

# Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild



## Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2022

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**Call to order:** Jan called meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

**Attendance:** Jan, Judy, George, Kathy, Mary Ann, Tom, Bobbie, Becky & Wonda.

**January Minutes review & corrections:** Minutes were approved, as written.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Mary Ann advised that incoming funds included \$240 dues, \$190.40 in store sales, and \$75 in donations. Expenses included spinning wheel repair kit and \_\_\_\_\_ for \$345 and our donation to the Tavern Foundation in the amount of \$8000. More TSWG finance information is available in the treasurer's folder in the Yellow Cat Studio.
  - It was also decided that, as in the past, weaving class instructors will receive half of the proceeds from the 3-day class. Students currently pay \$175; the Tavern receives \$30 per student from that and the remaining \$145 per student will be split with between the guild (\$72.50) and the 2 main instructors (\$36.25 x 2 instructors).
- **President's Report:** Nothing new to report.
- **Foundation:** Annual meeting was held on Thursday, Jan. 27, when each guild presents their donation to support the work of the foundation. Guild donations totaled \$57,000 with TSWG contributing \$8000. The foundation is in good shape financially.
- **Equipment Committee:** Mainly focusing on reorganization of our equipment. Jan reorganized the reed and lease stick area. Tom will be ordering organization bins for the storage area on top of the table. This will be for small items such as bobbins, shuttles, etc.
- **Studio staffing:** Sign-Up genius – Newer weavers/members are encouraged to check Sign-Up Genius. If no one is signed up, they can call or email someone on the member list to ask questions or to arrange a day to come into the studio.
- **Guild yarn supply:** Webs has their 8/2 on sale for \$18.99! Regularly \$25.99

### Old business:

1. Beginning Weaving Class: March 25- set up in the TMB at 2:00 pm. March 26, 27 & 28 for the class. 9 am to 4 pm. Judy and Kathy will be meeting next week to finalize plans. Please reserve these days to help, especially the Saturday, March 26 when students will be creating their warps and beaming onto the looms. This is when they need the most support. Also, Judy and Kathy will let guild members know how many looms we will need to borrow. Also, we are going to decorate the walls with our handwoven items on Thursday morning, the 24<sup>th</sup>, so that those attending Pub Night that evening can see all our amazing work plus that is one less thing to set up on Friday afternoon. Please set aside some of your work to display.
  - i) Note: We already have 8 people on our waitlist so we will be scheduling another class, probably in June or August.

2. Class for TSWG members: We still haven't heard back from any of the instructors so this is still pending.
  - i) Meantime, the Williamsburg Guild has invited us to participate in a Zoom class with nationally known weaving instructor, Daryl Lancaster.  
February 21: Daryl Lancaster!! Color and Inspiration over zoom 11-12:30. Once the Zoom link has been sent out, it will be forwarded to our guild members. She's a great instructor!
3. New Member Packet: Wonda has been working on this and passed around a draft of the type of information that will be included. She also passed around examples from two other groups in which she participates so that we could see what they include. This first draft was full of good ideas. Thanks, Wonda!
4. Linen Roundtable; Report- This was a very informative video. If you haven't gotten to see it yet, check it out at this link. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cSu-ZkndAD89XPmL6LhFxVSUYIp71fTf/view> or, you can go onto the MAFA website <https://mafafiber.org/> and look under Guild Resources for the list of Roundtables, past and future.
5. Scholarship: Melinda will continue on the RHHT Scholarship Committee. In our discussion, it was agreed that we should only award the scholarship to someone who meets our criteria. If no students do that, we will wait to the next year. It was also discussed that we may need to reach out to RCC to see if they have any art related programs of study and we could consider awarding a scholarship to a student already in college. Of course, this would probably have to be independent of the foundation since that process is not set up.
6. Grandparents Camp: July 11 – 15 with our TSWG day on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Tentative plans for the kids are: loom woven coasters, woven bracelets with rubber bands and yarn, finger knitting or weaving on CDs. Bobbie, Melinda and Mary Ann will take the lead in organizing but we will all need to assist, either in prep work or on that day.

