

# Through the Shop Window

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## *Wintertide*

*The holidays are over now  
At last the chaos ended.*

*The house guest have all gone away,  
The relatives' all offended.*

*It's dark in early afternoon,  
The morning has no sun,  
It's cold out when one leaves for work,  
And colder when one's done.*

*We've settled into Wintertide,  
With darkness, snow and freezin'  
So it will be until the spring,  
At least that's what I reason.*

*So quick, enjoy the fallen snow,  
Use skis and skates and sleds,  
Behold the sparkling spikes of ice  
That glisten overhead.*

*And after every snowfall,  
Clear driveway, walk and lane,  
Be thankful that when winter's past  
One needn't shovel rain!*

*And gather 'round the glowing hearth  
Alive with fire and ember  
And shake the chilly evening air  
And happily remember-*

*That five days past the ides of March  
The Wintertide will cease,  
And warm will grow the breezes  
And the daylight will increase.*

*And so then will the spring begin  
In all its wondrous glory  
The frozen ground will turn to mud,  
But that's another story!*

## **March Classes**

**Introduction to Lace Knitting** Tuesdays, March 5 7PM-9PM This one night class will take the mystery out of knitting lace. It will cover the basic stitches, how to set your markers, and how to set and use a life line. With the mystery explained, lace knitting will be fast, easy and enjoyable. The class is \$15, and is limited to 6 students. You may bring your own needles (US 5-7) and worsted weight yarn, or buy them in the shop.

**The Lace Scarf** Tuesdays, March 12-26 7PM-9PM Put what you learned into practice by knitting a lace scarf. We'll walk you through the pattern and process using worsted weight yarn so the stitches are easy to see. This is a great "1<sup>st</sup>" project. The class is \$45 and is limited to 6 students. Materials are available in the shop.

**Advanced Spinning** Wednesdays, March 6-27 7PM-9PM If you have a wheel and know the basics, but aren't able to make a variety of types of yarn, this class is just what you need. You'll learn the different techniques needed to produce a variety of yarn. We'll cover long and short draw, spinning short fibers, different plying techniques, spinning from the card and the fold, and learn how to duplicate commercial yarns. You'll also learn how to utilize the whorls and settings of your wheel. The class is limited to 6 students. All students must have their own wheels. The class fee of \$90 includes all fiber needed for the class.

**Domino Knitted Blanket** Thursdays, March 7-28 7PM-9 PM Learn Domino Knitting in an evening. With one night of instruction and a 3 weeks of workshop time, you'll be on your way to completing a wool blanket. The class fee is only \$20. Materials are available for purchase in the shop. Limit 6 students.

## **2014 Winter Retreat Tickets are Available**

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. So, take a winter break and plan to join us for a relaxing weekend of working with fiber (the resale shopping isn't bad, either). Tickets have been selling, so reserve your place today!

Now is the perfect time to start on next year's Christmas projects. You might think it's crazy, BUT avoiding the panic of finishing gifts between Thanksgiving and Christmas will make the holidays a happier time for you! And, it's much more inviting to knit or crochet in the winter than it is in the heat of the summer. So, grab your needles and hooks, patterns and books, and yarns of every type. Make a list, check it twice, and get those projects done. We're here to help you through the process, from project and yarn selection to helping you along the way. And Sunday is open workshop-where the coffee's hot and the help is always free!