

# 2011

## Scrapbooking Classes

### HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

Another year has passed, what changes did it bring to your family? In our group I know we have had weddings and births, funerals and loss, new friendships and old heartache. All of these events combined to make us who we are; unique, one of a kind gifts.

Did you journal your events? Journaling is not just for scrapbooking, it is for recording your life. Although you could write in a diary, most people tend to think of using a diary to jot down their daily activities. Very few people have something exciting enough to write down every single day. Although, I know many that do.

Journaling is not a day to day documentation of your life, unless you want it to be. Journaling is meant more as a way to preserve special memories and thoughts.

The easiest way is to keep a small journal/notebook handy. That way when your child/grandchild says or does something amazing (as they all do) you can quickly jot it down. Another way is with your camera. Take a quick pic, upload it to your computer and assign the information in the tag on the photo. Tada—half the work is done!

Don't forget to write your special moments down. It is amazing how you think you will never forget, but time steals those precious moments without your consent.

I hear all the time the many excuses people have; poor handwriting, poor grammar, bad spelling— none of those matter. What matters is that you record those priceless moments.

Sit with a grandparent, parent, or elderly loved one. Ask them about their life and use the video camera to record it. Don't try and take notes while they are talking. For one, you won't really be listening and two, you might miss something.

Your story is the most amazing gift you could ever give anyone. Thank you all for being a part of this group and for sharing your talents and memories with all of us.

*Tammy Brown (Co-Owner)*

### Peppermint Popcorn Bark

- 2 bags microwave popcorn, popped (18-20 cups)
- 1 6oz box candy canes, crushed
- 1 package Almond Bark
- 1 tsp peppermint extract or a few drops of peppermint oil

Place popcorn in a very large bowl - the biggest one you have. Pour crushed candy canes on top of the popcorn. (I crush my candy canes in the food processor - it is quick and it pulverizes the candy canes!) Melt almond bark according to instructions on the package. Add the peppermint extract or oil to the almond bark and pour over popcorn. Stir until all the popcorn is coated. Pour popcorn on wax paper and allow to harden. Once the popcorn has hardened, break into pieces and enjoy!



### The Strangers In The Box

By: Pam Harazim

Come, look with me inside this drawer,  
In this box I've often seen,  
At the pictures, black and white,  
Faces proud, still and serene.  
I wish I knew the people,  
These strangers in the box.  
Their names and all their memories,  
Are lost among the socks.

I wonder what their lives were like?  
How did they spend their days?  
What about their special times?  
I'll never know their ways.

If only someone had taken time,  
To tell who, what, where and when.  
These faces of my heritage  
Would come to life again.

Could this become the fate  
Of the pictures we take today?  
The faces and the memories  
Someday to be tossed away.

Make time to save your pictures.  
Seize the opportunity when it knocks.  
Or someday you and yours could be  
The Strangers In The Box.

### Snow

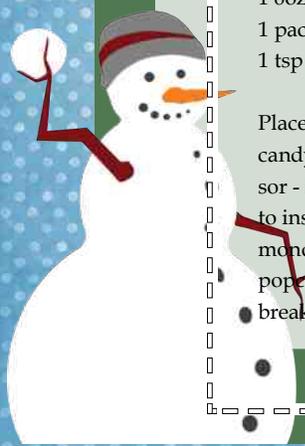
By: Torrey Miller

High above, on clouds' soft bed,  
the angels shake their wings...

