

# Through the Shop Window

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



"From the unique to the antique!"

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*Who's' is it, anyway?*

*As always, April 15<sup>th</sup> is the day the tax man gets his due. For some of us, insult is added to injury by the tax man's attitude. Somewhere along the line, the taxing bodies have forgotten that they work for us. Taxes become the governments' money-not the taxpayers.*

*I'll stop here before I begin ranting and raving about the political mess all this has become. The question is, "Who does the money really belong to?" (Let's make this multiple choice):*

- 1) The Government
- 2) The one who earned it
- 3) The One who owns it

*If you answered #1-sorry, you are wrong. The money (no matter what the government or your political affiliation would lead you to believe) does not belong to the government. Aside from printing meaningless paper, the government has never produced any asset of true value.*

*If your answer was #2-sorry, but, no matter what you may think, the money is not yours. It may seem that it is the profit of your labor-but it is not yours.*

*The truth is, everything is Gods. It's His money. He entrusts amounts of it to you as He see fit, and we are stewards of it. He is the only being in existence to have created anything from nothing (Government, however, can take everything and create from it nothing).*

*You might think that as one entrusted by God to use the money He's given us, it would be our responsibility to prevent the Government from taking it in the first place; but He has instructed us to render onto the government that which it is due. That being said, we must (though reluctantly) comply.*

*Now, as for the misuse and stealing of the taxes we've paid-well, the tax man will have to answer to God on that issue.*

*I, for one, would rather have to answer God when He asks, "Did you pay the taxes that were levied?" rather than "What did you do with the taxes you've collected?"*

## June Classes

There are no scheduled classes for the months of June and 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.

## Holiday Hours

**The shop will be closed on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> for Memorial Day.**

**Note: Due to a scheduling conflict, the shop will not be open during the day on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be open during our regular evening hours.**

## Last Chance for the 2011 Winter Retreat

The 2011 Winter Retreat will be held Jan 28-30 in McGregor Iowa at the Little Switzerland Inn and McGregor's Landing. Prices are based on the choice Inn and your choice of a private or shared space, and range from \$80 to \$145. The package includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Our maximum number of tickets is 25. **At this time there are only 2 spaces remaining. All tickets must be paid by May 31, 2010, and are NOT refundable** (we pay the Inns in advance). Please contact us at the shop for tickets-payable by cash or check (please, no credit cards due to the card fees).

## SOAR comes to Wisconsin

**Spin Off Autumn Retreat (SOAR)** will be held at Lake Lawn Lodge in October. Registration is done on line and opens in May. There are only 350 spaces, and registration usually closes a few hours after it opens. If you are interested in attending, please check the Interweave web page for registration time and complete details. This is a "once in a lifetime" opportunity to take classes from some of the best teachers in the country. There are a variety of in depth classes on different techniques for spinners of various skill levels. If you spin-you should go!