

Through the Shop Window

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



"From the unique to the
antique!"

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The Colors of Spring

*At last the howling winter winds
Have tuned to breezes soft.
And now the warm and gentle rains
Fall from the clouds aloft.*

*And from the roads that cross this land
Spring fourth in colors bright,
The brilliant highway summer flowers
Of blazing orange and white.*

*They grow in lines that angle left
Or go on straight for miles,
And come in many different shapes
And several different styles.*

*You'd think they were endangered
Since you must reduce your speed,
And yet they are prolific as
A common garden weed.*

*You'd think with all our knowledge that
We could devise a spray,
That if once properly applied
Would make them go away!*

*But still we are taxed heavily
By those we have elected,
For crews to work all summer long
To get the roads corrected.*

*Or maybe we should just instead
Get rid of politicians,
Perhaps that would improve for good
Our summer road conditions.*

*So if you plan to drive this year
To go on a vacation,
Be wary of the highway flowers
That grow across the nation.*

*These flowers are not the reason
That you won't be driving far,
What's sure to stop you is the cost
Of filling up the car.*

June Classes

There are no classes scheduled for June or July. However, if there is a skill you would like to learn we will arrange "One-on-one" classes. Please stop in the shop to schedule an "independent study". Summer is also a great time to take advantage of the many classes offered at local fiber festivals. They offer a wide range of classes and many are taught by the best in the industry. You can register on-line for classes being offered at the Midwest Folk and Fiber Arts Festival being held in Crystal Lake this summer.

Road Construction Alert

Road construction began at both ends of Richmond on April 1st, and will continue through the summer. Here's how to avoid the work zones. If you taking Hwy 12 to Richmond from Fox Lake:
Take Hwy 12 to North Solon road and turn right. Follow North Solon Road to Hill Road and turn left. Hill Road ends at Hwy 12 past the construction. Turn right on Hwy 12 to downtown Richmond.

If you are approaching Richmond from Antioch on Hwy 173:
Continue on Hwy 173 past Hwy 12 to Broadway. Turn Left on Broadway. Take Broadway to West Street and turn left. West Street becomes Mill Street. The shop will be on your right.

2009 Winter Retreat Almost Full!

If you want to attend the 2009 Winter Retreat January 23-25, don't wait. Only three spaces remain to be filled. The cost is \$65 per person, and includes 2 nights lodging, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Since we pay for the Inn in advance, tickets are not refundable. Don't miss your chance to get away this winter. Call the shop for more information. (815) 678-4063 evening and weekends.

Calendar of Events

TNNA Summer Market – Columbus, OH	June 5-10
Midwest Folk Art & Fiber Festival – Crystal Lake, IL	July 18-20
Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival – Jefferson, WI	Sept 5-7
Wisconsin Spin-In – West Bend, WI	Oct 31- Nov 2