

Through the Shop Window

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



"From the unique to the antique!"

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Focus!

This year has brought us a lot of changes and challenges, both in our business and our personal lives. In our ever changing world, one of the many things we must do is keep focused. We had an original vision for the shop which lasted about as long as the first week-then the vision began to evolve. We have adapted along the way. The economic turmoil has us again re-shaping our vision for the store. But don't panic-we're not closing.

We are going to shift our focus from the "retail" side to the "studio" side. We will still be selling material and tools, but will begin to narrow things down. We will clear out most spinning equipment-it does not sell quickly and has very little profit. Books and magazines will also be going-most people get them on line now, anyway.

But before you panic, we will continue with yarns (and may expand them), needles, and notions, as well as crochet hooks and supplies. We will phase out quilting fabrics, tatting threads, and rug braiding supplies (again, just not enough interest). We will increase our focus on teaching, and will begin doing custom classes-either in groups or one-on-one. We will also be reducing our shop hours. This will allow us to have the time to teach and restore some balance to our lives, as well as give us some time to work on our own projects and ideas. I have not had time to weave in years, nor have we been able to use our larger equipment. We need time to test new products and designs and experiment with new techniques. There is so much going on in the fiber arts, and we need to stay up on the latest innovations.

So, please make a note of our new hours. We will also be open "by chance". If we're in the shop doing studio work, and the "OPEN" sign is turned, you are more than welcome to come shop or visit. If you need help, please respect our studio time and bring your problems during the open workshop times listed.

See you in the studio! I can't wait to start weaving again.

Classes

We will now 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 schedules. 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.

**New Shop Winter Hours Beginning October 1st
Thurs-Fri 7PM-9PM**

**1st and 3rd Saturdays and Sundays of the month
10AM-5PM**

**Open Workshop is on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the
month**

Our next show is:

**The Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival in Jefferson, WI
September 11-13.**

The shop will be closed the following days

Aug 29 thru Sept 15 Labor Day holiday and the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival in Jefferson, WI

We're cleaning house

We will be clearing out all remaining books, magazines, and spinning equipment during the month of September. This includes past and current issues of magazines. All in-stock patterns will also be priced to sell. In fact, if you find a pattern you like and purchase the yarn from our stock, we'll give you the pattern free (single patterns only). If you've ever wanted a spinning wheel, you'll never find a new wheel at a lower price. And, once they're gone-they're gone! We will also be clearing out our remaining stock of Cushing dyes, purse handles, buttons, clasps, ball winders, hand carders, bobbins, and assorted accessories.

This isn't a sale - it's a month long event!