Clear Views transparency sheet, *The Rose*, shown in black & white instead of color.

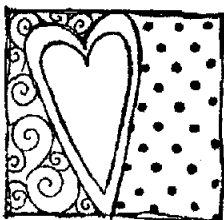
*A single rose can
be my garden...
a single friend,
my world.* Lee Brumby



Top: A Single Rose by Verses
#1127E, 3" x 1½", \$9.95

Middle: Flourish Hearts by Hero
Arts #C4604, 1½" x 1", \$5.95

Below: Heart w/dots by Hero Arts
#B4629, 1½" square, \$5.50



A Tribute: Clarence Stahl, 1916—2006

As a business owner, I have to focus on the things that are not done instead of those that are so my viewpoint is often skewed to seeing the glass as "half empty". While I am happier focusing on the positives, sometimes the "half empty" view is carried over into other areas of my life.

For instance, the last few months were trying times for me and many people dear to me as we struggled to process the illnesses and deaths of loved ones along with the stresses of the holidays. One loss in particular was the death of Clarence Stahl, the father of **The Mark-It Place's** own Judy Weber. I don't know if there is ever a *better* time to process loss due to death, but just before the holidays? It really doesn't matter WHEN Clarence died...I would feel the same sense of loss.

Clarence was special to me. He and his wife, Beverly, were life-long residents of Sayner and their presence touched everyone in this community. Clarence had a penchant for the ladies.....he was a flirt...never in an inappropriate way but just that he always made the ladies feel special. He often visited Pastimes Gift Shop (our first business in town). Clarence was always interested in creative things and, at age 83, learned about rubber stamping. He made cards for every occasion and often had his holiday cards made up months in advance.

Clarence wasn't happy to simply *share* his card creations—he wanted to share the creative process as well. After much coaxing, he finally convinced his daughter, Judy, to sit with him and just TRY this stamping stuff. Judy did it to humor him but

after only a couple cards, she was hooked! He gave her a gift of basic supplies and she went home that evening and played into the wee hours of the night. (Sound familiar?)

Clarence wasn't finished with his mission just yet...he brought Judy to the shop and introduced us. After a few more visits, I convinced Judy to make samples for the shop and then to teach classes and then to work for us. Clarence may be at rest, but his creative spirit and mission lives on through Judy, gratefully at **The Mark-It Place**.

As I process the loss of Clarence, the glass is no longer "half empty" but "half full" doesn't quite describe it either. *My cup overflows!*
THANK YOU, CLARENCE!



Due to computer challenges for the past month, this newsletter is way overdue! I also couldn't email to let everyone know about the President's Weekend Clearance SALE at The Mark-it Place. Don't dismay! We still have hundreds, if not thousands, of items clearance priced up to 70% OFF including stamps, inks, paints, scrapbooks, magazines and embellishments. Plan a day trip soon for the best selection and check out our new classes and new stuff arriving almost daily!

10th Annual Sayner Spring STAMPEDE

The tenth annual Lioness Sayner Spring Stampede will be held Saturday, May 5, 2007, 9am—4pm at the Sayner Community Building and Town Hall. This is also opening of fishing so, for many, this weekend appeals to couples as their first weekend getaway to the northwoods for 2007—*he* can fish and *she* can stamp and scrap—a match made in heaven!

Classes will be offered Friday and Saturday evenings and all day Sunday (May 6).

In celebration of their tenth anniversary, the Lionesses will be selling embroidered t-shirts before the show which attendees can decorate and wear for a chance to win a prize. Check out the website for details.

The Lioness Club will again offer the popular **Used/New Stamp**

Sale which opens at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning for the early birds—no admission fee. And, by the way, anyone can participate in the **Used/New Stamp Sale**—details will be up on the website. (Even if you have participated in the past, details have changed so review the new guidelines.) Just to clarify, the Lionesses call this a "**Used/New Stamp Sale**" because exhibitors take this opportunity to sell dis-

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