

Through the Shop Window

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



"From the unique to the antique!"

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April 2015

April Showers

The past few years have had their difficulties. The state of the economy, health issues, family matters-it seems that a number of sunbeams have been hidden by dark clouds. Let's be honest-everybody has their problems, and there are more than enough to go around. It is easy to give in to the feelings of despair if you only see the clouds.

But, dark clouds come with two other things-silver linings and showers of blessings. But, you won't see these unless you're looking for them. We tend to focus on the obvious because it's easily seen. Looking into the heart of a matter and seeking the blessings is a lot more difficult, but well worth the effort. The silver lining is the good that comes out of the adversity. The blessings are what carry you through the storm.

Don't get me wrong, you can't just ignore the storm and look for the silver lining. The storm is something you must experience. It must be dealt with. It is what you must go through to experience the blessings. It is the storm that gives the blessings meaning and demonstrates the power of the One who blesses you. It is what causes you to realize that you are not alone, but He is with you.

The silver lining comes with the realization that we are where we should be, in His care, and doing His work through our lives.

It is said that "April showers bring May flowers." I'll remember that when I'm sloshing through the mud during a downpour, or bailing out the laundry room. (Spring is not my most favorite season, but is a welcome change from winter-both have their own miseries).

I, for one, am looking forward to our mini camping retreat. Sure, it's only at the state park, but you don't have to go far to be away! And a little time away is better than none at all. God rested on the 7th day-sometimes I don't think we rest enough. Information on the Fiber Festivals and Mini-Retreat are available in the shop and on line. Rain or shine, plan now to play later.

School is out-but....

As usual, we will not be scheduling group classes for May-August. However, we are available to teach one-on-one classes. If there is something you would like to learn, please call the shop. We would be happy to arrange a class.

Fiber Show Update

McHenry County Fair will have a **Spring Fiber Fling on May 16-17**. The new show will be open at 9 AM both days. This should be a great show, and will include fiber animals, classes, and of course-vendors! And, we plan to be one of them!

As usual, we will also be attending the **Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival in Jefferson this September**. So, mark your calendars and plan to support these fiber events. For more information on the 2015 Spring Fiber Fling, contact the McHenry County Fair Association. See you there!

There will be a winter retreat in 2016. Please click on the link on our web site for the details.

Fiber in the Forest

Like camping and fiber? Then join us for a weekend of campfires, fiber, food, and fun. We will be at Chain-O-Lakes State Park June 26-28 for the weekend. We have made our reservation in the Honeysuckle camping area (site 66 is ours). If you are interested, please contact the Chain-O-Lakes State Park or Reserve America (on line) to reserve your site. If you don't camp, consider joining us during the day on Saturday, June 27th! More information is available in the shop.

The shop will be closed

April 5 for Easter

May 14-18 for the *Spring Fiber Fling in Woodstock

May 22-25 for the Memorial Day holiday

June 26-28 for *Fiber in the Forest at Chain-O-Lakes State Park

July 3-6 for the Independence Day holiday

*Please come see us at these events. Information is posted above and on our events page on the web site.