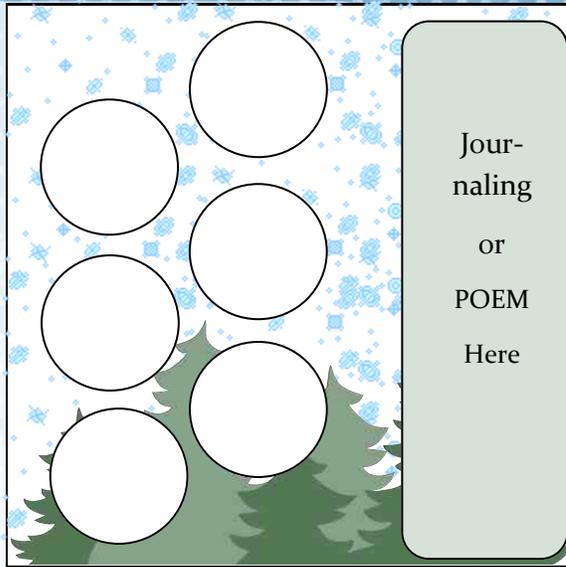
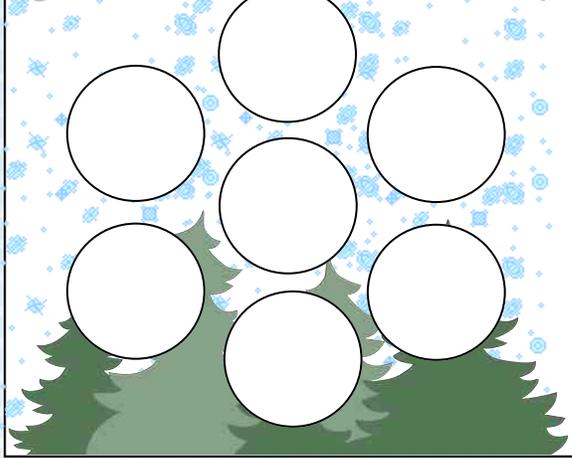
To shed the shroud of wint'ry sleep  
that peaceful dreaming brings.

A quiet hush of gossamer  
floats gently all around...

As downy snow from angel wings  
falls softly to the ground.



# SNOW much fun!



Journaling  
or  
POEM  
Here

## LAYOUT INSTRUCTIONS

Stamp snowflakes or other simple winter design on your paper. Add title. Cut 13—3” snowballs on white or light blue paper. Stamp (or print) trees on light and dark paper and cut out. Write or print journaling. You could use large snowflakes instead of snowballs.

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### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Esther Kretowicz (SBC Co-Owner)

I grew up in New Hampshire, but now live in North Dakota with my dear husband Anthony and our pet dog Oscar. I have a 25 year old son and an almost 18 year old step-daughter. I am a stay at home wife and I love to do many crafts, not just scrapbooking. My hobbies include crocheting, knitting, ceramics, cross stitch, plastic canvas and cardmaking. My favorite technique would be inking. I love the look of it. I also love to paper piece and to make tear bears.

