

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes - August 27, 2025

Show and Tell

Attendance: George, Kathy, Jan, Elizabeth, Heather, Laurie, Tom, Vicki Miskovsky, Mary Ann, Theresa, Anita, Dennis

Call to Order by Jan at 10:41 AM

July 2025 Minutes - Laurie moved / Jan seconded and minutes were accepted unanimously. In Melinda's absence, Anita will act as secretary for the meeting.

Our thoughts are with Becky and Dennis for continued recovery from heart surgery in August. Congratulations to Vicki on her recent retirement!

Reports

Treasurer – Income for July was approximately \$1,070, primarily from Donations, Grandparents Camp and Store Sales. Expenses were approximately \$22, for a Knisely *Handwoven Baby Blankets* book for the guild Library. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Anita reminded members that TSWG participates in The Woolery's rewards program. By linking to The Woolery through the TSWG website, under the Resources tab, and making a purchase within 72 hours of using that link, your purchase will result in a rewards benefit for TSWG. Thanks to Mary Ann for sharing her knowledge about this program. Anita will pursue this to ensure that The Woolery has correct contact information, etc., to continue our participation.

Foundation – In Becky's absence, Jan reported that Pat Reilly, the new Executive Director, will officially assume that title on September 1. Corinne's new title will be Executive Director Emeritus.

Crafters group at the NNK Heritage Arts Center has disbanded and moved to a more convenient (for them) location. Woodworkers continue to raise funds for a new facility at the HAC. They hope to break ground next year. The carriages have been moved to Kilmarnock for a museum that is currently under construction, and the horse (they rode in on) has been donated to a private citizen. The future use of the empty space in the Carriage House is under discussion.

There has been some confusion among visitors who see the sign on the side stairs for Wed-Sat TSWG studio hours. They mistake that for the HAC hours. A banner is planned for the upstairs outdoor railing.

Studio/Yarn Status/Sales – Jan noted that more cardboard looms were made by Paula Hudson; thanks to Paula! Seventy-eight towels were sold in July. August sales so far are 35 towels. "Thank you" to Melinda for her engaging explanation of the Yellow Cat studio's beginnings and

introduction to weaving for visitors to the studio. Her enthusiasm is contagious and increases both towel sales and registrations for the beginning weaving class.

Several 'one of a kind' items have been sold in July and August. Our towel inventory is a bit short. November 1 was proposed as the date to display Christmas towels.

Social Media – Kathy reported that the new website using the Northern Neck Heritage Arts Center name is now online. Please give feedback about the new website to Kathy. Some updates are still in progress.

MAFA/Other Guilds – Laurie reported that MAFA is taking a summer hiatus, with no August meeting planned. The next meeting will take place on September 23. Visit the MAFA website for a list of online upcoming classes. If a class is full, you may add your name to the wait list. Book discussions and movie nights resume in September. New officers were elected in July, and the MAFA annual meeting takes place in September.

Equipment – Tom reported that Rose's shafts were sticking. A bit of lubrication has corrected that problem.

Old Business

Status/Discussion about Beginning Weaving Class – Kathy reported that Heather's son and friends will move the looms before and after the class. Current enrollment is 7 students. Kathy has recruited volunteers to assist with the class and plans a mid-September meeting to ensure that all volunteers use a consistent approach when helping students. Setup is planned for Thursday afternoon (Oct 23).

New Business

Bill or Max? The guild will take possession of a donated 60" Fireside loom in October, so one of our large looms will have to be re-homed. After discussion, it was determined that Max may have better resale potential. It is a 4 shaft 36" Add-a-Harness Macomber loom. Contact Jan if you're interested.

The guild has 33 years of "Handwoven" magazines. They are grouped in magazine holders in no particular order. If you'd like to have a set or two, they can be yours for a donation. The sets are currently stashed under the table in the studio. Please take some — they are fascinating to look through and you might find some great patterns!

Be Aware that there may be some changes to dates and/or location for our upcoming meetings. The September date (9/24) conflicts with the Quilt Camp, so we MAY meet at Kathleen's new studio on September 23. The November and December meetings fall right before the holidays. Please be alert for updates if these meeting dates or locations change.

Lessons Learned/Tidbits:

Heather began our series demonstration on how to prepare a fleece for spinning, using the fleece of "Baab." Baab is a Zwartble wether recently purchased by Nan Harvey. The first session was on how to properly skirt and scour a fleece. Next meeting will cover carding/combing.

The business portion of the meeting ended at 11:20 AM.

Minutes submitted by

Anita Saurer, Treasurer