

Through the Shop Window

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Be Still...

I have worked for most of my life. I am task driven. Some tasks are more challenging than others, but there is one task which I find extremely difficult. That is to simply be still.

As many of you know, I have struggled with medical issues over the past few years. I have attempted to never let those issues interfere with my plans, and for the most part I have succeeded. However, every now and again they rear their ugly heads and demand my attention. There are times when they must be dealt with.

It is at these times when I must be still and let God work. Too often we think God needs our help; when the truth is we need to just get out of His way and let Him work. Sometimes all our planning and attempts to stay in control of the situation just make things worse. God can overcome any obstacle, but we don't need to be one of them.

We will never know the power of God until we allow Him to demonstrate it, and it will never become personal until we allow Him to work it in our own lives. God gives us more than we can handle alone –only to prove to us that we can handle it with His help. These trials build our dependence on (and faith in) Him. He surrounds us with people who minister to us, and a place of solace to rest and re-energize.

As you begin 2014, remember these things: we are never alone, we are never without help, and we need never be without hope. Celebrate your successes, learn from your mistakes, and enjoy life. In 2014 I expect great things, and you should, too!

Happy New Year!

February Classes

Here's something different-you choose the classes! Contact Penny at the shop and let her know what you want to learn. We'll schedule classes based on your requests. All classes will be taught on either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evening from 7 PM – 9 PM. Fees will be determined by the class content, equipment usage, and materials. Now is your chance to learn what YOU want. The first 3 requests will become February classes. Classes will be posted in the shop and on line as the schedule is filled.

Last Call for the 2014 Winter Retreat

The 2014 Winter Retreat will be held January 24-26 at the Willowood Inn located in Baraboo, WI. If you have not fully paid for your room, please do so by January 10 or your room will be resold (and no refunds will be given). If you have not reserved a space, we are working on a waiting list, so call the shop and get on the list. Beginning January 12, we will contact persons on the list to fill any vacancies.

We will depart from the shop at 8AM sharp on January 24. Please be there prior to the departure time. The shop will be open for any last minute purchases. We will check in upon arrival (at about 11 AM). Also note: we will not have daily maid service. If your room requires any attention, please let the desk staff know and they will be happy to provide the service needed.

If you will be meeting us in Baraboo, you can find the Inn by taking Hwy 12 to Hwy 159. Turn on Hwy 159 and go 1 mile to Hwy 123. Turn left. The Inn will be down $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile on the left.

Remember to bring your "Ugly Mug" for the contest, and your item for the Saturday evening pot luck. All rooms have refrigerators, and we have plenty of space in the common room for crock pots and slow cookers. This year's game will be a riddle. The Riddle will be given out at check-in, and answers are due at 4:30 that afternoon. A winner will be drawn from those entries that have the correct answer. The prize will be \$50. Good luck!

If you have any questions, please call the shop during business hours.

We will be closed January 24-26 For the Winter Retreat.

The shop will reopen on Tuesday, January 28th at its regularly scheduled hours. We'll see you then!