

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes - September 22, 2025

The meeting was held in Kathleen's studio due to a facility scheduling conflict. It is incredible. Thanks, Kathleen!

Show and Tell

Attendance – Carol, Elizabeth, George, Jan, Heather, Kathleen, Kathy, Laurie, Tom, Vicki, Anita

August 2025 Minutes - Kathy moved / Tom seconded and minutes were approved unanimously.

In Melinda's absence, Anita will act as secretary for the meeting.

Our thoughts are with Elizabeth and Michael. They are in the early days of a difficult diagnosis for Michael.

Reports

Treasurer – Income for August was approximately \$1,270 from July Store Sales and Donations. Expenses were approximately \$154, for yarn supplies.

Anita will contact The Woolery this week to ensure that they have correct contact information, etc., to continue our participation in their rewards program. Rewards are typically credited in October.

Foundation – In Becky's absence, Jan reported that Pat Reilly has officially assumed the role of Executive Director. Work to clean out the HAC's library is continuing. This space will become a meeting room. A suggestion was made to see if staff at George Washington's birthplace will accept donation of the period costumes no longer used by the HAC.

Studio/Yarn Status/Sales – Jan reported that August sales were 52 towels.

- If anyone would like one of the rugs that were on the studio floor, you can find them in the spinning room. They pose a trip hazard in the studio, so won't be replaced.
- Please note that the upstairs exterior door from the front balcony requires a key to lock as well as unlock. If you unlock the door, remember to lock it again. It requires a good push to close to latch properly or it may blow open.

- The guild has been given a Kromski spinning wheel and numerous attachments. Members who are spinners are asked to take a turn trying it out, to determine if it is worth keeping.

Social Media – Kathy reported that Pat Reilly is working to update the RHHT Foundation website. There will be a new payment button to allow payments for Foundation and guild memberships, and perhaps other transactions, to be processed electronically.

MAFA/Other Guilds – Laurie reported that the annual reps meeting will take place on September 29. The new president will take over at that time. Laurie will pass along TSWG thanks to Margaret, the outgoing president.

The TSWG beginning weaving class is included in the MAFA class offerings.

Equipment – Nothing to report, per Tom

Old Business

1. **Status/Discussion about Beginning Weaving Class** – Kathy reported that current enrollment is 8 students. Kathy needs another volunteer for Friday. Volunteers have been given a topic to present, and Kathy will email an instruction sheet to guide presentations. She will be in touch with volunteers to schedule an October meeting to reinforce this information. Setup is planned for Thursday afternoon (Oct 23) and organizing equipment after the class will take place Sunday or Monday (Oct 26 or 27). Laurie will prepare the chicken chili for Sunday, Kathy will provide the bread, and Carol and Anita will provide desserts.

2. **What do we do with Max?** October 6 is the date the new loom (“Jeannie”) will arrive in the studio. Max will be stored in the TMB or carriage house if a new home hasn’t been found by that time. Jeannie is a large Fireside loom, with 8 shafts, 16 treadles, a sectional warp and a commuter bench.

“Handwoven” magazines are still available in the studio for a donation. Come take a look!

New Business

1. **4th Graders Visit, Oct 9 (Thursday)** – Jan, Kathy and Laurie will staff this event.

2. **Middle School Donation** – Discussed donating \$400 to art teacher Heather Cockrell to support her students. Tom moved and Carol seconded this donation. Motion approved unanimously.

3. **Equipment Brokers** – Discussion about “donations” which the guild can’t use and then must get rid of. We will no longer accept these types of donations, such as old spinning wheels and table looms.

4. November & December Meetings (Dec 18 luncheon)

- October 22 – no change to meeting date
- November 19, 10 AM (location TBD) – this is a week early due to Thanksgiving
- December 18, 11:30 AM (Thursday, in the Café)

Lessons Learned/Tidbits:

Fleece Processing – At the next meeting, Heather will demonstrate how to card/comb a fleece, using the fleece of “Baab,” a Zwartble wether. If you took a portion of fleece home after the first session, please bring it with you. Also bring any cards or combs you might have.

Jan shared how to read a confusing pattern which reverses.

Kathy demonstrated how to use a cone winder.

Caution when using mystery yarn! Different yarns may have different shrinkage. Be consistent; all warp threads should have the same shrinkage characteristic, and all weft threads should have the same shrinkage characteristic.

Heather had a bad experience with yarn ordered from Knit Picks. The order had carpet beetles in it, and customer service was unresponsive. Members have had good results with WEBS and The Woolery customer service departments.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 PM.

Minutes submitted by

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Treasurer and Acting Secretary