

Through the Shop Window

...the "little shop around the corner" on Mill Street



...where fiber artists gather.

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My Monty Python Moment

Last week we had the unthinkable happen. Somebody opened the shop door, reached in, pick up two balls of expensive yarn, and left-crossing the street and driving off like they just clean out a bank! Now, I know we carry the best there is-but shoplifting yarn? I still find it hard to believe (but I did move the yarn so at least the person would have to fully enter the shop to commit the crime). And I'm sure they'll be back-because it will take more than two balls of yarn to do a project.

Needless to say, I was not happy about the situation. I wanted retribution-the wrath of God to manifest itself against the thief. I envisioned the person knitting with their ill-gotten yarn and suddenly-both their hands just falling off (my Monty Python moment) I could see the terrified thief running around screaming while her motionless hands lay wrapped in yarn still clutching the needles. I so wanted to pray that this would happen.

Then, a still small voice reminded me that everything in the shop is Gods, and He is free to do with it as He wants. If that person needed the yarn that bad-well, God will deal with her in His way, not mine (so I'm sure she still has both hands attached).

I could launch into a tirade about the downward spiral of society and the end of retail as we know it, not to mention the still faltering state of the economy-but I won't. That would require far too much energy and yield no results. I will, however, pray for the thief. There is a need there deeper than two balls of yarn can fill.

I don't know why our shop was the target, or what drew her to it. I'm sure it was not the yarn. She opened the door but did not enter-maybe the Spirit drew her to the shop, but her fear kept her from crossing the threshold. Maybe God used her act to get my attention- a call for prayer for this person, unknown to me, but known and sought by God. You never know what miracle will come through the door next.

Summer Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday 7 PM-9 PM

Thursday and Friday 11 AM-9 PM

The First and Third Saturdays and Sundays of the Month

11 AM – 4 PM

Open Workshop will be on the First and Third Sundays of the month.

We will be closed for the following events:

Fourth of July Holiday July 1-4

Labor Day & Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Fest Aug 30-Sept 11

We offer one-on-one customized classes as well as individualized help on the projects you have "in process". Please feel free to contact us in the shop to schedule a time slot.

You'll Never Guess What's New!

Penny and I attended the National Needle Arts Association convention and found wonderful new things. In fact, some have already arrived. These include new notions and carbon fiber double point sock needles. Arriving for Sheep and Wool Festival will be four new lines of yarn and the re-introduction of Brittany walnut knitting needles. We'll also have new bracelet weaving looms, Sugar Bush yarns from Canada, and the newest line from Brown Sheep!

2018 Winter Retreat

January 25-28

Tickets are now available of 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. **The first half payment is now due. Balance due September 30.** Since we pay the Inn in advance, tickets are non-refundable (unless we can re-sell your room prior to the retreat). Contact Penny at the shop for more information or to reserve your place. See you there!