

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild
Minutes for October 23, 2024



Show and Tell; Group Project (Huckaback)

Attendance: George, Kathy, Vicki, Laurie, Jan, Dennis, Sandi, Heather, Becky, Elizabeth, Helen and Melinda

Call to Order by Jan at 10:40A.M.

September Minutes - Heather moved / Sandi seconded and unanimously accepted

Reports

Treasurer – Income for September was \$2,678.27 which included \$1,770.00 in a loom sale. Outgoing funds included the purchase of a loom for \$1,238.50. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Foundation – Becky advised that the Quilt show for 2025 will now take place in mid-November and will become an Artisan Show involving all the guilds. Ellen Hollows is the main co-ordinator and Susan Capagnola will be our guild's representative. The quilt guild is donating \$500 to Samaritan's Purse for the hurricane recovery efforts.

The Strategic Planning Committee for the Tavern is looking for everyone's thoughts about the future of the Tavern and how we should move forward.

Woodworkers will host "Empty Bowls" on Feb. 15.

The café will be making pumpkin shaped sourdough bread for Thanksgiving, so give them an order now if you are interested. Also, there is another take-out BBQ on Oct. 27 for \$25.00 each. Get tickets online or at the cashier's desk in the Tavern. Soup and sandwich (cup of soup and half a sandwich) will be introduced shortly as a menu item in the café.

Studio/Yarn Status – Jan received the MoPurl order and our guild's shelves are now fully stocked, along with members receiving yarns they ordered through Jan. Our guild sold 26 towels at the October Farmer's Market. There is now an updated pricing list on the door of the studio. Be sure to check it out when you bring in items to sell in the shop. The guild decided to accept a new-to-us AVL loom courtesy of a man with the Williamsburg guild who is donating it to us. Jan will take home loom Athena and her Gilmore to make room.

School Sponsorship – Jan presented a \$400 check to Heather Cockrell, art teacher at Northumberland Middle School, on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024. Heather advised she will send pictures when the students work with the clay and glazes that she purchases with our gift. The class will be working in these mediums in the new year.

Social Media – Kathy added new resources, so be sure to take a look at our website.

MAFA/Other Guilds – Sandi has renewed our membership with MAFA, so each guild member has access to MAFA offerings. Be sure to take a look at the email that Sandi sends to us monthly from MAFA. If you don't receive it, let Sandi know.

Equipment – Tom fixed the weighted warp loom. It is now stable.

Book of the Month Report – Helen reported on all the items that can be found in our yarn storage room. Lots of magazines: Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot, Handwoven, Warp and Weft, Spin Off,

Master Weavers, and more. Also, she found patterns for colonial clothing, a card loom, an inkle loom and a sewing machine. Take a look and take some magazines home to keep or just to peruse and return, your choice. Jan will report on a book next month.

Old Business

MAFA Grant – Jan still working on this.

4th Grade Visit, Friday Nov 15, all day (finalize plans) – Members who will participate in presenting this program to the kids are Tom, Jan, Kathy, Sandi and Laurie. They plan to have the kids work with q-tips and cotton balls and do a little weaving.

New Business

Method for Member ISO's/Acquiring New Equipment – We plan to track items that guild members want to buy or want to sell. You must send an email to: tswg18@gmail.com. A list will be developed and available for view in the studio once requests are received.

Instructions for new Macomber Loom (Max) – MaryAnn, Becky, and George will meet to take a look at our newest loom in the studio to see what updates or repairs need to be done. At the next meeting they will have a session for all of us to learn how to use it.

Lessons Learned - Be careful with your “mystery” yarns / they may run when washed. Find out by boiling water, adding thread, soaking and then removing from water and squeezing in paper towel. Did it put dye onto the paper towel? You might not want to use this yarn if color leeches out after two boiling water baths.

Tidbit – Thrum Cap Island named after the style of knitted woolen caps used by sailors off the coast of Maine. Linen fibers send moisture up and out (in the plant), vs. cotton which absorbs moisture. These attributes help the plants survive, but also are at work in the yarn made from the fibers. North Sea England – wool sweaters were knitted in a particular pattern for each village and the fisherman’s initials were knitted into the bottom band of the sweater so that if a man was lost at sea, his village and identity could be determined when he was washed ashore (creepy, but practical).

Adjourned – 12:03PM

Minutes submitted by

Melinda K. Floom, Secretary