

# Through the Shop Window

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



...where fiber artists gather.

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## *I'm Ready!*

*Bring on 2017! I'm ready to face it head-on. My new 3 stage snow blower will make short work of both Suzie Snowflake and Frosty the snowman. The new all-wheel-drive Dodge Journey will get me anywhere, and with all three chimneys cleaned, I've got the wood stoves cooking. I'm warm, rested, and ready to go.*

*I anticipate an improvement in the economy translating into increased business in the shop. More business allows us to increase the inventory and add some new things. New items attract new customers, and so the cycle builds. It's going to be a good year, and I think we all could use one about now.*

*What makes this year so different from the last few? It's not the election (the world did not end), money (I have still NOT won the lottery), or retirement (I still have 7 years to work). What makes it different is attitude. My attitude. I choose to have a good year, and you can, too. Will it be perfect and trouble free? Probably not. But, the attitude with which I face the issues of life matters. My attitude does not change the problems-it changes me. A good attitude gives me power to succeed in spite of the circumstances.*

*Am I going to do it all alone? No. I have a God who has ultimate control over everything. I simply choose to rest on His promises and boldly move forward into 2017. That choice is most important. It sets the tone for everything.*

*It's going to be a busy year, with a quick trip to Florida, two major shows, TNNA, and lots of baby things to knit. The next version of "baby Aalto" is due to arrive at the end of June. Yes, 2017 will be a year of many changes (and I don't mean just in diapers).*

*So, ready or not, here it comes! Our best wishes to you and your families for 2017. May it be a year of success, happiness, and unexpected joy.*

***Happy New Year!***

## **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 – 13. We will re-open for regular business on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Note:** We're discontinuing the online newsletter. View our printable newsletter at: <http://www.woolwarpandwheel.com/articles.htm>

There will be no scheduled classes during the month of February. We will, however, be available on a limited basis to 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.

Need a “support system” to keep your projects on track and moving forward? We're here to help. Our workshop is the perfect place to get the help, encouragement, and support you need. We're here for you. There's always a hot cup of coffee or tea, an empty chair just waiting for you, and a warm fire in the stove on those cold winter nights.

Need a little inspiration? Come in and see the colors, feel the textures, and experience the soft touch of natural fibers. We have new yarns, the best quality tools, and a lot of patterns to set your imagination wandering. In fact, we just acquired a large assortment of vintage patterns, so stop in, grab a cup of coffee, and start your treasure hunt today. There are some true “gems” in those piles of patterns. You'll never know what you'll discover until you take the time to look!

***Come on in!***