

# Through the Shop Window

...the “little shop around the corner” on Mill Street



...where fiber artists gather.

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## Settling into Winter

*With a successful retreat behind us and a week in Florida just days away, we begin to settle into winter. Although I wish for a long winter's nap, there's too much to do to simply hibernate. The hearth must be kept warm and the coffee hot. A myriad of projects call for attention, from a baby blanket almost finished to a scarf just begun. And, the walks and driveway require constant attention to keep the snow and ice at bay.*

*Inside the shop, the harshness of winter is met with a warm fire in the stove, welcoming rocking chairs, good light, and a little music. The chatter of spinning wheel bobbins and the clicking of knitting needles are punctuated by the laughter of friends and stories of their past adventures. The barking of the dogs and ringing of the shop bell signal the entrance of yet another fiber artist exchanging the chill of winter for the warmth and comfort of the shop.*

*New needle felting kits, yarns, and small loom kits have been added to our regular stock to enhance our winter offerings. Our main lines of wool yarns are stocked in vivid colors that are sure to chase the gloom of winter away. I know of no better way to escape winter and still stay “local”.*

*It seems strange that the month with the fewest number of days seems to be the longest one of the year-the winter will do that. But, just keep working on those projects, and spring will be here before you know it.*

*And don't forget, the Spring Fiber Fling is just around the corner in May. So many projects, so much yarn, so little time-just keep knitting (weaving, spinning, crochet, felting-you get the idea)*

## 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.

**The shop will be closed February 6 – 14. We will re-open for regular business on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

There will be no scheduled classes during the winter months. We will, however, offer one-on-one classes and individualized help on projects you have “in process”. Please feel free to contact us in the shop to schedule a time slot.

Need to start a project? Not a problem. Come on in. We have a large selection of patterns, tools, and materials to get you going. Needles and hooks have you in stitches? Not a problem. We also teach toothbrush rug, rug braiding, tatting, wet felting, and other “no needle-no hook” crafts.

If you have the desire to create and enjoy the feel of fiber, we are sure to have something to make your 2017 special.

***Come on in!***

## 2018 Winter Retreat January 25-28

Tickets are now available for 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!