

Through the Shop Window

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



"From the unique to the antique!"

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To Market to Market

This week a few of us are making a quick trip to the Flea Market in Shipshewana. Before you get all excited, let me give you a brief prospective on the market.

The market is 100 acres of gravel walkways, tents, overpriced food, and more s%#t than you can shake a stick at. It is an opportunity for those of us less adventurous to experience shopping in downtown Shanghai. No "made in America" signs here. No Amish handcrafted goods available for purchase. Just tents filled with knock-offs and junk.

So why am I going? Answer: To be with my wife. (No, not to monitor what she's purchasing or tell her "not another one of those", or caution her about how much she's spending.) It will be a day of my life I can spend with my wife, doing something she loves (and I couldn't care less for-but the activity is not the important thing. I also went Kayaking with her a couple years ago and managed to get soaked-something else I don't care for-but we had a great time and made some good memories doing it. Again, not my most favorite thing, but I went with the flow and it was worth it.)

So ladies, remind your husbands that shopping has nothing to do with what you purchase, and everything to do with their opportunity to spend time with you.

And ladies, remember that sitting in a puddle and getting water in their shoes is a sacrifice some husbands make because they think you are worth the temporary inconvenience. It's their sacrifice to put you ahead of their wants, desires, and comfort.

Life is all about balance. Somewhere, between all the work and the stress is a small spot where life happens. It is where "what" is not as important as "who" and "when" is not as important as "now", and "why" is "just because". When you find your point of balance, you'll be surprised at how much your shoulders hold. You'll cast off the unimportant thing for those that last.

Find your balance and you'll live your life. Life is an adventure-experience it!

September Classes

Cables and Bells Tuesdays Sept 22-29 7PM-9PM This crash course will work with complex cables. We will use some basic cable theory and Place Notation to knit complex cable patterns without the use of charts. Students should be able to knit, purl, and cable. The class fee is \$40. Students will need #7 straight needles, a cable needle, markers, and 2 skeins of worsted weight yarn.

Drop Stitch Shawl Wednesdays Sept 23-30 7PM-9PM A crash course for the beginning knitter, this project is all knit, increase, and decrease. These three basic stitches are used to create a simple fringed shawl that is quick and easy to knit. Students will need size 11 needles, a large ball of light bulky yarn, and a marker. Students should know how to cast on, knit, and bind-off. The class fee is \$40, and the class is limited to 3 students.

So You Want to Spin Thursdays Sept 24- Oct 1 7PM-9PM Here is a simple crash course on drop spindle spinning. We will cover the very basics on this ancient craft. You'll learn why it works, how to do it, and discover the allure of making and using hand spun yarn. The class fee is \$40, and does not include tools or fiber, which are available in the shop. The class is limited to 3 students.

**Winter Hours Begin September 22
Tues-Fri 7PM-9PM & Sat-Sun 10AM-5PM**

**Our next show is:
The Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival in Jefferson, WI
September 11-13.**

The shop will be closed the following days

Aug 29 – Sept 15 Labor Day holiday and the Wisconsin Sheep and the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival in Jefferson, WI

Watch the September newsletter for details on our month-long event