

## **Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild**

### **Minutes for November 20, 2024**

#### **Show and Tell**

**Attendance:** Jan, Elizabeth, Laurie, George, Becky, Dennis, Tom, Carol, Paula, Mary Ann, Luanne, Kathy

**Call to Order** by Jan at 10:48 AM

**October Minutes** - Becky moved / Mary Ann seconded and unanimously accepted

#### **Reports**

**Treasurer** – Income for October was \$835, and outgoing funds were \$251. For November to date, Income is \$1432 (\$1372 in October Store sales) and outgo is \$10. Our balance is well over \$9000. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

**Foundation** – Becky has already provided a detailed report in writing to the guild. Highlights are the ongoing need for kitchen workers (especially the counter — no cooking skills required!) and the store needs shopkeepers. Also, we're still searching for a suitable replacement for Corinne, so she can enjoy a well-deserved retirement. December 7 is Golden Village Christmas, which is our biggest sale day of the year — need guild members in the studio. We need bake sale items for GVC on the 7th, and cookies for the cookie sale December 12-15. The store will be open for Sunday shopping Dec 15. The store will be open Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving, with limited offerings at the cafe, and also the days after Christmas.

**Studio/Yarn Status** – Vicki McKay is selling her 4-shaft Baby Wolf, as she has bought a new one. Discussed whether we want to purchase it. Becky moved that we offer her \$1000 for it, Tom seconded it, and the motion passed. Jan will remove her Mighty Wolf, Athena, during the Thanksgiving weekend. The new-to-us AVL loom (Bill) will be delivered and assembled on Wednesday, December 18 (our regular meeting is moved to the next day for our holiday luncheon).

**School Sponsorship** – No report.

**Social Media** – A new label company has been added under Resources; it is the one we use for guild labels. Dennis was asked, and consented, to coordinate our items for sale via social media. Thank you, Dennis!

**MAFA/Other Guilds** – The bi-annual MAFA Conference is in June, in Millersville PA. This is a wonderful opportunity to intensively study some aspect of fiber art over a 3-day period, and to commune with fellow fiber enthusiasts. They are offering 20 scholarships to first-time attendees. The all-inclusive cost is around \$600. Sign-up begins Feb 1st at 9:00, and the popular classes fill up in minutes. Red Stone Glen, near Millersville, also offers wonderful classes year-round.

**Equipment** – The new Macomber loom (Max) is now operational and has a warp on it. Everyone is encouraged to try it out! George gave a lesson after the meeting on using it. The new Harrisville (unnamed) has new cranks, plus one extra. The weighted warp loom has been stabilized now; check it out — it's interesting to learn how weaving was done 'way back when.'

**Book of the Month Report** – Jan followed up on Helen's report from last month; she found several intriguing articles in old weaving magazines. There was one by the owner of Homestead Weavers about meeting and working for the Schachts back in the '70 when they were just a couple of hippies, one on Harris Tweed (ask Sandi to view her video of the island if you haven't seen it), a disturbing account of Children in Textile Mills back in the early 1900's, and a rambling piece by Mr. Gilmore, creator of the modern jack loom. Any volunteers for next month?

## **Old Business**

**MAFA Grant** – This may be paused or modified with the acquisition of Vicki's BW.

**4th Grade Visit, Friday Nov 15** — We hosted about 85 4th graders and their teachers and parents from Northumberland Elementary. They had a brief introduction to colonial fibers, spinning and weaving, then got to try weaving on inkle looms and Kessie, and got to de-seed cotton bolls, spin it, and comb wool. It was a full day, but everyone enjoyed it! Helpers were Kathy, Sandi, Tom, Laurie, and Jan.

## **New Business**

**Guild Officers for 2025** — All current members are willing to continue serving for another year, but would be happy if someone wanted to step up and give it a try. Please think about it and let Jan know. We will vote on it at the December meeting.

**Golden Village Raffle Basket** — Several items were proposed for donation to the basket.

**MAFA Goody Bag Item** — Jan proposed we make small pincushions out of the children's weaving and any scraps members have on hand.

**Next Meeting** — We will meet at 11:00 on **Thursday**, December 19, to have a group holiday lunch in the cafe.

**Lessons Learned** — Use paper clips sideways on your heddle bars to mark multiples (i.e. every 10 or 20 heddles). Here's a link on how:

<https://handweavingacademy.com/a-simple-hack-to-make-counting-heddles-quick-and-painless/>

Adjourned – 12:00PM

Minutes submitted by

Jan Lodge, President and Acting Secretary ;-)