

GONE SCRAPPIN' IN BLOOM

* flowers * scrapbooking * gifts * handmade items * cafe *

Her heart said,
"It's time to create!"
Her soul overheard
and replied,
"It's about time!"



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Reclaim your creative spirit at GSIB...
Shop. Attend A Concert. Attend A Retreat.
Work On Your Crafts. Enjoy A Latte...

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Coming Events

October



Oct. 26th Halloween

Open House 8:30 - 3p.m.

- * Kids Costume Portraits - book ahead.
- * Ghoulish Good Eats in the Cafe - special harvest menu! Enjoy a pumpkin spiced latte while you shop!
- * Store Specials
- * **Home Routes Concert with Al Simmons**
Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; Concert 8 p.m.
\$20/person (More geared to the adult audience).

November

Nov 7th - Members Only Night

Come & Go 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Must RSVP by Nov. 2nd to be entered to win a prize. Store discounts & pre-order poinsettias for members only. Call for details.

Nov 8 & 9th Holiday Open House

Nov 16th Handmade Holiday Blitz

Nov 23rd Day of Imagination

Nov 23rd Candy Cane Market

Nov 25th Home Routes Concert

December

December 6 Evening Shopping

Sponsored by the Rossburn Chamber. Businesses will be open until 9 p.m., store specials, etc. Visit GSIB for our **Hot Chocolate Bar & Santa Photos** (KITKO). We provide the hot chocolate and all the toppings and you create your own delish masterpiece!

Dec 22nd Baking Cookies With Mrs. Clause

Coming Soon:

March 8 & 9 Bloomin' Art Retreat

March 21-23 PJ Princess Crop

INSPIRING THAT CREATIVE SPIRIT

This year we have changed our focus at GSIB a little bit. The store has always been great for the soul. As you enter the building and are surrounded by the different items, gifts and smells from the cafe your worries seem to fade away and time slows down a bit. It is easy to lose track of time at GSIB, it happens to me all the time too. Many always ask "how I do it all?". I don't. I have great help. The girls at the store (my front line), my family - allows me to have flexible hours, babysit, never ending support, pick up kids - so they don't get forgotten somewhere; and friends ever patient when it takes me awhile to get together. This past year with Dalyn getting ill (he's doing great by the way)

was a wake up call that I can't do everything and at the same time I am not truly doing anything that I love. Don't get me wrong - the store is a dream come true (even with the ups and downs of owning your own small business) and I love it - but I stopped making the time to do quite a few things that I love. Which was a reason I started the store in the first place. I was feeling a bit lost and dispassionate. I need time to CREATE. I love all forms of art, paint, photography,



Getting Creative Again!

scrapbooking... I grew up with it. It has always been in my life. When you start eliminating time for yourself - even a few moments - you can be cranky. Life isn't as fun. Busy. Yes. Hectic. Yes. Fun. Not as much. Life is too short. Kids need to see you doing things you love, what you are passionate & excited about. A friend once told me - kids join your life. Your life doesn't cease because you had kids. There is a balance. It just took me awhile to find that balance. Trust me, it is a constant struggle. I need many reminders.

So if I'm feeling at a loss, I'm sure others are too. How many times do you mean to do coffee only to find 3 months passed, you see each other on the street and agree your overdue for a visit, planning to get together, 3 months goes by... vicious cycle. If you do not pencil in time for these moments they will never happen. This is my new trick. If I write in my planner I am going to take an online art class. Amazingly enough I do. And it fits into my schedule. I get a bit happier.

So that is our GSIB focus. Bring a little bit of creativity back into everyone's spirit. This does not mean you have to be crafty. There are concerts, showcases, tea tastes & classes. Most classes are designed for beginners to experienced. The point is to have fun, get messy and discover something new or enjoy the time with others while doing it. Whether its meditative yoga, tea tasting, scrapbooking, knitting, etc. And recently I discovered and joined...



CRE8TIME is a movement, supported by a group of people who want to make a positive social change. As our lives become increasingly crowded with "responsibilities," we tend to ignore ourselves and find it difficult to justify creative pursuits;

they seem "selfish" and are often the first things we discard. It's time to reclaim our creativity! It is designed to help people recover eight hours a month and devote it to their particular craft, and to create a place for them to share their experiences - the joys, lessons, and results - with the creative community at large.

So GSIB joined the movement - Every Wednesday night the store is open until 9 p.m.. These nights are now our CRE8TIME Nights. I'm hoping as interest grows we will be able to continue it every Wednesday (unless I have a concert or something on). Right now there is no cost - just encouraged to purchase a tea, latte or snack while you work (you can't bring your own drinks or snacks into the store). People are welcome to come anytime after 5 p.m. but I won't be there until 7 p.m., if you need my help on scrapbooking or digital scrapbooking. Val will be there at 5 p.m. (She is awesome at pretty much every known craft out there - floral/silk designs, all crafts, painting, stitching & knitting, scrapbooking, etc). Some hobbies - we are a little rusty on - which is the reason for having these nights. Spread the word! Any one working on any creative project is welcome to come, share their projects and friendships with other creative souls. There is no "registration" right now until we start to fill up. If you can only make once a month - its fine, if you can come more Wednesdays or each week - awesome! If you would love to learn a new craft - please let me know and I will hook you up with the right instructor! Come CREATE!



