

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes - May 28, 2025



Show and Tell

Call to Order by Jan at 10:35AM

March 2025 Minutes (no meeting in April) – Carol moved / Laurie seconded and the March minutes were unanimously approved

Attendance: Jan, Elizabeth, Carol B., Becky, George, Tom, Carol R, Anita, Laurie, Susan C., Melinda, Kathy and Sandi (This is Sandi's final meeting before moving to Flagstaff, AZ.)

Towel Sales: March 2025 – 43
April 2025 - 64

Reports

Treasurer – Anita advised we had \$199.75 in sales in March along with donations, dues and interest. Our outgoing funds of \$34.99 were for Handweaving.net. Our sales for April were \$488.13, plus interest, towel kit sale and weaving class fees. Outgoing April funds were to pay the weaving class instructors. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Foundation – Becky advised a new foundation director has been hired along with an assistant since Corinne is retiring. There will be a retirement party for Corinne on Jul. 24 at 6:00PM. There is a fall class coming soon related to raising mushrooms. A new woodworkers building will be built soon and there are fundraising tickets being sold. They need \$350,000.00 for this new building. The foundation will soon start replacing all the heat pumps starting with those that have no crossover support if they were to fail. The foundation will be selling or donating the horse carriages.

Studio/Yarn Status/Sales – Jan advised we need more warps and that our yarn supplies are in good shape. Loom Bill has a warp on that is for a commission piece so please do not weave on Bill for now.

MAFA/Other Guilds – Laurie sent an email with all the MAFA conference details..Jun.26-29. The vendors for the MAFA conference look good this year. There is a zoom MAFA meeting on Jul.15. If you want to visit MAFA during the conference, you can go on Saturday evening to look at all the projects for no cost.

Equipment – George reversed the direction of the brake cable and loom Max is now up and running smoothly.

Old Business

Status of Corinne's Retirement gifts – Jan and Kathy are making good progress on the woven gift items for Corinne.

Discussion about Beginning Weaving Classes – Kathy will be the instructor and plans on a “train the trainers” day for all volunteers. Decisions were made to have 10 students in the TMB, class will be held once a year, cost will be \$300.00 per student. We would like for all the volunteers to weave the class project again for themselves before the class. Kathy is checking for dates of Sep.12-14; alternative is Oct. 3-5.

New Business

Ideas for Guild Classes (fleece, dyeing, warping mill?) – Heather will give a series of classes on processing fleece in the near future. This will be a “hands on” learning opportunity for those interested. Also, we will explore dyeing classes.

Guild Group project: Strickler 728 – Jan suggested we do this pattern on our home looms and then compare results. No timeline set. ie. Huck towels guild project

Book Report - Susan C reported on “The New Dyer”, a 1981 book about dyeing by Sally Vinroot, who was a charter member of our guild. The book is available in the studio for you to take a look.

Jan will do a book report on Cotton next month.

Lessons Learned/Tidbits – Keep weaving accessories, especially scissors, out of reach of children / grandchildren unless you are with them.

Meeting adjourned at 12:09PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Melinda K. Floom, secretary