

# Through the Shop Window

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



...where fiber artists gather.

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## *Hidden Treasure*

Recently, Penny read an article in a yarn magazine on how a person should organize their stash (in my mind, NOT a good idea). The resulting chaos has brought with it some revelations.

The first is the extent of her stash. I compare it to a dragon's hoard of treasure-filling the room in a mound that touches the ceiling.

The second revelation is the fact that there are at most 2 skeins of any one yarn-not enough to do a garment out of a single yarn-but collectively enough to cover the entire earth in a planetary yarn bombing.

The third, and most frustrating to her, is that there are no true standards of yarn size (but we've always know that. Worsted to one mill is bulky to another). Thus, sorting by size becomes nearly impossible.

As frustrated as I become because of the mess, the true purpose and value of the stash has become apparent to me and the effect it has on Penny is not lost. Her stash makes her happy. She sits surrounded by long lost hidden treasures-concealed for years in bins, cabinets, and boxes. The color, texture, and sparkle sparks her creativity, and fills her mind with all the wonderful possibilities that this material can offer. It renews her. It is her prized possession, and it's all hers!

Have you lost your enthusiasm for fiber? Has the monotony of life crushed your desire to create? Have you lost the joy of your craft? If so, sort your stash. Rediscover your passion. It's waiting for you.

Once it's inspired you and you've found your hidden treasures, you'll realize that you need something to go with that special skein. Remember, we've got a whole shop full of yarn just waiting for you. As Penny says, "When you finish one project you can start six more!"

Stash is a wonderful thing. Enjoy it! Money can't make you happy, but your stash can!

## **Shop Winter Hours September thru April**

Tues-Wed 7PM-9PM Thurs-Fri 11AM-9PM

1st and 3rd Saturday and Sunday each month 10AM-4PM

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

## **Summer Hours Begin May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Tuesday and Wednesday 7 PM-9 PM

Thursday and Friday 11 AM-9 PM

The First and Third Saturdays and Sundays of the Month

11 AM – 4 PM

Open Workshop will be on the First and Third Sundays of the month.

## **We will be closed for the following events:**

Spring Fiber Fling May 19-22

The Memorial Day Holiday May 25-29

TNNA June 8-13

Fourth of July Holiday July 1-4

Labor Day & Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Fest Aug 30-Sept 11

We no longer offer group classes. We do, however, 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.

## **2018 Winter Retreat**

**January 25-28**

Tickets are now available of the 2018 Winter Retreat to be held at the Willow Wood Inn in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Participants will be welcomed at the Inn where the fun will begin on Thursday evening, and will continue until checkout on Sunday. Ticket prices are \$135 per person (double occupancy) and \$185 (single occupancy). Price includes 3 nights lodging, breakfasts, and main course for the evening meals. Participants will be asked to bring a side dish or luncheon item to share.

This is a very popular event, and sells out each year. A \$60 deposit is required with your reservation. First half payment is due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Balance due September 30. Since we pay the Inn in advance, tickets are non-refundable (unless we can resell your room prior to the retreat). Contact Penny at the shop for more information or to reserve your place. See you there!