

Through the Shop Window

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



...where fiber artists gather.

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Who has time?

Growing up, it seemed that we had all kinds of time. The world was ours. Summers seemed to last forever. September and school were far away, and not quick to come. We were on summer vacation. Time was not in our vocabulary. It seemed to just stand still.

OK, what happened? Did it just creep up on us and take over our lives? How come when we grew up we became so willing to be enslaved by it? What went wrong?

The answer is one simple word-responsibility. We became responsible people. We seem to be responsible for everything around us-but us. We have forgotten how to relax and recharge. We have lost the ability to let time drift past. We have forgotten how to enjoy the moment.

When was the last time you took a bubble bath in the middle of the afternoon, or went for a walk without the dog, or got up early to enjoy a quiet cup of coffee and watch the sunrise? When was the last time you sat on the porch to knit or spin? When was the last time you actually watched the sunset?

I have come to realize that we have time for whatever we want to have time for. It's all about priorities. If we allow the demands of life to rule us, that which rules us steals the most precious thing we have-our time. Make your time your priority. Take some of it back this summer and do something for yourself.

Your work will wait-nobody will rush to do it for you. If dinner is a half hour late-nobody will starve. An hour nap on the porch is an inexpensive vacation. An afternoon spent with your knitting needles does wonders for your soul. And, no two sunsets are alike.

Control of your time is an important lesson to teach to your children. To everything there is a season-a time to work and a time to relax.

As we enter this summer season, make it a point to spend some of it on yourself. Enjoy the summer. It, just like time itself, is a gift. You can't save it, so use it wisely.

Summer Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday 7 PM-9 PM

Thursday and Friday 11 AM-9 PM

The First and Third Saturdays and Sundays of the Month

11 AM – 4 PM

Open Workshop will be on the First and Third Sundays of the month.

We will be closed for the following events:

Spring Fiber Fling May 19-22

The Memorial Day Holiday May 25-29

TNNA June 8-13

Fourth of July Holiday July 1-4

Labor Day & Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Fest Aug 30-Sept 11

We offer one-on-one customized classes as well as individualized help on the projects you have "in process". Please feel free to contact us in the shop to schedule a time slot.

SPRING FIBER FLING

Come see us at the first fiber event of the year-the Spring Fiber Fling at the McHenry County Fairgrounds in Woodstock May 20-21.

There will be animals, classes, and all kinds of vendors. Come explore the world of fiber and see what it has to offer. See you there!

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 resell your room prior to the retreat). Contact Penny at the shop for more information or to reserve your place. See you there!