

Through the Shop Window

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



...where fiber artists gather.

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A Five Pound Bag

It's February, and I'm writing the March newsletter. Things have to get done because Penny and I are taking a quick trip to Florida. We will be able to spend some time relaxing and even have a chance to see my brother (the Pirate). The trip will be great. What isn't so much fun is packing to go. It seems that the airlines are up to their old tricks. Since checked bags cost extra, we are each restricted to a carry on that can not exceed 16" x 12" x 14" which is a non-standard size (the proverbial 5# bag).

*Now, I travel light, and I pack tight (just look at the trailer when I pack for Sheep and Wool. You can't fit a *%rt in it when I'm done loading-nothing can shift). But, really, a week's worth of clothes and necessary items in a bag that small? Well, my bag of choice is 18 x 10 x 10". That's 2" too big! So, I'm down to a 16" x 10" x 9" (the next smallest size). Oh, my! Socks, shirts, underwear, shaving kit, medicine, phone, charger, shorts, shoes, sun glasses, knitting (only 1 small project)-pull the zipper shut and hope it holds for the trip, and that the TSA does NOT open it up-I might miss the flight trying to get the zipper closed again.*

I can see the news now: "Plane re-routed because of exploding carry-on. Preliminary findings indicate that this was not a terrorist attack, since damage was confined to the area under a seat at the back of the aircraft. TSB finds that this is a classic case of 10# of stuff crammed into a 5# bag. Oh the carnage-socks and underwear litter the cabin as far as row 7. Shirts everywhere. Two passengers injured by projectile shoes." I'll feel better when we land.

I think if we acquire anything it will have to be shipped home, as I'm not sure of the PSI rating of our luggage, and don't think our return flight is the appropriate place to test it.

So much for our "stress-free" vacation. I'll feel so much better when it's over!

Shop Winter Hours

**Tues-Wed 7PM-9PM Thurs-Fri 11AM-9PM
1st and 3rd Saturday and Sunday each month 10AM-4PM
Open Workshop is on the 1st and 3rd Sunday each month.**

Please note:

The shop will be closed April 14th-16th for the Easter Holiday. We will re-open for regular business on Tuesday, April 18th.

There will be no scheduled classes during the winter months. We will, however, offer one-on-one classes and individualized help on projects you have "in process". Please feel free to contact us in the shop to schedule a time slot.

Need to start a project? Not a problem. Come on in. We have a large selection of patterns, tools, and materials to get you going. Needles and hooks have you in stitches? Not a problem. We also teach toothbrush rug, rug braiding, tatting, wet felting, and other "no needle-no hook" crafts.

If you have the desire to create and enjoy the feel of fiber, we are sure to have something to make your 2017 special.

Come on in!

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. A \$60 deposit is required with your reservation. First half payment is due May 1st. 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!