

Through the Shop Window

...the "little shop around
the corner" on Mill Street



"From the unique to the
antique!"

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Gifts

*Why does it seem that every year
Goes faster than the last?
Can this year have a few less days
Then those that once have past?*

*And days between Thanksgiving's feast
And Christmas Eve it seems
Have only eighteen hours each
And pass like waking dreams!*

*And in the rush of holidays
We battle time that's flying,
And if we don't have all things done
You know that we've died trying!*

*We search the store both near and far,
Through tons of stuff we sift
In search of that elusive prize,
That perfect Christmas gift!*

*Could it be at a discount store
Upon a shelf up high,
Or is it in that little shop
That you just hurried by?*

*The perfect gift cannot be bought
So stop your hurried fray.
The perfect gift to us was given
On that first Christmas Day.*

*The house was not all neat and clean,
It had no festive table,
There was no tree or garland green
Within that cattle stable.*

*So gather friends and family near
And focus on the reason,
That every year we celebrate
This very special season.*

*For God now dwells with human kind
As angles sang above,
He fills our hearts with peace and grace
His gift to us-His love.*

Merry Christmas

January Classes

"Crash Course"

Needle Tatting Tuesdays Jan 19-26 7PM-9PM Many of us remember our Grandmothers having lace tatted sheets and linens. Once thought to be difficult, a modern variation on this old craft has made it fast and easy. This course will teach you how to make beautiful tatted items without the use of a shuttle. If you can wrap a string around your finger, you can do needle tatting. The class fee is \$30, and space is limited to 6 students.

"Crash Course"

Needle Felting Wednesdays Jan 20-27 7 PM-9 PM Here's another quick and easy class to expand your fiber ability! Needle felting is a simple way to embellish an item or create a three dimensional object. We'll explore both pictorial and sculptural felting. If you can poke an object with a pin, you can needle felt. The class fee is \$30 and does not include materials. Class is limited to 6 students.

Using the Spinning Wheel Thursdays January 21 - February 18 7PM - 9 PM Spinning is not only an ancient art, it's a great way to get rid of stress-fantastic handspun yarn is a bonus! Spinning is easily learned. Simple techniques and lots of practice are all that's required. If you've always wanted to spin-this is your chance. The class fee is \$60, which includes 50 grams of prepared fiber to spin. If you don't own a wheel, you may use a studio wheel for a \$20 bobbin rental fee. Class is limited to 4 students. Note: this class will not meet January 28.

Celebrate Christmas Past Richmond business Partners will sponsor "Christmas of Yesteryear" December 5-6

Come visit our unique shops, spend a little time with Santa, and help find the lost treasures of the Twelve Days of Christmas. You can even enjoy breakfast with Santa at Memorial Hall. And, for those of you with long lists, there will be an express mailbox to the North Pole located at Skoopers.

*Make this Christmas one to remember at Richmond's
"Christmas of Yesteryear 2010"*

The 2010 Winter Retreat is January 29-31

There are still a few tickets left for our trip to the Little Switzerland Inn in McGregor, Iowa. The cost is \$80 per person, and includes 2 nights lodging, two breakfasts, and lunch on Saturday. Don't delay, sign up today! Start the new year by taking some time for yourself and finishing a few of your projects. If all your projects are done, then start a new one!