

Through the Shop Window

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



"From the unique to the antique!"

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Photo Finish

We all love to start projects. We all enjoy the sense of accomplishment we get from completing a project, yet many projects started remain undone. There are a host of reasons for this, and none of us are exempt (yes, even Penny and I have projects that have been set aside) from setting unfinished projects aside for extended periods of time.

Sometimes unclear or ambiguous directions bring a project to a grinding halt. Other times we need a break from the miles of plain knit a project may require, or it may be that we have mastered what we wanted a project to teach us, so our interest in it has ended. All fiber artists have their reasons for their pile of unfinished projects.

Need space for more stash? Here's an idea-pick up those projects you've cast aside and get them finished. Need some incentive? Finish it, bring it to the shop and we'll photograph it! We love seeing your finished work-and you can share your success with others at our open workshop on Sundays. In fact-bring your projects in process to an open workshop and get the help you need to pass the sticking point.

If you find your garment is not needed by you, or if the finished product does not fit you (immediately celebrate the fact that you've lost weight) and remember that you can donate it, place it in a consignment shop, or place it in a charity auction.

There is an entire list of rewards waiting for you once you finish a project. You'll experience a great sense of accomplishment, you'll know the thrill of overcoming the obstacles it presented you, you'll have more space for future purchases, and perhaps the best thing about finishing a project is: for every project you complete, you have license to start six more (ref: Penny's rules of knitting 1.a).

So pick up those idle projects and forge ahead. We're here to help you along the way. A few stitches each day will get you a photo finish!

School's Out!

As is our tradition, we will not have any scheduled classes during the summer months. Regular classes will resume in September, and will be listed in the August newsletter. We will have Open Workshop on Sundays throughout the summer at our new summer hours: Sunday 11 AM – 4 PM. Hope to see you there!

Summer Schedule

Beginning May 1st, we will go to summer hours:
Tues-Fri 7PM – 9 PM and Sat-Sun 11 AM – 4 PM.

We will be closed:

May 24 – 27 for the Memorial Day holiday

June 19 – 30 for the TNNA Convention

July 4 – 7 for the Independence Day holiday

2014 Winter Retreat Tickets are Available

The 2014 Winter Retreat will be held January 24-26 at the Willowood Inn located in Baraboo, WI. Tickets are \$125/person double occupancy, or \$175/person single occupancy, and include: 2 nights lodging, dinner on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Tickets must be paid in advance (check or cash only), and are not refundable. This has been one of our most popular events. Our new Inn also provides first floor accommodations and private baths. The meeting room is warm, and excellent lighting, and a beautiful view of the Baraboo Hills. So make your plans now to take a winter break and to join us for a relaxing weekend of working with fiber (the resale shopping isn't bad, either). Tickets have been selling, so reserve your place today! Please contact Penny to secure your reservation.

Remember, Open Workshop continues all summer!

Come join us in air conditioned comfort for a day relaxation and enjoyment. There is no better way to start the week than with a little "me" time, so grab some yarn, a good pattern, a cup of coffee and pull up a chair. Summer workshop hours are Sunday, 11AM-4PM. There's good company, plenty of coffee, and the help is always free.

And don't forget-summer is the perfect time to start your Christmas projects. Avoid the last minute rush-start early and knit often. You'll be glad you did!