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## A Tribute To My Father

My dad, Philip Nishikawa was born on the first day of Spring... March 20, 1939. He was born in Sacramento, at the same hospital as my son Miles, the old Sutter Memorial Hospital. That was 76 years ago, but on January 12th, 2016, my father's life was cut too short. He suffered a massive heart attack in his living room floor in Pleasanton. Phil was the eldest of four children, born just before World War Two broke out and his family was placed in an internment camp in Rohwer, Arkansas. After the war, my grandparents became farmers in Yuba City. My grandmother told me they were so poor and couldn't rely on the perfect farming weather that they pressured my dad to get a higher education. Philip not only hit the books, he



graduated in 1957 as the salutatorian at Yuba City High School and he went on to earn his degree in Engineering at Cal Berkeley. School came easy for my father. He was one of the smartest men I knew. He could help me with any math problem and explain it to me so I would understand numbers. He was an expert at word problems and showed me how to break down the sentences so I can understand the questions. He remembered chemistry formulas as if he wrote the book on Chem 101. I would often say to myself, "Why did I not get his brains!!!" My dad knew my gift was "gab" and embraced it. He was so excited when I was crowned homecoming queen at my all-white high school in Fremont... he saved this picture of us in his office and placed it in a crisp white envelope. He was elated when I got my first job in television reporting... and who cares if I was on a faraway island reporting from Guam. He thought I was Connie Chung (without the million dollar salary). My dad was very special to me, because he was the dad that gave you whatever you wanted... a new car when you turn 16... spending money to buy Gloria Vanderbilt and Calvin Klein jeans... but most importantly.. he would make sure my sister and I did not suffer the prejudices that he suffered as a child growing up as a Japanese American. My dad would not tolerate anyone calling us racial names or teasing us because of our race or ethnicity. He was always our bodyguard. And now with my dad in heaven, I feel he's still watching over me. But this time he has wings... my guardian angel! Rest in peace Dad. I love you!

🌸 Stephanie Nishikawa-Yee, owner, *The Paper Garden Boutique*

# April 2016



Friday, April 1st 10am–12pm

**Washi ART** \$35

The word “washi” comes from wa ‘Japanese’ and shi ‘paper’, and the term is used to describe paper made by hand in the traditional manner. We will create six new cards using these delightful papers.

Saturday, April 2nd 10am–12pm

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Monday, April 4th 10am–12pm

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Friday, April 8th 10am–12pm

**Spring Flowers** \$35

We will create six cards with a spring flair. Think beautiful flowers, green grass and anything that includes nature’s beauty!

Saturday, April 9th 10am–12pm

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Sunday, April 11th 10am–12pm

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Friday, April 15th 10am–12pm

**Shake, Shake, Shake** \$45

Shaker cards are back! We will create four cards using sequins, fun stamps and dies and lots of bling! These are fun and interactive to receive in the mail or to give as gifts!

Saturday, April 16th 10am–12pm

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Monday, April 18th 10am–12pm

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Friday, April 22nd 10am–12pm

**Orange is the New Black!** \$35

This month we will create six cards with one of my favorite colors... “orange!” 50 shades of orange!

Saturday, April 23rd 10am–12pm

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This month we will create six cards with one of my favorite colors... “orange!” 50 shades of orange!

Monday, April 25th 10am–12pm

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Friday, April 29th 10am–12pm

**Glitter Bomb** \$35

It’s going to a glitter kind of day with lots of sparkle. Create six cards with lots of bling.

Saturday, April 30th 10am–s12pm

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# May 2016

Monday, May 2nd 10am–12pm

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Friday, May 6th 10am–12pm

## **Japanese Tanjobi** \$35

“Tanjobi” mean birthday in Japanese... it's a very special celebration in Japan as well. After all, “life” is such a wonderful gift. We will create six cards with a birthday theme.

Saturday, May 7th 10am–12pm

## **Japanese Tanjobi** \$35

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Monday, May 9th 10am–12pm

## **Japanese Tanjobi** \$35

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Friday, May 13th 10am–12pm

## **Happy Birthday To You!** \$35

Everyone needs birthday cards... they are the most popular card we sell in the store. In this class, we will create six fun birthday cards.

Saturday, May 14th 10am–12pm

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Friday, May 20th 10am–12pm

## **Expressive Watercolor** \$35

Take this class and try out some basic water coloring techniques and see your cards come alive. You will love these simple techniques! We guarantee, you may not want to give your treasures away.

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Friday, May 27th 10am–12pm

## **Shades of Green** \$35

We will create six cards using the color green. With the month of May, everything is green... the grass, the flowers and the eggs... heck... we're green with envy!

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# June 2016

Friday, June 3rd 10am–12pm

**Paris is Always a Good Idea** \$35

In this class we will create six cards with the theme of Paris. The iconic city of high fashion, the Eiffel Tower and the city of love all come to life on cards!

Saturday, June 4th 10am–12pm

**Paris is Always a Good Idea** \$35

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Monday, June 6th 10am–12pm

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Friday, June 10th 10am–12pm

**Asiana cards** \$35

Create six cards with an Asian flair.

Saturday, June 11th 10am–12pm

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Monday, June 13th 10am–12pm

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Friday, June 17th 10am–12pm

**Yellow Submarine** \$35

Create six cards with the color yellow!  
Think sunshine, citrus and bee's!

Saturday, June 18th 10am–12pm

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Monday, June 20th 10am–12pm

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Friday, June 24th 10am–12pm

**Summer Fun** \$35

Kick off the hot season with some tropical sizzling cards... we'll create six cards with a fun summertime theme.

Saturday, June 25th 10am–12pm

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