

# Through the Shop Window

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



"From the unique to the antique!"

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## *Fall at Last!*

*By now everybody know my favorite season is the fall. You can keep the spring rain, summer heat, and winter snow-they don't hold a candle to the fall. The trees are ablaze with color, the nights cool, and the air is filled with the scent of falling leaves and the smoke from countless fires.*

*And, just as the livestock return from the high mountain pastures, so the fiber artists return from their gardening and summer activities to settle back in for a season of knitting, spinning, weaving, and fiber euphoria. There is nothing as relaxing as sitting before a glowing hearth with ball of good yarn and a project on the needles, or sitting at the wheel with a soft cloud of fiber spinning wonderful yarn.*

*Wool socks, hats, scarves, sweater, all your finest projects are in style. They are the height of fall fashion, a joy to look at, and a comfort to wear. This is the season when fiber artists shine!*

*As usual, we are busy getting the studio ready for another busy season (At the moment it is a mess, but you have to make a mess to make changes). Our inventory has been replenished, and new display racks have been purchased to showcase the new yarns and fibers. The shop has been painted to help chase away the gloom of the approaching winter. We are anticipating hours of enjoyment using the studio space.*

*The 31<sup>st</sup> of the month heralds the beginning of our 13<sup>th</sup> year in business. We have adapted with the changing markets and, unlike many other shops, we are still in business. (I am sorry to disappoint those who have spread rumors that we are closing-adapting to the markets-yes, closing-no. Without a shop, where would Penny put her stash?)*

*So stop in and check out what's new. You never know what inspiration you'll find, or what projects await you. Please note our new hours, or roll the dice and catch us "per chance". And remember, when you're with us it's always an adventure!*

## **Classes**

We will offer classes ONLY by request. You may stop in the shop, tell us what you would like to learn, and we'll customize a class for you that fits our schedule. Not sure what you want to learn? Come in with some ideas and we'll help you decide. Knitting, Spinning, Crochet, Tattng; we offer it all.

## **Shop Winter Hours**

**Thurs-Fri 7PM-9PM**

**1st and 3rd Saturday and Sunday each month**

**10AM-5PM**

**Open Workshop is on the 1st and 3rd Sunday each month**

**Other hours are "per chance"**

## **Winter Retreat**

**All rooms for the 2016 Winter Retreat have been sold. Thank you for your support of this event.**

## **'Tis the Season**

Yes, the holidays will soon be upon us again-so NOW is the time to get those gifts made. Don't wait until the last minute. We have all kinds of patterns for gloves, mittens, scarves, sweaters and accessories. Nothing keeps you warmer in the winter warmer than wool.

And, while you're in the shop, be sure to make you Christmas Wish List. Simply browse the shop and list what you'd like. Put the names and addresses of those who we should give your list to, and we'll send them a copy. This year you can get what you really want under the tree.

Now, just to add to the mix, we are still receiving new items that were ordered during TNNA. If you knit socks, you'll love the new OPAL yarns. We receive new colors and patterns every month-so there's always something different. I also expect some new novelty yarns to arrive before the holidays. These will be limited, so stop in often for the best selection. Because when they're gone-they're gone.

Also new is our selection of project bags-which includes a new "Shop" canvas bag imprinted with our logo. The selection includes hobo bags, train bags, and backpack bags (those are going fast).

Finally, if you don't have time to knit-Penny has a large selection of finished goods for sale-too many to display in the shop, so if you are looking for something special, just ask her. She may already have one made!

See you in the shop!