

Through the Shop Window

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



“From the unique to the antique!”

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The View From The Street

In spite of what the government says, the economy is not good, has not recovered, and my guess is that it won't rebound in my life time. That being said, Penny and I are looking at our options. Before you panic, the shop will not be going out of business tomorrow. Instead, we are looking at ways to expand our business, reduce our overhead (including replacing the shop lighting system), and possibly expanding to on-line sales (things are in the planning stages now).

The 2015 Winter Retreat will be our last for a while. We may revive it in a few years, but only time will tell. Planning the retreat takes a large amount of our time, and there is a financial risk in paying for the motel in advance of the ticket sales. Some changes can be great-like our new stock from TNNA (it will be in just in time for the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival). I'm looking forward to a great show this year to kick off our sales season. Classes will resume in September, and there is renewed interest in them. We have already begun to book spinning classes in October.

Although the economy is bad, I am not without hope. I trust in the truth of the scripture verse posted above the shop door. My hope is in Him who made that declaration. As His plan is revealed to us, we will follow in obedience, even when that is a hard thing to do.

So, will the shop close? Our rivals may wish it, but that will happen only if it's in His plan. Until we are directed to do so by Him, it's business as usual for us. If we are obedient to his calling, things will be as they should. Good or bad, either way, there is hope in front of me.

Contact Penny to arrange individual classes during the summer months. Regular classes will resume in September after the Sheep and Wool Festival.

Plan to attend the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival in Jefferson, WI September 5th – 7th. For complete information go to: www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com

Please Note:

We will be closed the following days:

July 3-7 for the holiday

August 15-17 for Spring's wedding

August 29-September 8 for Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival

The shop will be participating in the “Christmas At Sea” program this year. Stop in the shop and we'll be glad to tell you about the program and how you can become part of it.

www.seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea

Tickets for the Final Wool Warp and Wheel Winter Retreat are still available.

Our 2015 retreat will again be at the Willowood Inn in Baraboo Wisconsin. The dates are January 23-25. The prices are as follows:

\$125/person double occupancy

\$175/person single occupancy

Your payment is due at the time of your reservation. We must pay for the Inn in advance, so all reservations are NOT refundable. Please make your payment by cash or check only. Since this is a “bare bones” price, we do not accept credit cards for reservation payment. Space is limited to 30 attendees, and to date **only 12 spaces remain**.

The price includes Friday night dinner, 2 nights of lodging, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday lunch and Saturday night will again be “pot luck”. We'll let you know which meal to bring a dish for. All rooms have refrigerators, private bathrooms, outside entrance, separate heat controls, and are located on the main level. Parking spaces are provided right outside your door. The common room is well lit, warm, and has a beautiful view of the Baraboo Hills. Contact Penny at the shop to make your reservations.