

CATALOG PICKS

OnyxXpressions

Looking for beautiful, graceful and striking images for your stamp art? OnyxXpressions is the place to go. Here you will find Oriental images, images in the Art Deco style, images from nature and lovely text images – including a strong selection of sympathy wording.

OnyxXpressions' complete current catalog is found online only. Cheryl explains, "It is in Adobe Reader format that can be downloaded to a personal computer's hard-drive for viewing offline, which will display quicker than viewing from the website. Pages of interest from the catalog can then be printed by the individual."

Cheryl McVeigh owns OnyxXpressions. VSN last reviewed this catalog in Jul '03. Cheryl says, "A great deal has been added since the initial VSN catalog review. The OnyxXpressions catalog has jumped from sixteen pages to forty-eight pages. New themes have been added: Art of Living, Sun-n-Sea, Xpressions, Oriental Brushstroke, and Xpressions-Sympathy. Lots of new images have been added to Art Deco, Floralscapes, and the Nature Collections. The Oriental Aura theme has been enhanced tremendously."

"The focus on expanding the OnyxXpressions Collections has been two-fold. I have long felt that there was a lack of stamp images available for purchase that are suitable for male-oriented card-making, and I felt a need to offer more heartfelt sayings to express feelings of sharing grief when someone has lost someone very dear to them — thus, Xpressions-Sympathy evolved. The Oriental Aura II collection has been expanded

to include male images such as the Warrior, the Traveler, and the Journeyman; as well, there are a trio of horse images, a temple, ancient musical instruments, a dragon and a temple all quite suitable for male card-giving. In addition, Art of Living now includes The Airman and a male ballet dancer. The Nature Collection offers wildlife suitable for male cards, such as Crane, Lobo, Tiger, and Leopard."

The addition of male images should be welcome to female stampers too. Cheryl is right that stamp images are so often of female subjects, which can be limiting!

Cheryl adds, "With the popularity of Altered Books and Scrapbooking nowadays, all manner of phrases have been added to Xpressions from self-incriminating 'I'm living in a Feng Shui nightmare,' and 'Indecision is the key to Flexibility,' to thoughts relative to life's journey like 'What A Ride' and the 'The Journey is the Destination,' to traditional phrases in

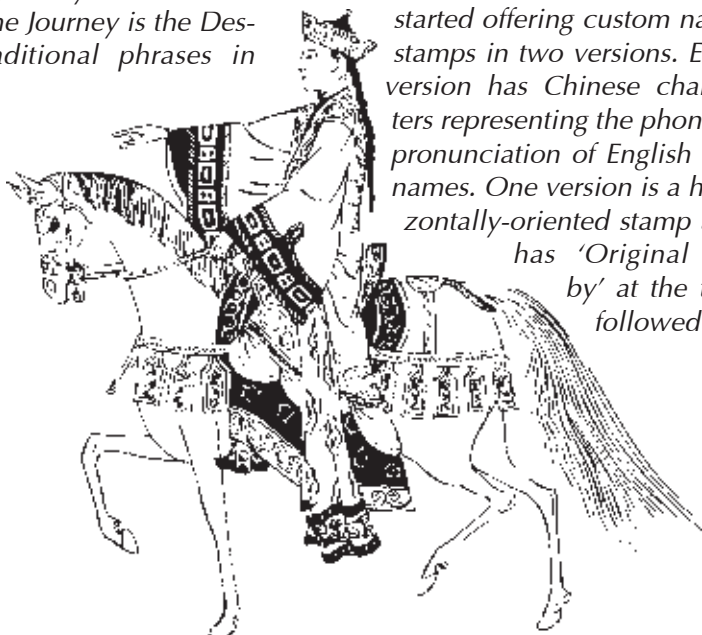
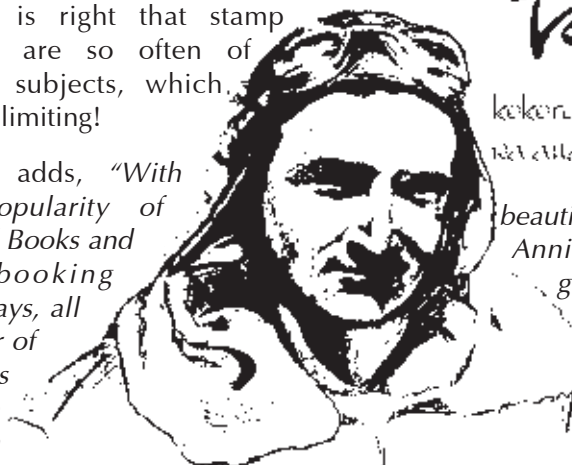
心の悲しみは
貴方と共に
美利

We share the grieving of the heart

kekore de kaidashimi
nawatake to tomo ni

beautiful script fonts such as Anniversary and Birthday greetings, and thoughts for expressing love and the meaning of life - like 'Stuff's Not It!' Xpressions also features a nice selection of 'Mail Art' stamp designs, and envelope stamps for postal handling: Fragile, Hand Cancel, Air Mail, RAK, etc."

"In the last few months, I've started offering custom name stamps in two versions. Each version has Chinese characters representing the phonetic pronunciation of English first names. One version is a horizontally-oriented stamp and has 'Original Art by' at the top, followed by



the Chinese brushstroke characters of the name, followed by the English first name at the bottom."

"The second version is a vertical format where the Chinese characters are surrounded by a rectangle with rounded-corners, and the English first name below the rectangle. These have been very popular and well-received in the community of Oriental stamp artists. An extensive list of names is already available, and there is an option to be put on a 'Future Name' waiting list. These can be found under Oriental Brushstroke on my website."

OnyxXpressions sells unmounted stamps. Cheryl says, "Should a customer plead for mounted stamps claiming they don't know what to do with unmounteds, they can order mounted as a special request at twice the price of unmounteds, plus shipping costs, plus name me as the primary heir to their estate. Can you tell I don't want to do mounted?" Unmounted stamps range in price from \$1.50 to \$9.50.



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New images are added every few months. Want to be the first to know? Cheryl says, "I email to a list of stamp art lovers on a periodic basis offering my new images, and special offers. I encourage anyone who would like to be added to the email distribution list to email webmeister@onyxxpressions.com. Usually I send only one, and no more than two announcements a month are ever sent, so there should be no worry of feeling overwhelmed with messages."

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