

# Through the Shop Window

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Wool, Warp & Wheel

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## Silent Night?

*We sing "Silent Night" each Christmas. I'm sure that was not the reality of that first Christmas night. After all, the town was filled with travelers, and since human nature really never changes, I'm sure that there was more than one loud party going on. The animals in the stable were crowded, as tired and irritable animals who had carried the luggage of their owners for days were packed into whatever stall they could fit in. There was sure to be kicking, stomping, and vocal protesting loud enough to break any silence that existed.*

*Add to all of this the cries of a young girl in labor, and eventually that of her newly born child. And just when it was about to make you wish you were deaf, commotion erupted in the sky above – singing as loud as a 747 about to take off. Oh-my!*

*The point of all this is simple. We visualize this quiet pastoral scene of grace and glory. But, that is not the reality of God's arrival. He was quiet-almost unnoticed, in a world that was teeming with life. He came to us as we were, where we were. The same is true today. The Christ comes to us as we are, where we are. There is no ceremony-no earth shaking announcement. He just quietly knocks, and where the door is opened, He enters.*

*This Christmas, don't be looking for that stable scene. You won't find the Savior there-He's already done that. Instead, listen amid the noise and chaos of your life for that quiet knock. When you hear it, open your heart and invite Him in. Christmas is really not about what was, but instead is about what is yet to be. The Christ Child came to earth, now He comes to the hearts of men. He is still knocking, entering, and dwelling within the heart and lives of those who receive him.*

*This Christmas, give yourself the ultimate gift-answer His knock and let Him in.*

*Merry Christmas*

## Winter Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday 7 PM – 9 PM

Thursday and Friday 11 AM – 9 PM

The First and Third Weekends of the Month  
10 AM – 5 PM

Open Workshop will still be on Sundays of the first and third weekends of the month. Bring your project and get it done! And remember, the help is always free!

The shop will be closed December 24-25 and Dec 31- Jan 2 for the Christmas and New Year holidays. We will also be closed Jan 23-28 for the Winter Retreat.

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.

We are also scheduling felting classes for both beginners and intermediate skill levels. Contact Penny at the shop to see samples of the projects and sign up. Felting is all the rage right now-and you can do it, too!

## 2020 Winter Retreat

The 2019 Winter Retreat is SOLD OUT-but tickets for the 2020 Winter Retreat are on sale now-so if you are interested, please contact Penny and get your place reserved. Space is very limited. There are no private rooms, but there is a lot of fun! You never know what we'll come up with. Don't wait until the last minute, plan now for January 23-26 of 2020. If you have never gone to one of our retreats, you don't know what you're missing.

The cost is \$150 and included 3 night of lodging. Each participant will be assigned to help provide a specific meal for the group. Those attending should bring their own snacks and beverages. Coffee will be provided.

The event begins on Thursday afternoon, and ends at noon on Sunday. The common Room is warm, well lit, and large enough to accommodate all kinds of activities. The retreat is limited to 18 participants. Don't miss it!