

Through the Shop Window

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



“From the unique to the antique!”

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A Summer Frame of Mind

We all know that this past winter has been endless. The spring brought little relief from the cold and damp. Yet, summer will arrive (sooner or later). However, even if it is “later” this year, I’m not going to allow it’s tardiness to spoil my fun. I’m ready for a “summer” frame of mind.

When we were growing up, summer started in late May (with our release from Catholic school). The season was before us-every day to be enjoyed. In retrospect, our return to school was only 13 weeks away-but it seemed a long way off. My mother was ready for our new found freedom-and had scheduled an hour of labor for us each day. Once the work was done-we were free to roam wild and go off to play.

The first task was to weed her flower garden. Thinking that if I did a bad job I would be assigned a more desirable task, I tested the waters-only to find out that my hour had been doubled. I thought I’d take the opposite approach and completely clear the garden-flowery and all. Needless to say, I spent the rest of the day replanting the flowers (and you wonder why I don’t like gardening?)

The next task was to take the garbage out-but that is another lengthy story. (I seem to remember hearing, “You can take it out or eat it-but it’s not going to be in my kitchen.”- eventually I just gave up and did the job right)

After a lot of frustration (both for my mother and myself, I got the routine down and was able to get some free time. The lesson-get the work done first, THEN play. That is my summer frame of mind.

As we approach summer, TNNA is the top priority. Getting new stock, making adjustment in inventory, reconfiguring and organizing displays, planning new classes, these come first. It is our commitment to our customers and the obligation we have as shop owners. But, when it’s done-you know what they say,” All work and no play.....”

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

Beginning May 1st, we will go to summer hours:
Tues-Fri 7PM – 9 PM and Sat-Sun 11 AM – 4 PM.

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

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.

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!