

Through the Shop Window

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My Summer Project

I just finished my second pair of hand knit socks-and they fit! While some of you might wonder at my delight, there are those of you who know just how long it takes me to get a pair of socks done (that's why only my 2nd pair in all the years I've been knitting). The euphoria of completing my project created a slight dilemma-what to do next? I should do a sweater-but who wants to knit a sweater in summer-in the fall maybe, but not in the heat of summer. Oh my!

*I looked through my stash-nothing...not a single bit of inspiration. I began looking through the shop. What could I do as a sample-then I saw it...a new ball of Opal sock yarn. It was a new color from our latest shipment. Yes-that's it! (S#*t-another pair of socks-could I have them done before the color goes out to style? Could they be finish while the color was still available from the manufacturer?) Perish the thought, I will get them done!*

I have now casted on and started the cuff 5 times-once having knitted about 3 inches in length before Penny had to rip it out-even she couldn't save it. I wonder, "Why do I do this to myself?" The stitches are very hard for me to see, and I hold the needles so tight that they now have a slight curve. Thank God I'm not stressed-I would have snapped them in half by now!

Then, just about when I'm ready to throw the thing out, I see the wonderful colors and everything becomes clear, and I pick up the needles and start again. So, this summer, I'm doing my 3rd pair of hand knit socks-in hopes of having them done in time to wear on retreat in January-but I won't say January of what year. That remains to be seen!

You can sign up for the Online Newsletter by using the link newsletter@woolwarpandwheel.com

So, don't be left out-make sure you get the current information-sign up today!

Classes

School's out, but we do summer classes-call for details!

We will be closed June 22-27 for "Fiber in the Forest". See you in at Chain-O-Lakes State Park!

Summer Hours

Tues-Fri 7PM-9PM

1st and 3rd Saturday and Sunday each month

11AM-4PM

Open Workshop is on the 1st and 3rd Sunday each month.

2017 Winter Retreat

The event will be held January 26th-29th at the Willowood Inn in Baraboo, WI. Tickets are \$135/person double occupancy and \$185/person single occupancy. We will be leaving on Thursday evening after work (6:00 PM) and returning on Sunday afternoon. We will again be assigning participants items to bring for the meals. **The first half of the ticket price is due now.** There are only 4 spaces left, so don't wait. This event sells out every year, so don't miss it!

Fiber in the Forest 2016

"Fiber in the Forest" will be held at Chain-O-Lakes State park, June 24-26. We will be camping in the Honeysuckle section of the park. Sites can be reserved on "Reserve America" on line. Everyone is responsible for their own meals and camping. We will have a screen room set up on our site (#66) so there will be a mosquito free place to work. The park is loaded with a variety of thing for husbands and children to do while you relax for some fiber time. And remember, this is camping, so cooking duties are assigned to the husbands and clean-up to the children.

This event was a hit last summer, and we expect the same this year. Those who do not camp can visit us during the day in the park at no cost. So bring your knitting, a lawn chair, and a picnic basket of goodies to eat. And, who knows, you might discover the answer to the age old question, "Does a bear knit in the woods?"