

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild



Meeting Minutes - March 25, 2026

Show and Tell

Call to Order by Jan at 10:35am

Attendance: George, Tom, Kathy, Elizabeth, MaryAnn, Becky, Jan, Anita, Heather, Kirsten, Sarah, Kristen, Melinda

February 2026 Minutes - Tom moved / MaryAnn seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved

Reports

Treasurer/Membership – Anita sent out membership sheet asking for corrections if needed. Reported that the TSWG \$10K contribution to the Tavern Foundation posted in February. She reminded everyone that if ordering from Woolery to use our website link so the guild will get credit and reimbursed with a small percentage of the sale. February brought \$72 in sales (from January) with total income of \$163 and expenses of \$19 for clips, and \$35 for our Handweaving.net subscription. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Foundation – Jan and Becky reported online membership renewals are being fixed. Spoke about QCD (Qualified Charitable Distributions) from IRA's as a way to donate to the Foundation and save on taxes if you are required to take annual distributions from your IRA. The carriage house transition is happening with the woodworkers relocating part of their shop to the other side of the building and the quilters moving into that space, to have a working studio space. A new coordinator is needed for Golden Village Christmas as Penny Mace has stepped down after years of service in that position. Tavern will host an Artisan Show on Nov. 14 for all guilds. Watch for work being done to install and update sidewalks around the property. The HAC (Heritage Arts Center) plans to have a tent at upcoming events in our area so is looking for those interested in being involved, and a coordinator.

Studio/Yarn Status/Sales – Jan advised Kathleen is heading to MoPurl in April, so let her know if you need some yarns (NO SHIPPING), by the end of March. Our guild is still working on using up our yarn supply before ordering more, please get some yarns from our yarn room and wind a warp of 400 threads to be used in the studio for dishtowels. Please be weaving to help get ready for April Farm Market; last year we almost sold out of most things woven. It was suggested that all our woven items need to be in our designated space in the store as items located in other areas don't seem to sell.

Social Media – Kathy is working to get pictures updated on our website, but it seems that we've overwhelmed the website capacity with our "Fruit of our Looms." She will move older pictures onto a thumb drive which will be in the studio. Do check out our website.

Equipment - Tom advised the shafts and heddles on Jeannie are now clipped in securely. Be sure to not unclip both sides of the bars in the middle of a shaft simultaneously. This will help avoid the bars bowing and causing weaving issues or loss of heddles on a shaft.

Old Business

Outreach - Rivahfest May 23 – Jan will get more information on this event

Westmoreland State Park June 27 – Kathy said she would be there with her Great wheel

New Business

New Board Representative – Tom volunteered to become the new TSWG representative.

Grandparents Camp Plans- Jul.8, 2026 – Wednesday - Weavers will be Melinda and MaryAnn and hopefully Bobbi for the morning group and Anita and Tom for the afternoon group. Spinners will be Heather and Becky for the morning group and Kathy and Sarah for the afternoon group.

There will be 8 kids in morning and 8 kids in the afternoon, plus an adult with each child.

Volunteer Hours – The Foundation is starting to track volunteer hours, which are very valuable. Please try to track ALL your volunteer hours whether the work is done at home or in the studio. This information is used in applying for grants. Attending the guild meetings counts ! There will soon be a sign up sheet in the studio.

Brand Standardization – All forms related to the HAC and Foundation will be standardized as to logo, font, etc. If you need this information it is on the Foundation's Google drive.

Lessons Learned/Tidbits:

MaryAnn talked about tie-on tension. If not done properly it will result in the item being woven looking like a smile due to loose tension on the edge threads. She uses double dog-legs. Also, do not wind a warp with yarn from two different manufacturers, even if the colors match. They stretch differently, causing uneven tension.

Mary Ann — fancy hemstitching demonstration – presented two of her beautifully woven scarves. She is happy to assist you an in-person in the studio lesson on hemstitching.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36AM.

Minutes submitted by Melinda K. Floom, Secretary