

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild Minutes for September 25, 2024



Call to order by Jan at 10:00AM

Attendance: Dennis, Carol R, Cheryl, Vicki, Theresa, MaryAnn, Bobbie, Tom, George, Elizabeth, Laurie, Becky, Anita, Sandi, Jan, Heather, Susan C., Helen, Kathleen, Paula and Melinda

August Minutes – Kathleen moved / Helen seconded and minutes unanimously approved

Reports

Treasurer – Sandi advised expenses totaled \$561.71 for yarn and purchase of a loom. Total income for August was \$3,203.64 which included dues, store sales and \$2,150.00 for weaving class. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Foundation – Becky will be sending the foundation meeting notes soon. The Tavern employee lounge is being repurposed as a welcome center for those visiting the Tavern through the back door. It will focus on history and craft. The quilt guild show is being moved from November to Mar. 21, 22, 2025. The blacksmiths are looking for donations of satellite dishes and metal bed frames. They will pick up from your home.

Studio/Yarn Status - Jan advised the studio looks different due to loom changes. Also, there are weaving items for sale in the studio, so be sure to visit, volunteer and check out the studio. Jan will be placing an order soon with Mo Purl so contact her directly if you want her to include your order with the guilds. It helps save shipping costs for everyone.

School Sponsorship - Melinda advised email sent to Heather Cockrell, Northumberland Middle School Art Teacher, and she replied immediately. She would appreciate our continued support as the funds would be used to order more clay and glazes so she can add more ceramic projects to her classes.

Melinda will contact Heather to see if she can provide pictures to our guild of clay and glaze work. Also, Melinda will share Cheryl Taylor's email with Heather as she is interested in possibly doing a joint project with Heather's art class.

Becky moved / Kathleen seconded and it was decided to donate \$400.00 to the Northumberland Middle School Art Class this year.

MAFA/Other Guilds – Sandi advised registration for MAFA conference will open Feb. 1. The conference provides 3 days of classes, campus dorms and food. Look online for more info.

<https://mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2025/schedule/>

Equipment – Tom has ordered a back crank for Harriet. Also, he plans to install a back brace for the weighted warp loom today. Kathy advised she has ordered new shaft lifters for Harriet for Tom to install once received.

Book of the Month Report – George reported on “Golden Thread, How fabric Changed History”. This book will be put on display in the studio if you want to read it / leaf through it. For the next meeting, Helen will check out our back supply room and report what she finds.

Old Business

MAFA Grant – Jan still working on this.

Group Weaving Project Reminder – Huck-a-back weaving projects will be put on display for show and tell in October for those participating. Copies of selected patterns on table in studio are from the Davison Green Book in the studio library.

4th Grade Visit, Friday Nov 15, all day – 8 groups / 10-12 4th graders per group. Each group will visit for 20minutes. Those volunteering are Tom, Sandi, Bobbie, Laurie, and Heather (checking her calendar).

New Business

Dates for Nov & Dec meetings – Please mark your calendars for Nov 20 and Dec 18. Changed from 4th to 3rd Wednesday of the month due to holidays.

Ideas for new classes — Cheryl will give a needle felting demo in Jan/Feb timeframe.

Future Weaving Classes – In discussion for the future – Beginning Weaving classes may be held in the studio for 5 students at \$250.00 per student. Next weaving class currently scheduled for Mar. 27, 28, 29. Please mark your calendars for volunteering. Transporting all the supplies and looms over to the TMB (Tavern Meeting Building) is becoming problematic which gave rise to this location change.

Lessons Learned/Tidbits – Don’t drink and weave. (FYI – Resolve takes out spots, including red wine.) Don’t use mop cotton on 12dent reed. Wind on warp carefully and tension carefully.

Show and Tell – 11:05A – 11:35

Spinning Class - A wonderful, comprehensive demonstration after show and tell was held on all things “spinning” by Susan C., Kathleen and Heather.

Minutes Submitted by

Melinda K. Floom, Secretary