



## Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

### Meeting Minutes for May 27, 2026

**Attendance:** Jan, Heather, Kathy, Becky, Anita, Susan, Mary Ann, Tom, Carol R, George, Kirsten, Carol B, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Laurie

### Show and Tell

**Call to Order** by Jan at 10:35am

**April 2026 Minutes** - Anita moved / Heather seconded and unanimously approved

### Reports

**Treasurer/Membership** – Anita reported April sales of \$934.25. March sales were \$372.75 and included in April deposit. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio. Membership continues to be a work in progress with the RHHT Foundation determining members who have paid for Foundation and/or Guild member dues. Anita has sent e-mails to people on the TSWG mailing list who have not paid either and will reach out to them individually.

**Foundation** – Tom (with assistance from his wife, Janet) has sent a separate email to members with a report of the last foundation meeting.

**Studio/Yarn Status/Sales** – Jan reported that large Fireside loom, Jeannie, is not working out as hoped. Kathleen and her loom mechanic friend are working on the brake system today. Kathy asked about members' thoughts about "Bill," the AVL loom. Consensus was Bill was good to weave on, but members are unfamiliar with the set up. Kathy agreed to offer a few dates so she could help members learn more about the set-up. Yarn status is good except for the red, white, and blue being used in flag towels. Sales: 24 towels sold on 5/23 in addition to scarves, and wall hanging. RivahFest did not yield many sales, but was good opportunity to promote the TSWG and demonstrate spinning and weaving. May have been due to rainy, cool weather.

**Social Media** – Kathy has made a change to the website on the Links/Resources page. She has split these into categories like “Yarn” or “Labels” to make items easier to find.

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

**Equipment** – Tom has brought in some alternative rope for brake on Jeannie, but this may be unnecessary with Kathleen’s loom mechanic’s work to transition to a cable system.

## **Old Business**

**Westmoreland State Park June 27, Saturday** – May opt to demonstrate spinning and weaving only and no sales

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

MaryAnn has wound 2 of 4 warps needed for the projects. She plans to contact the volunteers to meet and ensure the plan for the day. Current volunteers are:

Morning weaving: Melinda, Mary Ann, Bobbie. Morning spinning: Heather, Becky.

Afternoon weaving: Kirsten, Anita, Tom. Afternoon spinning: Kathy, Susan. Morning session is 9-12, afternoon is 1-4pm.

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

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

Planning for this class is in process.

## **New Business**

**Flag towels** – Jan reported the pre-orders are up to 34 with a limit of 40. Multiple warps are on looms in the studio and other members have volunteered to make some at home. Please come weave!.

**Knitting/Crochet group**– Led by Kathy and Kathleen, this will be an opportunity to share any handwork projects and socialize. Plan is to meet on Mondays 9-11am in the Tavern. Registration is to collect e-mails of those interested in participating. Heather reminded us that the “Spinning on the Porch” meetings on second Fridays 10-12 include other handwork beyond spinning and are a social event also.

**New shuttle** – Jan suggested the guild purchase an additional Schacht double boat shuttle. Elizabeth stated a center opening would allow for changing bobbins separately.

**Lessons Learned/Tidbits:**

Mary Ann reminded us about importance of tension on our warps, using double dog ears if necessary and to pay attention to centering warps on the loom.

Carol Buchman drew attention to a couple of upcoming fiber events:

June 13-14: Virginia Fiber Fest in Fishersville, VA

October 23-25: SAFF (Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair) in Fletcher, N.C.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30AM

Minutes submitted by,

Carol Roberts