

Through the Shop Window

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yarn, and equipment....



...shop the sheep.
Wool, Warp & Wheel

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There's No Place Like Home Part 2

Those of you who know me know that I don't do thing in a small way-it's "Go big or go home". Well, I almost did. I had not one but three heart attacks at the beginning of October-followed by carotid artery surgery and a quadruple bypass. After 12 days in the hospital and weeks of recovery, I am now back at work and settling into my new reality.

No more clearing snow, mowing the lawn, or over-doing it. These are things better left to others. I almost made my wife a rich widow (life insurance), but at least for now, my time has not yet come.

My new reality includes pills enough to fill a pharmacy-including pills to counteract the side effects of the other pills I am taking. It includes extreme fatigue as I continue to heal, limits on what I can lift, push, pull, and the level of exertion I can perform. This is all new and a bit frustrating. My new reality includes not stressing-a nearly impossible task at times.

More important, it includes a greater appreciation of friends, asking for their help when needed, and surrendering to what has been placed before me by God. As a rule of thumb, I don't do well with change. Most of us don't. But, if I am going to stay on this side of the turf for the immediate future, changes must and will have to be made.

I am glad to be back at work-it's no fun being off when all your friends are working-there's nobody to play with.

See you in the shop!

Winter Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday 7 PM-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". Please feel free to contact us in the shop to schedule a time slot.

Supporting Your Local Yarn Shop

Thanks to all of you who faithfully support us. We are one of a rare breed on the verge of extinction. We are a small local yarn shop. Did you know that since 2008, almost half of the yarn shops in the country close each year? And, that new start-ups usually don't last past their third quarter in business? Sad, but true. Pressure from on-line businesses and increased operating costs are changing the face of the crafting industry. You-Tube has become a replacement for "in-person" classes. And, as people are content to settle for less than the best for the sake of convenience, shops that offer you the chance to feel the fiber before you buy, and offer help correcting what You-Tube has incorrectly taught you, continue to go out of business.

We have and will continue to make adjustments to our business, seeking to balance your needs with what economics will allow. Every time you walk through our door and make a purchase, you are casting a vote to keep this small local shop alive. Every dollar you spend with us helps to keep the lights on, allows us to expand the inventory, and ensures that help is available when you need it. Every purchase matters. Thanks for supporting your local yarn shop.

2018 Winter Retreat

The Winter Retreat will be in Fontana Wisconsin, Jan 25-28. If you still owe a balance for the retreat, please see Penny and get it paid, as we have already paid the Inn.