

Through the Shop Window

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



"From the unique to the antique!"

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Clear Vision

I finally broke down and got new glasses. I no longer have to look through the scratches, or go through life with everything in a blur. In a split second my view of the world improved-yet I never realized how poor my vision had become. The degrading happened over such a long period of time-just bit by bit. I never noticed it. Now, it is a wonder that I could NOT have know! The contrast is remarkable.

So it is with many things in life. Our relationships and interests change, our goals become out-of-focus, things change; yet we seem to just go with the flow because we adapt. A little bit here, a little bit there-one step at a time. Then, one day we wonder how we gotten where we are.

The past few years of economic disaster have left many people lost, stuck, or in situations they never imagined. Here are three steps you can take to begin to move forward. First, EVALUATE your situation. No matter what area of your life you're focusing on-finances, relationships, employment, you need to take an honest look at where you are. The second step is to PLAN. Set you goals and make a realistic plan of action. It's best to make several plans (many times I'm on plan Y or Z). The third step is the hardest-ACT. All the planning in the world will get you nowhere if you don't act. So, know where you are, map out where you want to be, and get moving.

There are still a lot of challenges in this economy and in our lives. You can't meet those challenges by simply watching them go past. Be positive, be decisive, and be proactive!

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:

May 24 – 27 for the Memorial Day holiday

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!