

Through the Shop Window

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



...where fiber artists gather.

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Ho Ho OH NO!

It's that time of year again-the holidays are about to crash upon us. Friends and family will visit, gifts will be exchanged, and we'll have Christmas cheer past our ears! We'll eat too much, party too hardy, and exhaust ourselves in the process, while completely missing the point of the season. I know that real life is nothing like an episode of "The Waltons", but there are some things we can do to really make this season something to remember. Here's my "Rob-servations" on the holidays:

- 1) *True presents don't come in boxes-they come in hearts. They are relationships where people give of themselves.*
- 2) *True gifts aren't received-they are given. It's not what you get-it's what you do for others.*
- 3) *The true flavor of a Christmas dinner does not come from a spice jar. It comes from the loving hands that prepared it.*
- 4) *The real "Father Christmas" does not wear a red suite. He wears the scars of my salvation.*
- 5) *True happiness can't be purchased. It can only be experienced.*

So, what does this imply? Simply this-spend time with those you love, doing things for them, giving of yourself and your time, doing the things you love to do with them; create memories that will outlast any gift you could buy. Years from now nobody will remember what gifts they received, but they will remember those they love, and the special moments they spent together. Making memories makes Christmas special-and better than any other time of the year. Open your heart, savor the season, and spread the joy. Be thankful, joyful, and helpful.

You have the power to make this the best Christmas ever. Use it freely.

Merry Christmas

Shop Winter Hours

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.

Holiday Hours

The shop will be closed Dec 24th – Jan 2nd for the holidays.
We will re-open for regular business on Jan 3rd.

You can sign up for the Online Newsletter by using the link
newsletter@woolwarpandwheel.com

January Classes

Advanced Spinning Tuesdays 1/3-1/24 7PM-9PM So, you have a wheel and can spin-but have difficulty changing yarn diameter, and you have no idea what all those extra parts are for your wheel. This is the class you need. You'll learn different techniques to spin different types and sizes of yarn, and how to use those "extra parts" to change the set-up of your wheel. The class is limited to 4 students, and the class fee of \$100 includes all the fiber you'll need for the class.

Knitting with Colors Wednesdays 1/4-1/25 7 PM-9PM You can knit, but are afraid to try knitting colored designs in hats and mittens. Fear no more-this class will get you through it! You'll learn how to carry your colors, when and how to anchor floats, and how to easily change yarn and knit in the ends while you work. Once you know the tricks, pattern knitting becomes easy. The class is limited to 4 students, and the \$80 fee covers eight hours of instruction. Tools and yarn costs are based on your project choice.

Crochet Today Thursday Afternoons 1/5-1/26 1 PM-3 PM Here is our 2nd daytime class offering. You can learn to Crochet (I did). Easier and quicker than knitting, your project potential is unlimited once you learn a few basic stitches. And, now that patterns come in diagrams, it's even easier. The \$80 fee cover the eight hours of instruction. Class is limited to 4 students, and material costs depend on project choice.