

# Through the Shop Window

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



"From the unique to the antique!"

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## ***The Blessing of a Good Wife***

*To many people, our life seems crazy. We each work a forty hour week, manage (with help) to keep and run the shop, and keep our home (again, with help). Our vacations are "working" vacations, and we have managed to keep up the pace for seven years-and are still going! No, we are not "super-human or exceptional people, we are simply "blessed".*

*Now, some of you might be scratching your heads thinking that all work and no play is anything but a blessing. Please allow me to explain.*

*I have been blessed with a good wife-and that is why all this is possible. That is why the work is in itself a blessing. My wife sees the big picture. She is prudent with our resources, supportive, eager to help others, concerned for my welfare, and allows me to cherish her. She respects me and my efforts to provide for her. She is not jealous when I spend time helping others, even when it takes away from our time together.*

*The shop is something we do together. We each have our part, and apart from each other, we couldn't do it. It is a blessing to us, and the way God allows us to bless others.*

*I know of many husbands who have been blessed with good wives, but they don't know it. They are unaware of the greatness of the gift. Their wives struggle on, often without gratitude or encouragement. God extends His grace to these good wives. They are His arms of support for their husbands. They are His influence in the lives of their husbands.*

*This last weekend, Penny and I had the chance to spend an entire day together, away from the shop-just the two of us-something we haven't done in a long time. God provided a "cap nap" in our busy schedule-a true blessing. Now, with the blessing of a good wife-I pick-up and continue with the regular routine.*

*As we provide for others, God is faithful to provide for us. He surrounds us with blessings-people in our lives-who bless us.*

*Is He using you to bless another? I, for one, have been abundantly blessed.*

## **July Classes**

There are no scheduled classes for the month July. There are a variety of classes and workshops offered at the Midwest Folk and Fiber Arts Festival in July at the Lake County Fairgrounds. Please check their web page for offerings and registration. [www.fiberandfolk.com](http://www.fiberandfolk.com) See you at the fair!

Our Knitting Masters (first Friday of the month) and Knitting Sampler (third Friday of the month) workshops will be meeting throughout the summer, as does our Sunday Open Workshop. If you need help or would like to start a "summer project", just stop in and we'll get you going.

## **July Hours**

The shop will be closed Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for the Holiday, and July 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> for the Midwest Fiber and Folk Art Festival in Grayslake, IL. We'll be taking the entire shop-so if you can't find it at the Fair-it doesn't exist! See you there.

## **TNNA**

Penny and I will be attending The National Needle Arts and the National Bison Association meetings June 10<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. The shop will be closed Friday, June 11, and Tuesday thru Friday, June 15-18. The shop will be open Saturdays and Sundays, 10AM - 5PM.

## **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.

## **We're on the hunt for what's new!**

We will be shopping the TNNA Summer Market this month and be scouting out everything that's new. You can expect to see new items arriving as early as July. We already know that Harrisville Designs will be introducing several new colors and a new wool blend. That will bring their offerings to 65 colors! We will also be looking at Art Yarns as a possible new line to bring in. Expect the unexpected-you never know what we'll find at the market!