

# Through the Shop Window

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



"From the unique to the  
antique!"

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## *The Ghost of Christmas Past*

*Each year as I get older  
And my youth is further gone,  
I pause the eve of Christmas,  
And wonder what's gone wrong.*

*When I was young it seemed that Christmas  
Took so long to come,  
But now it starts in mid July,  
At least it does for some!*

*Your children think that Santa spends  
The Autumn of the year,  
In Walmart, on the upper shelf,  
I least that's what I fear.*

*And then before October ends  
Are trees and lights galore,  
And Christmas decorations  
On shelves within the store.*

*And in the toy department  
To every child's delight,  
Are the newest fangled gadgets  
They'll want on Christmas night.*

*Oh where this day can there be found  
The Ghost of Christmas past,  
When life itself was simple  
And Christmas tide would last?*

*When beneath the tree instead of gifts  
A simple scene displayed,  
The gift that God had given us  
That first of Christmas days.*

*When we would gather at the church  
At Midnight Christmas Eve  
To celebrate and worship Him,  
This gift from God received.*

*So look inside your heart this year  
As Christmas tide draws nigh  
And seek the perfect Christmas gift  
That came from God on high.*

*For He who made the stars to shine  
And angels sing that night,  
Came as a babe on Christmas Eve  
To be our Holy light.*

## January Classes

**Go West** Tuesday Evenings Jan 7-28 7PM-9PM Steven West is a talented designer who has made quite an impact. This class will introduce you to his design style and construction techniques. This is not your average knitted project. Unique in design, simple to knit, but with a new twist in construction, you will be amazed how easy it can be to create something fantastic. Samples of his designs can be seen in the shop. The class fee is \$80, and does not include materials. Material costs are dependent upon the project you choose to do. Class is limited to 4 people.

**Hole-e Cowl** Wednesdays Jan 8-29 7PM-9PM Cowls are in this year. It seems that every designer has one in their collection. The project for this class will be a lace cowl. If you're new to knitting lace, this class is just the one for you. You'll learn how to best use markers to track your pattern, and life lines to prevent disasters. The class fee is \$80 plus your materials. Class space is limited to 4 students.

**Drop It!** Thursdays Jan 9-30 7PM-9PM So you want to be able to spin yarn anywhere and not carry a wheel around? Well, you can if you use a drop spindle. This class will cover the basics-maintaining control of the spindle, drafting, and plying the finished yarn. Wheels can run hundreds of dollars, while a basic spindle is under \$35. The class fee is \$80, and the space is limited to 4 students.

## Last Call for 2014 Winter Retreat Tickets

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, and there are only a few spaces remaining. Don't miss this opportunity to relax after the holiday rush. Please contact Penny to secure your place.

**We will be closed December 24-25 for the Christmas Holiday,  
December 31 – January 1 for the New Year's Holiday, and  
January 24-26 for the Winter Retreat.  
Enjoy the Holiday Season!**