

Through the Shop Window

For the best in fiber,
yarn, and equipment....



...shop the sheep.
Wool, Warp & Wheel

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And so begins the fall....

With both Sheep and Wool and the Spinning Retreat past, so begins my favorite season of the year. The shop is all back together, all the new items have found a home, and people are again thinking of starting new projects.

I have a knitting project that I need to get done (should have been done already, but you know how it goes). I also have a weaving project to start-now that my loom has surfaced from the pile that is our stuff. I'd better get it warped before it gets lost under a pile again. Who knows, before you know it the weather will turn cold enough to build a fire in the stove and the shop again will become a cozy warm place to spend a Sunday afternoon.

I have not seen any trends develop yet as to what will be the most popular thing to knit this year. Socks seem to have their own following. Last year was the year of the cowl. This year it might be shawls or hats. It's too early to tell-but, no matter what is trending, I'm sure we have the yarn for it. We're pretty well stocked right now (come in early for the best selection).

Needle felting is still a growing thing, and we have plenty of fiber in wonderful colors to tempt every variety of artist-and spinners, too. Not only do we have the colors, but we also have a variety of breeds and different preparations to allow all types of yarn to be spun.

Fall is fiber time-don't wait until it's too late. Come in early and get the good stuff before everybody else. After all, Winter will be here before you know it!

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 Nov 22-26 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Spend time with your family and don't forget to count your blessings!

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.

2019 Winter Retreat

The 2019 winter Retreat will be held at the Heritage House Inn in Fontana, Wisconsin. Participants should arrive Thursday, January 24 at 1PM. The retreat will adjourn at noon on January 27. Those attending are each responsible for providing part of a meal for the group. Please contact Penny at the shop to get your schedule. All forms of fiber arts are encouraged, as the work room has plenty of space. Thursday evening will be "Wine & Dine", Friday will be "PJ Day", Saturday will be "Fun & Games", and Sunday will be "Back to Reality".

NOTE: This year the retreat will NOT be open to non-participants. Please do not invite your friends and family to stop by and visit. The time and facility have been reserved for those who have purchased a room.

The 2019 Winter Retreat is SOLD OUT-but tickets for the 2020 Winter Retreat will go on sale soon-so if you are interested, please contact Penny and get on the list. Space is very limited. There are no private rooms, but there is lots 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. Contact Penny at the shop to reserve your place.