

Through the Shop Window

...the "little shop around the corner" on Mill Street



"From the unique to the antique!"

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Just another day

For all the celebration and fanfare, the passing of the old year to the new is just another day. There are no radical changes, no great awakenings, nothing special.

Be honest-how many of you actually kept your resolution from last year? How many of the goals you set were achieved?

Now, don't think that I'm all gloom and doom. I see the new year as nothing special because every day is a new opportunity. You see, I don't have to wait an entire year-each new day comes loaded with promise, hope, and the chance to make a positive change in my life and the lives of those around me. The potential is there-all I have to do is act upon it.

What's more, each new day brings new challenges-if you look for them. I can't help recalling a cartoon I saw many years ago. A poor man had decided to end it all and tied an anchor rope around his neck. He threw the anchor off the pier-only to spot a chest of gold coins on his way to the bottom of the ocean. The title of the cartoon was "Look before you leap".

So, if your life is boring, you have nobody to blame but yourself. Expand your world-learn something new. Change your outlook-focus on others. Seek the good that is around you, and count your blessings. Everybody has problems and difficult times, and these will give way to easier happier days. Every day is what you make it.

Remember, there are three kinds of people:

- 1) Those who are happy.*
- 2) Those who are only happy then they are miserable.*
- 3) Those who are only happy when they are making other people miserable.*

Each day you must choose which type of person you will be, and suffer the consequences (good or bad) of your choice.

Celebrate each new day of 2010. Enjoy the small pleasures of life, and claim the blessings God gives you.

Happy New Year!

February Classes

Customized Knitting for the Intermediate Knitter Tuesdays Feb 2-23 7 PM-9 PM You know how to knit, but you're tired of doing the same projects. You would like to move on to bigger things, but are afraid to go it alone. Here's your chance. You choose the project, and we'll provide the guidance and support. If it's knitting with beads, cables, fair isle, lace, whatever you would like to do, but can't do on your own. Since students will be working on different projects, class space will be limited to 4 students. The class fee is \$60, and students are encouraged to choose their projects prior to the first night of class.

"Crash Course"

Rug Punch Wednesdays Feb 3-10 7PM-9PM Here's a quick course that will introduce you to a quick way to make beautiful wool rugs. No working with little stands like latch hooking, no tedious hooking, just punch and go! We'll be working with small kits, so you'll be sure to finish your project. You can even create your own patterns for custom pieces. The class fee is \$30 and does not include the kit or tool. Space is limited to 4 students.

"Crash Course"

Knitting with Beads Wednesdays Feb17-24 7PM-9PM If you already know how to knit, this quick class will teach you an easy way to add "bling" to your work. Simple steps and pre-strung glass beads will allow you to easily create stunning pieces. Even simple patterns can become something special. Students must know how to knit and purl. The class is limited to 6 students. The fee is \$30, and does not include materials.

Please Note

The shop will be closed January 29-31 for our Winter Retreat. We will reopen Tuesday, February 2nd, keeping our regular business hours.

We will be having a "Seven Year Sweetheart Sale" February 14-17. Selected yarns, needles, and books will be marked down as we make way for the new inventory Penny's ordering at the Winter TNNA Market in Long Beach. Stop in and see what we've got going on. This is your opportunity to add to your stash and expand your library.

The 2010 Winter Retreat is January 29-31

There are still a few tickets left for our trip to the Little Switzerland Inn in McGregor, Iowa. The cost is \$80 per person, and includes 2 nights lodging, two breakfasts, and lunch on Saturday. Don't delay, sign up today! Start the new year by taking some time for yourself and finishing a few of your projects. If all your projects are done, then start a new one!