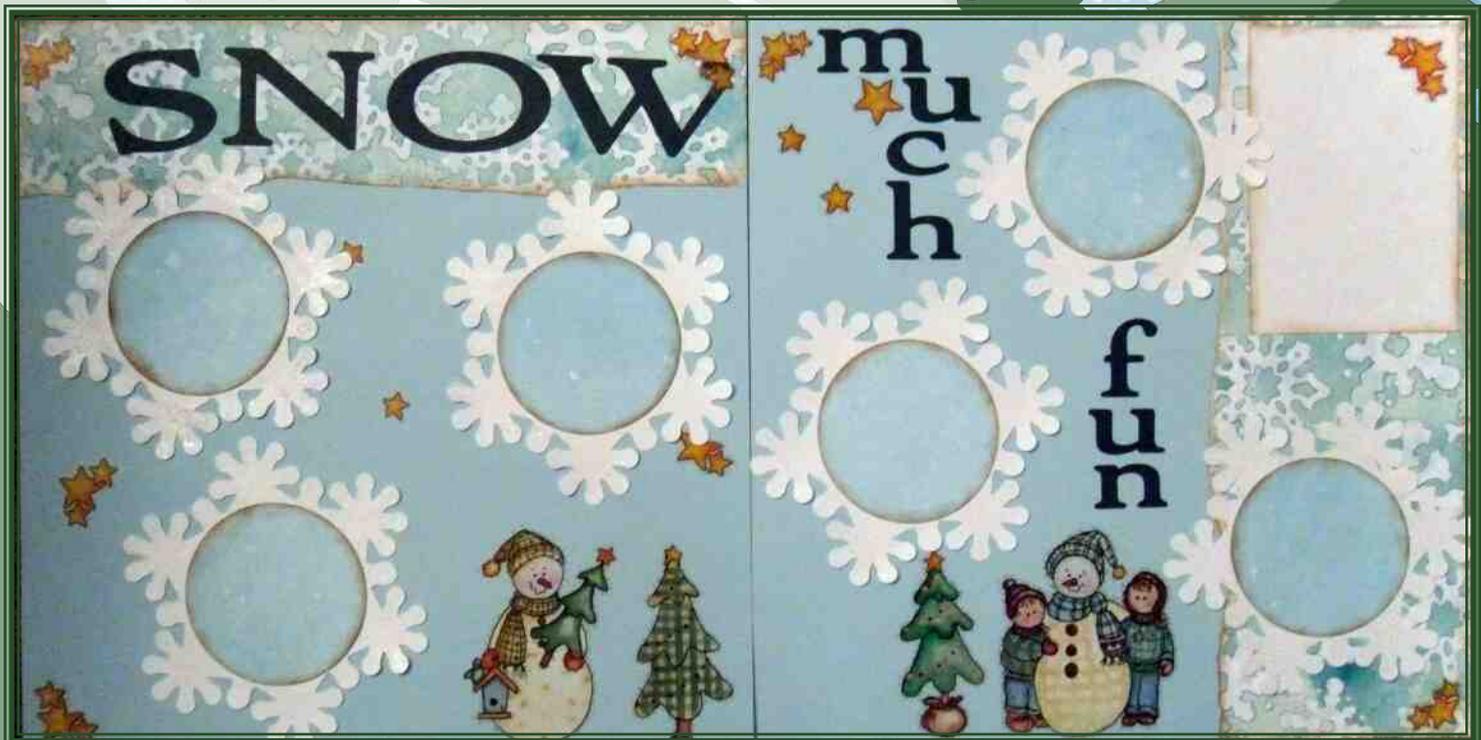
I started scrapbooking when I first met my husband and we went on a trip to Florida. When we returned home, I wanted to preserve the memories. From there I started looking for online scrapbooking groups. I joined and learned a lot of new things to use in my own books. Now I own and co-own several scrapbooking groups, including ScrapBooking Classes Group.

You can see Esthers work at either of the links shown below

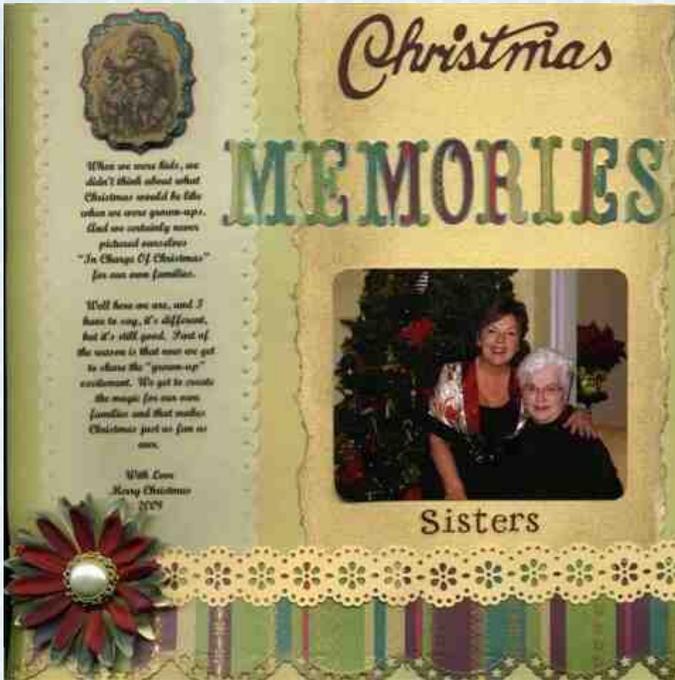
<http://estherscreativedesigns.blogspot.com> and <http://estherscrtvdesigns.etsy.com>



