

# Through the Shop Window

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



"From the unique to the antique!"

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## *If I May...*

*There is so much going on this month I don't know where to begin. Summer hours at the shop start, a new fiber festival at the McHenry County Fairgrounds will be held, camping season begins, and we are expecting the arrival of the Baby Aalto in the near future. Now, let's factor in the lawn work (winter was hard on everything), the house painting, and everything else that this season brings-I'm exhausted and I haven't even started yet! Oh, and I forgot the shop-does that sound familiar? Maybe like the schedule you keep?*

*What's a mother to do! I, for one, work from lists. My lists, however, are longer than my ability to complete them. There is not enough time in the day or money in my wallet to accomplish every task I have listed.*

*Solution: Scissors. Cut the list down a bit. Prioritize and try to be realistic. OK, I cut my list in half, but it's still too long. Refocus. Do I think I will die if a particular task is not completed? If yes, leave it on the list. If no, cross it off. The list is still too long. Reword the question. Will I **actually** die if a task is not completed? If yes, leave it on the list. If no, cross it off the list. Review progress. Will Penny kill me if a task is not completed? If yes, add the task back to the list. If no, leave it off the list. Oh S#%t, the list just got longer than it was when I started.*

*Now I'm physically and mentally exhausted just thinking about the list-forget about the tasks on it! And, so far I've got nothing done. I think I need a vacation-better move that to the top of the list. Ok, now I'm getting somewhere. Time to get the camper ready to go-better make another list so I don't forget anything.....on second thought, I think I'll just stay home and get something done-like the list. Oh my!*

*My advice-take time to recharge before you go charging off to get everything done. And, if you don't complete a task and you do die because of it, well, you have to have something to leave to your children, so leave them your list. After all, a little work will never hurt them.*

## **School is out-but....**

As usual, we will not be scheduling group classes for May-August. However, we are available to teach one-on-one classes. If there is something you would like to learn, please call the shop. We would be happy to arrange a class.

## **Summer Hours begin May 1**

**Tues-Fri 7PM-9PM & Sat-Sun 11AM-4PM**

## **Fiber Show Update**

McHenry County Fair will have a **Spring Fiber Fling on May 16-17**. The new show will be open at 9 AM both days. This should be a great show, and will include fiber animals, classes, and of course-vendors! And, we plan to be one of them!  
As usual, we will also be attending **the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival in Jefferson this September**. So, mark your calendars and plan to support these fiber events.

***2016 Winter Retreat is filling up. Check the events page for details.***

## ***Fiber in the Forest***

Like camping and fiber? Then join us for a weekend of campfires, fiber, food, and fun. Full details are available on our "Events" page.

Penny will be attending TNNA May 29-June 3<sup>rd</sup>. I will be here minding the shop, Mollie, Tootsie, Dobbie, Birdie, and Mrs. Bucket. I will also be keeping tabs on any developments with the Baby Aalto.

## ***The shop will be closed the following days***

**May 11-25** for the \*Spring Fiber Fling in Woodstock and for the Memorial Day holiday  
**June 25-28** for \*Fiber in the Forest at Chain-O-Lakes State Park  
**July 3-6** for the Independence Day holiday  
**Aug 29 – Sept 15** For the Labor Day holiday and the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival in Jefferson, Wisconsin

\*Please come see us at these events. Information is posted above and on our events page on the web site.

We may also close a few days for vacation. However, since this is dependent upon the arrival of the Baby Aalto, we'll have to play it by ear. Oh these grandbabies can make life interesting!