

Through the Shop Window

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



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

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It's that time of year

At long last the summer has past. It's time for Fall. Just think, cooler weather, the smell of autumn fires, early evenings, and time to pick up your fiber and settle in for the season.

I, for one, have to get back to my needles. I want to have 7 pair of hand knit socks for winter-but have only 5-1/2 pair done (no, the half pair is not a one-sock wonder, as sock #2 is about 1/3rd done). I also have pounds of fiber left from last year to finish spinning. Maybe I should wait to get these projects completed before I add more-but I won't. I'll just pile a few more on as I get carried away with the new yarns, colors, and patterns. So, you have my permission to do the same. Nothing like a healthy backlog of projects to keep a fiber artist going!

The change of season also means a change in the shop hours. With summer past, it's time to get back to work, so we will extend our weekend hours. New hours begin after the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival. And, as the kids go back to school, we will again be offering classes. If there is something you want to learn, just call the shop and we'll schedule a class for you. Penny will also be scheduling weekday workshops, so watch the newsletter and your email for times and subjects.

Now, if you want to see EVERYTHING there is in fiber and yarn in one place, spend a few days at the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival in Jefferson, Wisconsin. If you've never been there, you'll be amazed. If you been there before, you know that it can easily become your annual fiber outing. We'll be there in the East Barn of the Country Store. Be sure to stop in and see us. We'll have super sales, show specials, and the newest yarns and equipment we've collected at TNNA.

So, leap into Fall and get those needles clicking! After all, Winter is just around the corner.

Winter Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday 7 PM-9 PM

Thursday and Friday 11 AM-9 PM

The First and Third Saturdays and Sundays of the Month

10 AM – 5 PM

Open Workshop will be on the First and Third Sundays 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.

Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival

As usual, The Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival will be in Jefferson, Wisconsin at the fairgrounds. The festival will run 4 days, beginning with classes on Thursday, September 7. The gates will be open to the general public Friday the 8th through Sunday the 10th. This is the largest festival in the Midwest, and features everything to do with sheep, wool, and fiber arts. This is not one you'll want to miss. There are classes, competitions, dog trials, a lamb dinner and even cooking classes. Classes fill quickly, so sign up on line today! We'll be in the east barn of the county store. See you there!

2018 Winter Retreat

The Winter Retreat will be in Fontana Wisconsin, Jan 25-28. If you still owe a balance for the retreat, please have it paid no later than September 30, as we have already paid the Inn. Please see Penny for additional information

This just in:

We have purchased a limited supply of exotic silk yarns with simple one and two skein patterns. We also have a few kits available. These won't last long, so shop early for the best selection.

Also, our order of Mountain Colors Mountain Goat yarn has arrived. I don't expect this delivery to last past Sheep and Wool, so shop early and get the color you want.

And, not to be left out, we have the first order of Brittany Walnut knitting needles. Yes, Walnut needles are again being manufactured, and we are the first to offer them. Stop in, and be the first to get a set!