### **New business:**

- 1) **Woolery Towel Contest:** The Woolery is, once again, holding their annual Woolery Weave Off. Members can enter independently or through the guild, if we are able to purchase enough of the required yarn. If we do, then all towels woven and sold in the Tavern Store would benefit our guild. Jan and Kathy will check out the available colors from the required yarn and let members know if we can move forward with entries. Check out the requirements at this link. <https://woolery.com/woolery-weave-off/>

### **Open Agenda**

1. We discussed and voted to change our monthly meeting dates to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month and to change the start time to 11:00 am.

### **Education Items:**

1. Judy demonstrated how to wind a pirn for our new Schacht End-feed shuttle. She then showed how to load the pirn and discussed how to adjust the tension, if that is necessary,

based on the yarn used. Tom also brought in another example of a different end-feed shuttle and showed how he uses his portable drill to wind pirns.

2. Tom demonstrated how our small, table-top cotton gin works to remove seeds from cotton bolls. Warning! Watch where you hold the sides- they pinch!

3. Kathy demonstrated some basics of using our new laptop, especially the Fiberworks weaving software. She also created a cheat-sheet of some of the basics of using this powerful tool. The cheat-sheet will be kept beside the laptop, for now. A full manual is also on the homepage of the laptop.

**Show & Tell:** Amazing work was shown by members.....We really have to start taking pictures!

**Calendar dates:**

- Every Friday – Thread Addicts 8:30 to noon – HAC

	<b>TSWG meetings</b>	<b>Activity</b>
February	11	<i>Friday Spin In:</i> 10 to 12
	27	<i>Sunday Spin In:</i> 12 to 2
March	9	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	11	<i>Friday Spin In:</i> 10 to 12
	25	<b>Set Up for Weaving Class 2:00 pm</b>
	26 - 28	<b>Beginning Weaving Class 9 am to 4 pm</b>
	<b>27</b>	<i>Sunday Spin In:</i> 12 to 2
April	8	<i>Friday Spin In:</i> 10 to 12
	13	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	16	<b>Farmers Market</b>
	24	<i>Sunday Spin In:</i> 12 to 2
May	11	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	13	<i>Friday Spin In:</i> 10 to 12
	21	<b>Farmers Market</b>
	22	<i>Sunday Spin In:</i> 12 to 2
	24	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Graders</b>
June	8	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	10	<i>Friday Spin In:</i> 10 to 12
	11	<b>World-Wide Knit in Public Day</b>
	18	<b>Farmers Market</b>
	26	<i>Sunday Spin In:</i> 12 to 2
July	8	<i>Friday Spin In:</i> 10 to 12
	13	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	15	<b>Grandparents' Camp Day w/ TSWG</b>
	16	<b>Farmers Market</b>
	24	<i>Sunday Spin In:</i> 12 to 2

August	10	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	12	<i>Friday Spin In: 10 to 12</i>
	20	<b>Farmers Market</b>
	28	<i>Sunday Spin In: 12 to 2</i>
September	9	<i>Friday Spin In: 10 to 12</i>
	14	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	17	<b>Farmers Market</b> <b>World-Wide Spin in Public Day</b>
	25	<i>Sunday Spin In: 12 to 2</i>
October	12	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	14	<i>Friday Spin In: 10 to 12</i>
	15	<b>Farmers Market</b>
	23	<i>Sunday Spin In: 12 to 2</i>
November	9	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	11	<i>Friday Spin In: 10 to 12</i>
	27	<i>Sunday Spin In: 12 to 2</i>
December	14	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	9	<i>Friday Spin In: 10 to 12</i>
	18	<i>Sunday Spin In: 12 to 2</i>

Meeting adjourned at 2:30ish

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rohacek, stand-in for Melinda