



Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes for April 22, 2026

Attendance: Sarah, Teresa, Jan, Kathy, George, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Melinda, Kirsten, Susan C. and Becky

Visit – Pat Riley, Executive Director of the Tavern, visited to meet the guild, explain current updates to the campus and especially to thank all those who volunteer.

Show and Tell

Call to Order by Jan at 10:30am

March 2026 Minutes - Kathy moved / Mary Ann seconded and unanimously approved

Reports

Treasurer – In Anita's absence Jan reported that March income was \$388 in dues, interest and a donation. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Studio/Yarn Status/Sales – Jan advised the MoPurl yarn ordered and picked up by Kathleen are here and will be available soon, after the backorders are filled. Kathleen helped Chris dye while she was there. Mr. Mosley fell and is in rehab. Chris currently plans to keep working and we hope he will be able to keep MoPurl a viable business.

Social Media – Kathy worked with our webmaster and our site is up and running. The past meeting minutes will be there if you want to read them. Pictures taken at our monthly meeting of "show and tell" will be there also.

MAFA/Other Guilds – Laurie faithfully sends out the MAFA email to our guild, so be sure to read them.

Old Business

Outreach –

Rivahfest May 23, Saturday, Tappahannock - Jan will be there with a warp on a Gilmore loom and Kathy will be there with a spinning wheel. Any other members are welcomed to be there and share about our guild and the store.

Westmoreland State Park June 27, Saturday - Jan will be there with a warp on a Gilmore loom and Kathy will be there with a spinning wheel

Please let Jan or Kathy know if you would like to help represent our guild at either of these events.

Grandparents Camp Update – July 8, Wednesday, Guild Studio, TSWG

MaryAnn let the guild know the kids will be weaving on the floor looms to make a piece of woven cloth to be framed. Melinda, MaryAnn and Bobbi made a road trip to the animal shelter in Burgess to purchase 12 frames and we still need about 6 more frames which we will have by the time the camp rolls around.

Kirsten offered to help with the afternoon weaving class from 1:00PM – 4:00PM.

Susan C. offered to help with the spinner's afternoon group from 1:00PM – 4:00PM.

Heather still needs help with the 9:00AM – 12:00PM for spinning.

Dyeing Class – Tentatively set for month of September. Kathleen, Susan C and Kathy will be the teachers and they hope to include

1. Dying using plant material
2. Using protein fiber – animal
3. Using cellulose fiber – ie.cotton, bamboo etc.

New Business

Studio Presence – Jan encouraged guild members to volunteer in the studio weaving on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. We need more dishtowels and this is a great social and continued learning opportunity.

Tavern Classes – Kathy needs help with recruiting, meeting, and introducing people to the Tavern and presenting classes under the Tavern umbrella. If you know of someone with people skills, please let them know Kathy needs their help. Teresa advised she will help by reaching out to the Bay School and others she knows in the Deltaville area.

Lessons Learned/Tidbits:

Jan demonstrated a makeshift thread release box for cones where threads do not easily wind off the cone onto a bobbin.

Kathy mentioned you may need a third cone for extra weight when hanging threads off the back of the loom so you can get correct tension and avoid the “smiling warp”.

George advised Weft magazine has an Ad for new software on the inside cover that offers a free demo to entice you and also presented soda straw bobbins (quills). George can explain further if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15AM

Minutes submitted by,

Melinda K. Floom, Secretary