

Through the Shop Window

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



"From the unique to the antique!"

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Because I Said So

I have worked hard most of my life, and there are things that I want. Like most adults, the toys I want are big and expensive. Sometimes, however, I am told "no".

In May, Penny and I purchased an RV (or so we thought). We were to take delivery June 5th. On the appointed date, the unit wasn't ready, and the deal went south. (God said, "no.")

I then found an upgraded unit on the internet in Batavia, Ohio. Arrangements were made to pick up the unit on our way to TNNA. Needless to say, another bad experience occurred (terrible customer service, nobody taking responsibility, and a unit that was damaged and not ready for delivery). We left with our check and no RV. (God said, "NO".)

In the quest to have it my way, Penny and I found an even larger RV (actually, we've found two) that would require us to purchase a larger truck to pull the weight. We priced the RV's and a new truck—simply out of our range (God said, "Are you deaf-I said NO!")

I prayed for the reason why I couldn't have what I wanted—and the answer I got was one that has echoed from the mouth of every parent down through the ages—"Because I said so."

Now, I could be angry or upset—but I'm not. I am OK with not having what I want. Here is where faith comes into play. I believe that God has my best interests in mind, and that as God, He knows what's best. He knows what tomorrow holds for me. I trust that God has a reason why, and that at this time it's not mine to know. Perhaps He is saving me from a big financial disaster, or maybe He has something better in mind. I know that the day will come when the reason will be revealed to me, and I will understand His plan.

Some of you might wonder what happened to "Ask, and it will be given to you."? My reply is very simple; "Be careful what you ask for—you might get it."

Sometimes a little bit of faith can save you from a whole lot of hurt.

Got Faith?

August Classes

Basic Sock Knitting Tuesdays August 3-24 7 PM – 9 PM There is nothing so warming as a pair of hand-knit socks. If you can knit and purl, but have never attempted to turn a heel, this class is for you. Students will learn how to work on multiple double pointed needles, shape the sock, turn the heel, and close the toe. With today's computer dyed yarns, even simple socks can be something special. Class fee is \$60, and is limited to 6 students. Students will need a pattern, size 2 double point needles and sock yarn, all of which may be purchased at the shop.

Using the Spinning Wheel Wednesdays August 4 – 25 7 PM – 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.

Advanced Spinning Techniques Thursdays August 5-26 7 PM – 9 PM If your wheel won't make the type of yarn you want—this class is for you. We'll cover worsted, woolen, and downy fiber techniques. You can spin what you want from ANY fleece if you apply the correct techniques. Spin bulky woolen or thread thin, spin to knit or spin to weave—with some simple adjustments and tricks, you can master your wheel. Learn when to use different whorls, how to adjust for proper tension, and how to adjust your speed to get the results you want. The class fee is \$65, and students must bring their own spinning wheels. Class is limited to 4 students.

July Hours

The shop will be closed Sunday, July 4th and Monday, July 5th for the Holiday. We will also be closed July 14th-19th for the Midwest Fiber and Folk Art Festival in Grayslake, IL. We'll be taking the entire shop, and will have an entire table of "Show Specials" to make shopping a little easier on your pocket book. This Fair is BIG, so if you can't find it at the Fair—it doesn't exist! See you there.

2011 Winter Retreat Update

The 2011 Winter Retreat is sold out. However, we will be forming a waiting list in the event that there are any cancellations. If you would like to get on the list, please call the shop. If a vacancy opens, we will work down the list until it is filled. The cost is \$80 per person. Vacancies will be filled on a "first come-first served" basis.