

Through the Shop Window

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yarn, and equipment....



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Wool, Warp & Wheel

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It's all in the attitude

*Every day can be a great adventure. New people, new places, wonderful discoveries- they all can be yours. Life-yes even **your** life- can be a great adventure just waiting to happen. All it takes is the right attitude. Life is what it is- your attitude is what determines what "it" is. It's all about how you perceive and react to what's around you.*

We have just finished a spinning class with two wonderful people. They were originally from Ireland and Wales. It was the most enjoyable class I've taught in a while. Time more than just "evaporated" during the class- it transported us. The sounds of their voices, their stories, and just the shared experience was a great adventure. In an instant we could be on the emerald sod or high atop the hills of an ancient kingdom. All this without leaving the warm fireside of the shop. Life is an adventure just waiting to happen.

If you are open to share the experiences of others and have an attitude to accept others and explore their world, there is just no telling what adventure awaits you.

For us, and I hope for you, the shop is a great adventure. It is a unique place- something that must be experienced. The essence of it isn't in the skeins of yarn or pounds of wool, but in the interactions between artists and creations that evolve when the artist and the materials become one. It is the peace that comes with acceptance of one another as artists, fellow humans, and friends. It is what occurs when concern for one another allows us to share not only our troubles, but also the humor that is part of our daily lives, recognizing that sometimes the mundane is funny (yes, God has a sense of humor, and so should we).

If you haven't been in the shop lately, stop by, spend some time, and share a little of the adventure. We all know that a bit of adventure is more fun when you share it with friends. Come see what you've been missing!

Winter Hours Will End!

Hey, Winter is over (or supposed to be), so Winter hours will soon be replaced with Summer hours (believe it or not). Summer hours will begin on May 1st and will be:

Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment between 7 PM and 9 PM

Thursday and Friday 11 AM-9 PM

The First and Third weekends of the Month

11 AM – 4 PM

Open Workshop will still be on Sundays of the first and third weekends of the month.

Summer hours will be in effect until September 1st.

We offer one-on-one customized classes as well as individualized help on the projects you have "in process". We can help you with knitting, crochet, spinning, weaving, felting, as well as other fiber related art forms. Need a summer project? We can help! Need a special project to do with the kids this summer- take a felting class and keep those little hands busy and out of trouble. How about some mommy-daughter time (or maybe some "alone" time) take a class!

2019 Winter Retreat

The 2019 Winter Retreat will be held in Fontana, Wisconsin at the Heritage House Inn. The dates are Thursday, Jan 24 through Sunday, Jan 27. Check in is at 1:00 PM on Thursday, and departure is noon on Sunday. Those attending will be asked to help provide a meal for the weekend. We are limited to a total of 18 spaces. The Inn is divided into 3 suites, each having 2 bedrooms, a full kitchen, a living room with a fireplace, and at least 1 full bathroom. Some rooms have a view of Lake Geneva. We meet in the Common Room, which is large enough to spaciouly accommodate all of us.

The cost per person is \$140.00, and must be paid in full when you reserve your place. As of this printing, 15 spaces have been purchased, so we have space for 3 more people. Best of all, the Inn is a short 30-minute drive from the shop.

If you are interested in attending, please get your funds to Penny. This is "first come-first serve", and there are no private rooms left. The 2018 retreat was a great success, and the Inn was very comfortable. By eliminating the two-hour drive and adding Thursday afternoon, we have more time together, more time for fiber, and more time for fun! Since we pay for the Inn in advance, your fee is non-refundable UNLESS we can resell your space.