

**Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild**  
**Meeting Minutes - April 24, 2024**

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**Show and Tell**

**Attendance:** Paula, Kathleen, Becky, Susan C., MaryAnn, Jan, Tom, George, Elizabeth, Kathy, Heather

**Call to order** by Jan at 10:25 a.m.

**March Minutes** - Kathleen moved/Susan seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Reports**

**Treasurer** – Kathleen advised we had \$425 store sales for February, which posts to March, dues and interest with total income of \$480.39 and total expenses for the month of \$67.39. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

**Foundation** – Becky advised that we had a successful hosting of the NNK250 lecture, with food provided by the cafe and weaving demonstrations by Kathy and Jan. Two scholarship recipients have been selected, there are 13 classes currently being offered, and the guilds are all busy. The cafe will begin taking orders for specialty breads. The POS system in the store is up and running.

**Studio/Yarn Status** - Jan has placed an order of variegated yarn from WEBS, on sale. The warp on Wilson is a study on different straight-draw weaves, changed by rearranging the tie-up while leaving the treadling the same.

**School Sponsorship** – Montross Middle School art teacher has finally reached out to schedule her art students for a field trip; unfortunately we could not come up with an acceptable date before the end of the school year (May 22). We will try for next fall.

**Social Media** – Kathy has been able to learn Patty's technique for loading pictures to our website. Patty hopes to resume a more active status eventually, but is unable to at this point.

**MAFA/Other Guilds** – Jan will work on the MAFA grant application for a portable spinning/weaving education exhibit.

**Equipment** – All is well.

**Book of the Month Report** - Kathy reported on several related books that discuss the concepts behind weaving designs, for those who are ready to venture beyond standard patterns.

- Mastering Weaving Structures, by Sharon Alderman, which is a great reference with pictures
- Handweavers's Notebook, by Sharon Alderman, which is a swatch collection, sort of the Cliff Notes of the Mastering Weaving Structures book

- Warp/Weft/Sett, which is very useful in figuring out setts. It shows the same structure at different setts and yarns. (Thank you to Kathy for donating the book to the TSWG library.)

George will do next month's report, on miniature overshot with Bertha Gray Hayes.

## Old Business

**School Visits:** The Cople Elementary 5th graders visit on April 12 – Kathy, Jan & Tom had a successful time, dividing the presentation into History, Spinning, and Weaving. The kids got to weave, spin a little, and even work the cotton gin.  
Northumberland Elementary 4th graders May 10 - Kathy, Jan & Tom will repeat what they did with the 5th graders.

**Grandparents Camp — ideas and volunteers** – Our guild will have the kids on Monday, July, 8. We will have them learn about and try spinning on the first floor and weaving will happen in the studio. Mary Ann will help, hopefully Melinda, Heather and another volunteer. Still need to decide on projects.

**Spinning Class for us (Kathy, Kathleen & Susan C)** – Still in the planning stage for this fall; more of an education “about” spinning, rather than learning to spin. Tentative date is October 23<sup>rd</sup>, after the guild's ~~s~~ monthly meeting.

**Library Exhibit** – The exhibit looks great and Jan encouraged the other guilds to visit, and consider doing something similar.

**New Business** — Our current business cards are very outdated. Kathy will design some new ones.

**Lessons Learned/Tidbits** – Even experienced weavers make mistakes! Kathy recounted how, after fixing a warp problem in the studio with forgotten lease sticks, she went home and made the same mistake! Tom shared that yarn from Peter Patchis seems to be a real bargain, and good quality yarn. George talked about the value in generously sharing your work, which in his care resulted in his work being enjoyed internationally. Elizabeth spurred a discussion of ways raise looms to make changing the tie-up easier on your knees.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Jan Lodge, President and Acting Secretary

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My notes said 11:17.