Esther created the layout below using the sketch shown above. Thank you Esther for sharing your talents with us! She used inking around the edges to give the layout texture and snowflakes behind the circles really gave it some joy!

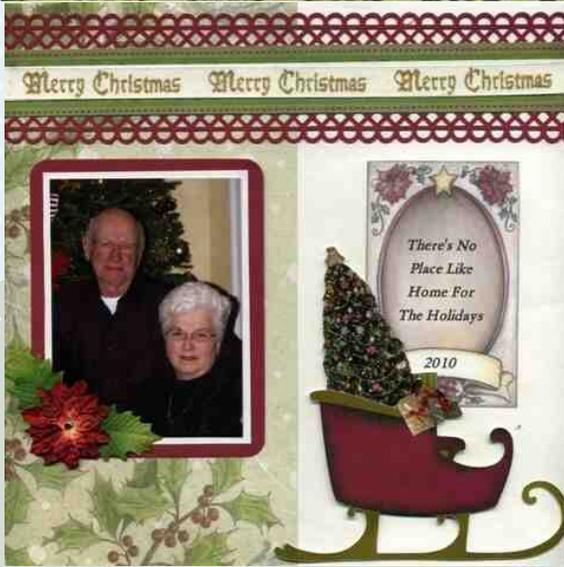


**(Submitted by SBC member, Doreen)** The first one titled "Christmas Memories" I made and gave to my sister for Christmas. The journaling reads:



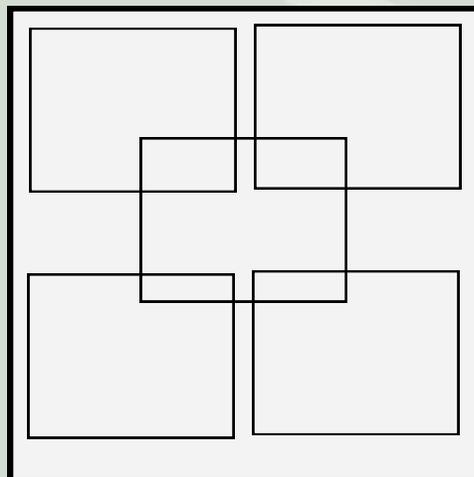
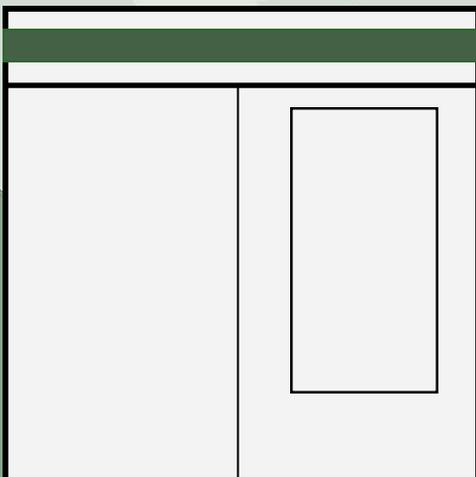
*When we were kids, we didn't think about what Christmas would be like when we were grownups. And we certainly never pictured ourselves "In Charge Of Christmas" for our own families. Well here we are, and I have to say, it's different But it's still good. Part of the reason is, now we Get to share the "Grownup" excitement. We get to Create the magic for our own families and that makes Christmas just as fun as ever.*

With Love,  
Merry Christmas  
2009



The other layout is two pages "There's No Place Like Home For The Holidays" (see below). The picture on page 1 is my hubby of 46 years (Larry) and me. Page 2 "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" are some of my favorite decorations I put out for Christmas.

