

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes - July 22, 2026



Show and Tell

Call to Order by Jan at 10:35 AM

June 2026 Minutes – May and June minutes were both approved at this meeting since May minutes had corrections. Becky moved / Mary Ann seconded and minutes were unanimously accepted.

Reports

Treasurer/Membership – Anita reported that April and May sales were \$1608.00 and that the books were corrected to return duplicate March payments from the foundation to our guild. Hence, the total income was \$1236.00. Expenses included yarn, supplies and GrandParents Camp for total of \$165.00. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Foundation – Jan advised we will be switching to a new webmaster. There are currently four folks assisting with activities for the foundation. The 990 tax input showing our inventory (as of the end of 2025) is due in September, and the inventory for 2026 is due at the end of December.

A new HVAC is coming soon for the TMB.

There are currently 8 classes listed on the weekly email. Kathy advised she is stepping down at the end of the year from her position as class organizer. Need a new volunteer(s). Do you know someone who is organized and would like to step into this position?

Our guild needs a new board representative: Anita has volunteered, but is not available until September. Currently Jan and Kathy are covering.

Grandparents Camp was very successful and Mary Ann thanked all those who came to assist (replacing Tom and Melinda, who were ill).

Woodworkers Building contract will be signed today by Jan Lodge for \$329,000. Work should begin in August or September with completion by Feb. 2027. A grant was awarded to obtain a special lathe for those unable to stand.

Nov. 14 – Artisans show in the TMB. Looking for volunteer to organize this event.

Studio/Yarn Status/Sales – Jan reported that we sold 123 towels in June, which is a new record for our guild. Included in that number are the 64 USA 250 flag-themed towels that sold in May and June. Our June sales were over \$2300. We have had about \$500 in sales in July so far. The looms in the studio are available for weaving and we need to start on Christmas

towels. Weaving and warp-winding volunteers needed. How about once a month each member commits to a 2-4hour session of weaving for the guild in the studio?

MAFA/Other Guilds – Laurie reminded everyone that the MAFA newsletter is sent out at the beginning of each month via email. Take a look !

Equipment – Jeannie has been sold to Kathleen. Bill will be dressed for weaving soon, probably by Kathy and Kathleen. George will look into possibly giving a demo on using a warping mill.

Old Business

Review of Community events – Rivahfest Tappahannock and Westmoreland State Park Festival were both successful at providing education to the public about spinning, weaving and information about the Heritage Arts Center. Please think about volunteering for these community outreach events in the future.

Becky volunteered with Jan's assistance to do a grant application for items needed for these community events. ie. Have a traveling kit ready to go included a loom and tent

Dyeing Class – postponed till January

New Business

Possible Stratford Hall events - 9/19 and 9/20 – Stratford Hall Wine and Oyster festival. Need volunteers from our guild to staff a tent. 10-2 Sept.19 or 11-4 Sept.20

Advanced Beginner Weaving Class/Demo? Email will be sent out asking in what areas weavers need help. One mentioned was front to back warping.

Project for MAFA goody bags – Do you have any pieces of woven fiber you would like to donate? We hope to make jar openers that will include piece of woven fabric, quilting backing and rubber shelf liner. Jan passed out her jar opener to show this item.

Beginner's Weaving Class – Oct. 9/10/11. Kathy asked for volunteers to sign up now as she will be away in August and September is too late to get all volunteers set. She asked that we have one volunteer per student on Friday, Oct. 9, as that is when the students wind warps and dress looms. Sign up sheet available on table after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 11:40AM

Minutes submitted by

Melinda K. Floom, Secretary