

Through the Shop Window

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Wool, Warp & Wheel

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There's No Place Like Home

For those of you who haven't heard, I am recently home from the hospital. Three surgeries in 1 week is more than enough. I made it through Sheep and Wool, and not much more. By Monday I was in major pain, and by Tuesday afternoon I was sure I was on my death bed. Because I only go to the Doctor when I'm sure I'm about to die, I did drive myself to Urgent Care-who had me drive to the ER. The cause was determined to be a kidney stone (8mm-I tied for the hospital record). The result: days in the hospital, three surgeries to remove it and kick-start the kidney, and a vast amount of pain that I didn't think it was possible to live through (and now that I know I can, I assure you I won't live through it again). Needless to say, that's not the way to top off Sheep and Wool Festival.

In the face of all this, I have much to be thankful for. First, to my wife who unloaded the trailer and put the shop back together-no small task-and spent days at my bedside (the shop was the easier of the two!). For you my dear, all my thanks and love. To all who helped at the Sheep and Wool Festival, Thanks. I could not have done it without you. I was in too much pain and unable to lift anything to load the trailer on Sunday. To those who cared for our critters, a big "Thank You". Penny had enough to worry about (me), so having them in good hands was essential. And for all of you who came, shopped, and supported our business, thank you. We exist because of your support.

So, the shop is in order and I'm on the mend. All is well with the world, and we're on to the next big thing-retreat. Before you know it the holidays will have come and gone and it will be time for a weekend away. I can't wait. I'll be ready for a bit of rest by then.

For now, you'll find me resting in my chair in the shop (Until I leave for jury duty-but that's something altogether different).

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 be on Sundays of the first and third weekends of the month.

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.

Make it a "Hand-Made" Holiday

Just because the economy isn't in the tank is no reason to put your finances there. This year shun the commercialism and return to a good old fashioned Christmas. Make it a hand-made holiday. Meet with your family and tell them there must be creative-only "hand-made" gifts under the tree. Set a spending limit and get those creative juices flowing. Hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, headbands, shawls, socks (for those who knit fast), felted bags, needle felted items, the list of possible projects goes on. And, don't forget the baked goods (one of my favorites).

This is a fantastic opportunity to get everyone involved. It is a chance to rediscover family time and establish new traditions. And who knows, maybe the money you save can be put toward that credit card balance or perhaps a family vacation.

It is also a great time to teach your children that the true value of a gift has nothing to do with the cost, and everything to do with the thought and time of the one who personally made it for them.

And, as is our custom, you can expect our workshops and help to be available to you so those projects can be completed on time. We have lots of ideas, patterns, and materials to help you along the way.

Make this the best holiday season ever-make it a "Hand-Made" holiday this year!

2018 Winter Retreat

The Winter Retreat will be in Fontana Wisconsin, Jan 25-28. If you still owe a balance for the retreat, please see Penny and get it paid, as we have already paid the Inn.