Merry Christmas!  
Doreen



Thank you SBC member, Doreen, for sharing these beautiful layouts! I hear from a lot of members that they struggle with creating layouts with out sketches, so here is a sketch based on Doreens layout. Hope the layouts and sketch inspire you! Be sure to share with the group if you do a layout inspired from these ideas. Thank you!

Would you like to be the spotlight member or layout in the newsletter next month? If so, submit your info to Tammey or Esther before January 20th to be considered. Put NEWSLETTER in all caps in the subject so we are sure to not miss your submission. Any projects completed by you with instructions will be considered and are encouraged! Thanks!

## Member Spotlight:

### Tammey Brown (SBC Co-Owner)



Welcome to the last newsletter of 2011! My name is Tammey Brown and Esther and I co-own Scrapbooking Classes. We started it January 2007 as we saw a great need out there for new scrappers to learn how to scrap safely and to be inspired.

Neither Esther or I had had much experience with this kind of group, but we both had (have) great passion for sharing, teaching and the preservation of personal stories. The last year has been very difficult with many changes for us personally and in the group. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

I know 2012 will bring many exciting changes to our lives and to the group! Please feel free to share projects you are working on. Remember, when we started we were learning as we went too! It just takes dedication and a desire to share. No one expects a perfect presentation, in fact, on of my first demonstrations was a pocket page and I messed it up several times before I figured it out and was able to teach it correctly!

I am married, a mother, a grandmother and I work a full time job. My hobbies include scrapbooking, photography and genealogy research. I love to write, design, create and teach. In fact, they are my greatest passions outside of family and faith.

This is a participation group, everyone is welcome to share what they are working on, how to make it and what they need help with. Please feel free to chime in and take advantage of the amazing resources found in SBC!

My goal is to again have a monthly newsletter available. If you have an article or instruction to share, please send it to me and I'll put it in the newsletter. You MAY include your website or

You can find Tammey online at [tammeybrown.blogspot.com](http://tammeybrown.blogspot.com) and [www.scrapwithme.com](http://www.scrapwithme.com)

Tammey's Grandson, Ryan and Granddaughter; Princess Tia!



## What Is Journaling?

Why should we journal? After all, there are beautiful photos to display the day.

Journaling is a significant part of a layout. Without the journaling, it is not complete. Remember, these albums are not just pretty pages full of fluff and wonder. They are a legacy. They are a gift to the generations that follow!

I have photos that I can not, and never will, identify the people in them. I know my dad is one of the people, but who are the others? I have no idea.

I have photos of events when my kids were little. I thought I would always remember their little friends and where we were. I was wrong.

I remember silly things that they did when they were young, I thought I would remember them easily. Not so much. A few of them I do, like the time my oldest daughter burst into tears in the backseat one Christmas Eve (or some other holiday that required travel). It took me several minutes of quietly talking to her and coaxing her to tell me what was wrong before we learned that she was just devastated

that someone had broken the moon! If I don't get that down, it will be forever lost with me.

There are times when the journaling is a little more personal. For those times, use hidden journaling. Be careful though as people that view your pages later will want to read that journaling. They will slide those tags out to read them and expose them to the elements, what ever is on their hands and potential harm.

A title is the start to journaling. You can use bullet points, little snippets under photos, a journal box, or any other manner of writing to answer the following questions about the photos:

- ◆ Who is in the photo?
- ◆ Where was it taken?
- ◆ Why was it taken ?
- ◆ What is the layout about?

Don't assume that future generations will even recognize a place or event. Things change so rapidly and people move away. I challenge you for this upcoming year to journal every single layout you do! Your handwriting is as precious as those photos, be sure to sprinkle that in there too!

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- PAJAMAS**
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