Other creative events from our events coming up, everything is focused on our creative spirits. Co-hosting the Art Retreat with art therapist Lori Boyko will be an

amazing and soul inspiring weekend. Even if you don't consider yourself artsy or creative - it is meant to play and have fun - for all people. PJ Princess Crop - a weekend scrapbooking with others, tons of good food and free stuff, plus wearing pjs all weekend. Life is good! Meditative Yoga is being planned with Tawna, Computer, Photography & Camera Courses will be starting in January.



Blogging Inspired Ok I am a terrible blogger. I keep "trying to find my voice". I love Facebook, Instagram, twitter, etc. but blogging I can't seem to decide what I want to share about my life or what people are interested in that they would want to read.

Needless to say its a work in progress, however I follow many blogs and am in awe with what I read there. The stories and lives of people, make you feel apart of their life, stories and items that intrigue and most importantly inspire me. One such blogger is an artist I admire and LOVE her work. We carry some of her gift items in the store. She recently posted a blog entry that seemed so close to mirror my feelings lately - here is an excerpt and I hope it inspires you a little.

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you may think I spend so much time in my studio. heck before we moved into this house I couldn't get ENOUGH of my studio. I was over here everyday I could.. just being here. Whether it was sitting on one of the couches reading books, or actually painting and creating. I LOVED being over here. Needless to say.. my "other" responsibilities seemed to fall by the way side and I found myself getting behind. Now that we have moved in.. I noticed that I would go a week sometime TWO without even stepping FOOT in my art studio! WHAT?? hello? it's across the

Who inspires you? What gets your creative thoughts flowing?

driveway! I just got so busy with the other aspects of my creative job/Life.. I would forget how important it was to be creative in THAT way too. I always felt so overwhelmed try to keep up with our Store. ordering and listing new product, getting ready for retreats, running the back end. Plus answering emails, trying to blog (*once in a while babab*). Creating new workshops, the classroom, back end website stuff, my blog, and even creating logos, etc... not so fun stuff. Etc. Many might think I hire a lot of that side of things out. But I actually do all of it myself. I have never been one to "pay" for something I am determined to figure out on my own. I also have a hard time letting things "go" to other people too. Like I need creative control on EVERYTHING. It's a bad problem with me. So I just hunker down and do it all. Spend lots of day.. and nights after kids go to bed, managing everything. It's a lot and it's sometimes tiring.. but it is how we support our

family and so I do it and don't complain because we are BLESSED to have this job. BLESSED I tell you! I started realizing though.. I was hardly EVER making time to create! AND HELLO?? isn't that the reason I do all of this? To create?? I think so.. and to SHARE what I create with others.. not just in my classroom but in other ways as well.

So I started this challenge (A girl a day for 30 days) for myself as a way to kind force myself into creating something EVERYDAY and being in my studio everyday too! It IS a challenge to find the time.. when I feel like I have WAY more important things to do.. but I have decided it's important! I also haven't spent much time lately sharing my personal struggles on my blog. I think I have shied away from it because our family of 8 has been through some pretty life changing, heart breaking trials over the past two years. Things that at times I thought would totally just break me to the

core.. and I didn't feel like sharing my struggles with the world. I could barley get through some days as it was.. let alone sit down and write about it. I just shut down.. and closed myself off to others. Seriously i did. Ask my family and friends. I HAVE.. not just did.. I HAVE. Which normally isn't me at all. I am a gabber and love to talk and love to share and LOVE to be around people! I think sometimes when you go through hard things.. your

heart gets hurt and your spirit gets broken and you close yourself off to others as a way to i guess just survive?



So lets find our creative spirit together. Who knows, you might discover something new, laugh a little more or make new friends. KH

HANDMADE HOLIDAY BLITZ

Join us at GSIB Saturday, November 16th

I grew up going to craft shows with my uber talented parents. We would start planning early, but before you knew it, we would be up HOURS the few days before trying to get everything finished, painted, boxed (when dry)... I still love planning homemade Christmas decorations and gifts but all of a sudden time flies by and Christmas is here...next year hopefully.

THIS YEAR let's get it done!

- * Bring those homemade craft projects, Christmas cards, etc...
- * We will provide you with lunch, snacks, presents great ideas and an interruption free day to get them done!
- * \$75 Admission. Register by Calling GSIB by Nov. 8th.



Nov. 16th
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
\$75/person
Meals included.
Bring your projects.
Have fun!

