

Through the Shop Window

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



"From the unique to the
antique!"

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Locks of Gold

*Long are the days the lie between
The lambing and the wool,
When winter's past, the sheep are shorn,
And the shearer's bags are full.*

*And long the hours of labor are
To skirt and sort the fleece,
And wash and dye and pick and card
The locks once shorn in peace.*

*So endless seem the autumn nights
While spinners young and old,
Work silent through the twilight hours
To spin the locks of gold.*

*And hands that ancient days have seen
In patterns old as time,
Will knit the yarn in colors bright
To garments warm and fine.*

*The lambing and the wool will come
As they have come of old,
And then the locks of woolly white
Become the locks of gold.*

*For loving hands will turn the wool
To wares that will be sold,
And with their gentle Midas touch
They turn the locks to gold.*

*So be ye ever thankful
That to you this gift was given,
That you can work the locks of wool
On this fair side of heaven.*

*This winter as you spin and knit
And tight your needles hold,
Know you possess the Midas touch
That turns the locks to gold.*

*The lambing and the wool will come
Ordained by God, I'm told.
His gift to you the blessed touch,
That turns the locks to gold.*

Thanksgiving 2015

Classes

We will offer classes ONLY by request. You may stop in the shop, tell us what you would like to learn, and we'll customize a class for you that fits our schedule. Not sure what you want to learn? Come in with some ideas and we'll help you decide. Knitting, Spinning, Crochet, Tatting; we offer it all.

Shop Winter Hours

Thurs-Fri 7PM-9PM

1st and 3rd Saturday and Sunday each month

10AM-5PM

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

Other shop hours are "per chance"

Winter Retreat

**All rooms for the 2016 Winter Retreat have been sold. Thank you
for your support of this event.**

What have we been doing?

With the reduced hours at the shop, you might be wondering what we've been up to. First, we are continuing our renovation/reconfiguration of the space. We've got most of the painting done, made a big dent in solving some of the storage issues, and opened up space in the workshop area. This month we hope to complete the replacement of the light fixtures (started a year ago). Better light, more space, expanded product display—we've been busy!

Penny has also signed up to do a few art shows (we need to reduce our stock of "finished goods"). She has also been busy making new samples to showcase our newest yarns.

We've also been spending a lot of time caring for Mollie the Collie. She has been very ill, and require a lot of time and attention. Like all of us, old age is beginning to get the best of her.

Special Events have also been on our minds. Watch future newsletters for information on "Fiber in the Forest", the 2017 Winter Retreat, and some new events like a "Locks In". 2016 is a leap year, so what better to do with an extra day but work with fiber?

Stop in and check out the progress. We think you'll like the new look!