

Through the Shop Window

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The Broken Record

Here's where I date myself-I know what an LP record is (and I still own some). Unlike CD's, MP3's or other such modern devices, the old LP records were delicate. One small scratch would cause the record, to get stuck and to repeat the same line or word over and over again, until a gentle push was applied to the arm of the record player. This gentle push would cause the needle to skip to the next groove and move the song forward.

In a way, many people are like records. They have sustained a little bit of damage in life and are now hopelessly stuck. They repeat the same story over and over again-never moving on with life. They are just like a broken record. Try how you may, no advice, words, or encouragement will move them forward.

Just like the broken record, they need a gentle touch-just the right amount of properly applied pressure to get them out of the rut and into the next groove. They need help moving forward.

Now, I'm not suggesting that you go and give them a good shove (although you may want to). It's not our place-that's God's job. It's our job to listen (however painful that might be), provide encouragement (even when you're thinking one bullet could end this), and lift that person to God in prayer. It's not that God needs to be reminded about the person's need, rather, it's all about you and how God sees your role in the resolution of the problem.

Sometimes, God uses other people's needs to get our attention. He knows He can fix the problem-but wants to see if we care enough about others to lift them in prayer, and if we have enough faith in His ability to work a miracle.

School's Out!

As is our tradition, we will not have any scheduled classes during the summer months. Regular classes will resume in September, and will be listed in the August newsletter. We will have Open Workshop on Sundays throughout the summer at our new summer hours: Sunday 11 AM – 4 PM. Hope to see you there!

Summer Schedule

We will be closed:

June 19 – 30 for the TNNA Convention

July 4 – 7 for the Independence Day holiday

Aug 10-16 for vacation

Aug 30-Sept 9 for Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival

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. This has been one of our most popular events. Our new Inn also provides first floor accommodations and private baths. The meeting room is warm, and excellent lighting, and a beautiful view of the Baraboo Hills. So make your plans now to take a winter break and 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! Please contact Penny to secure your reservation.

Mark your Calendar for the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival September 6-8

At the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson, Wisconsin
Brochures are now available in the shop and classes are posted on the festival web site (and are filling fast)

This is one show you don't want to miss. It covers every aspect of sheep, from the dog trials to a cooking class, and everything in between!