

Through the Shop Window

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Wool, Warp & Wheel

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The February March

We are now approaching the “hump” of winter. The Christmas decorations are put away (for the most part-we always miss something), and soon it will be downhill all the way. As most of you know, spring is not my most favorite season-and winter is a close second. Still, aside from the severe cold, it hasn't been too bad.

As I continue on this side of the turf, I have begun the long process of learning what I can and cannot do. (I do have limitations, which my body is quick to remind me of-after I have exceeded them, of course).

The Retreat was a wonderful time. The planning for the 2019 Winter Retreat is well under way. Congratulations to all those who finished projects on the retreat. There is nothing like a sense of accomplishment to top off a wonderful weekend.

Our next big thing is TNNA. This year we travel to Cleveland, OH. We will have a short 4 days to discover and procure all the new items that the industry has to offer-and get them in stock before Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival.

Speaking of Sheep and Wool, we will again bring the entire store for your shopping pleasure. Remember, classes fill fast, so watch the web site and don't wait to register. Classes will again begin on Thursday and be offered through Sunday. Make the most of the opportunity the festival offers and take a class. You might be surprised at what you'll learn.

For now, as we all deal with the winter, feel free to stop in the shop and pull up a chair. There is a fire in the stove, hot coffee, tea, and good lighting. Bring your knitting, crochet, or other fiber craft and take some time for yourself. That's how you make the most of winter! And remember, the shop is open during the day on both Thursday and Friday. So, if you're out and about, stop in and see what project Penny's got going. We'll be waiting for you.

Winter Hours

We are making a small change in our Winter Hours. To reduce our costs, during periods of severe cold we will not have the shop open on Tuesdays or Wednesday evening. However, if you're out and need something, call (815) 678-4063, and we'll open for you.

Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment between 7 PM and 9 PM

Thursday and Friday 11 AM-9 PM

The First and Third weekends of the Month

10 AM – 5 PM

Open Workshop will be on Sundays of the first and third weekends of the month.

We offer one-on-one customized classes as well as individualized help on the projects you have “in process”. We can help you with knitting, crochet, spinning, weaving, felting, as well as other fiber related art forms. Winter is the perfect time to expand your knowledge and enjoyment of your craft. Please feel free to contact us in the shop to schedule a time slot.

2019 Winter Retreat

The 2019 Winter Retreat will be held in Fontana, Wisconsin at the Heritage House Inn. The dates are Thursday, Jan 24 through Sunday, Jan 27. Check in is at 1:00 PM on Thursday, and departure is noon on Sunday. Those attending will be asked to help provide a meal for the weekend. We are limited to a total of 18 spaces. The Inn is divided into 3 suites, each having 2 bedrooms, a full kitchen, a living room with a fireplace, and at least 1 full bathroom. Some rooms have a view of Lake Geneva. We meet in the Common Room, which is large enough to spaciouly accommodate all of us.

The cost per person is \$140.00, and must be paid in full when you reserve your place. As of this printing, 13 spaces have been purchased, so we have space for 5 more people. Best of all, the Inn is a short 30-minute drive from the shop.

If you are interested in attending, please get your funds to Penny. This is “first come-first serve”, and there are no private rooms left. The 2018 retreat was a great success, and the Inn was very comfortable. By eliminating the two-hour drive and adding Thursday afternoon, we have more time together, more time for fiber, and more time for fun! Since we pay for the Inn in advance, your fee is non-refundable UNLESS we can resell your space.