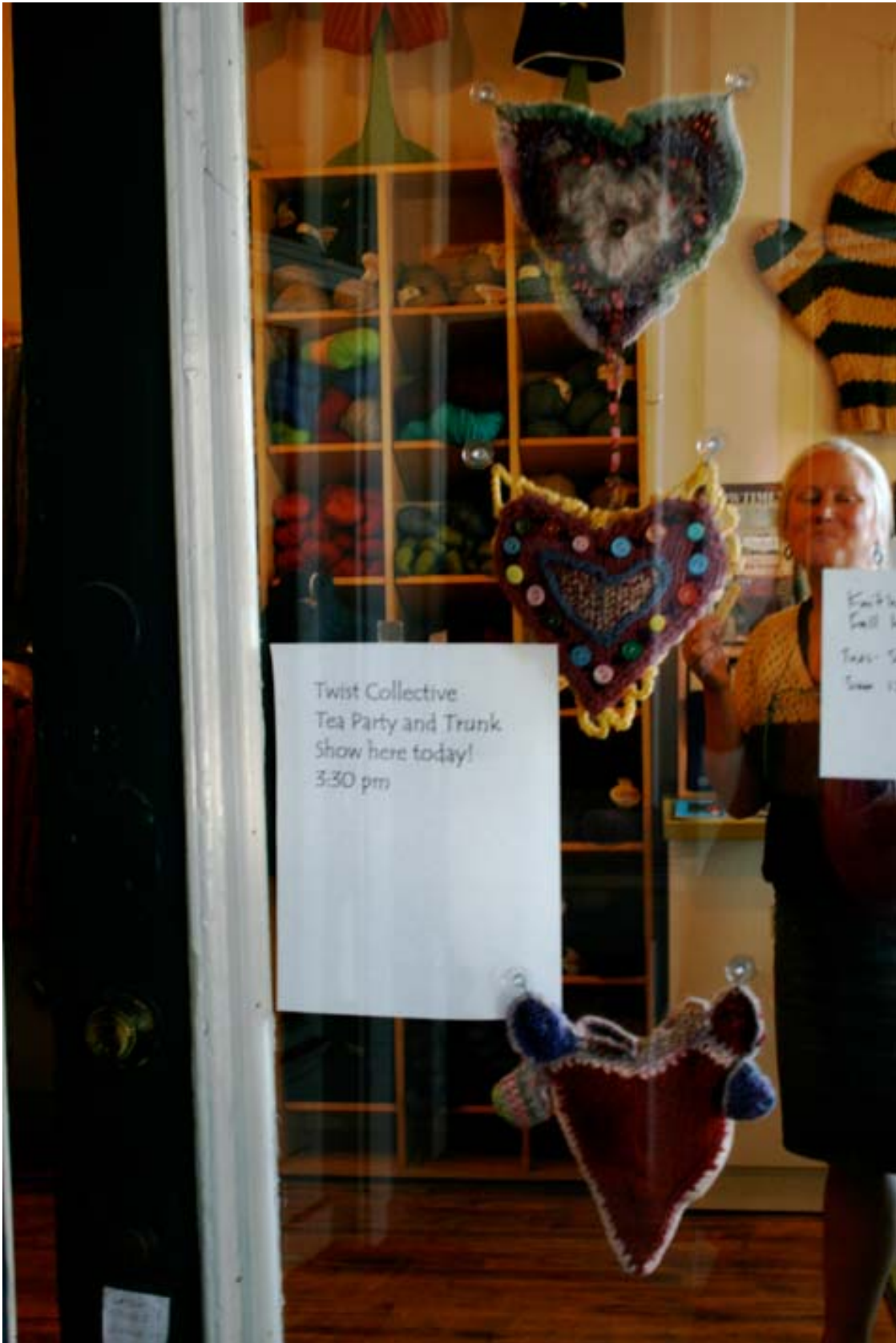


Julia here.

Last week I had the pleasure of visiting Anna and her peeps at [Knit Wit](#) in Portland, Maine. It is a charming jewlery box of a shop, and we all managed to squeeze along the aisles where I hung the sweaters for a fondling session.



The most charming little sights are all over the place, like a hand knit "open" sign in the front window, and the little felted hearts on the front door. You have to find your way here if ever you are in the neighborhood.



Saturday found me in Greenfield, Massachusetts at the fifth annual [Franklin Country Fiber Twist](#). There is a concentration of fiber talent in "the Valley" as the folks kept referring to where we were, which was made clear by the vendors and demonstrators present: [Kristin Nicholas](#) was proudly displaying her new book *Color by Kristin* and a freezer full of lamb from her [Leyden Glen Farm](#) 300+ flock, [Barbara Parry](#) was vending her luscious Foxfire Fiber yarn and candy bags of silk/cormo rovings, [Leslie Wind](#) made and sold glittery silver goodies like sterling orifice hooks and shawl pins all day long, the "Woollies of Shirkshire Farm" had a buffet of natural dyed Coopworth batts, [Glastonbury Glassworks](#) sold those sweet hand-blown glass sheep stitch markers, and Barbara Goodchild of Barberic Farm had some gorgeous Romney farm yarn for sale. There were many other yarn folk, as well as a whole collection of rug hookers, but I spent the day answering questions at my table loaded down with sweaters, so I had almost no time to meet anyone else.



Pardon my less than artful photo I took during setup. There was much to appreciate and photograph, but it was not my day to be the artist. I did host a Twist Collective fashion show at noon, which was both a lot of fun, and a warm up for another fashion show, this Wednesday the 30th at the [Slater Mill Knitting Guild](#) in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. If you are able to come, please do, because this will be the last show we have scheduled for awhile, and certainly the last viewing of the sweaters in New England this calendar year. Hope to see you there!

