



Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes September 23, 2026

Show and Tell

Kathy and Jan presented a brief slide show on Kathy's trip to France and Jan's trip to Ireland, with a visit to a working woolen mill dating from 1209 AD.

Call to Order by Jan at 10:35AM

August 2026 Minutes - Anita moved / Kathy seconded, unanimously accepted

Reports

Treasurer/Membership – Anita advised we got a new member, Margie Brown. We had \$905.00 in sales and \$13.00 in expenses in August. We received \$500 in donations in memory of Cheryl Ambrose. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Foundation – Jan advised we have several events coming. The 4th Graders Visit on Oct. 30, the Artisan Show in November, and Golden Village Christmas in December. Please consider volunteering for at least one of these events to help represent our guild.

At year's end Jan is stepping down from being the foundation president along with three others, so please consider accepting a position on the foundation board.

Studio/Yarn Status/Sales - Jan advised MoPurl order arrived with a few missing items along with 3/2 yarns for the upcoming class. Mr. Moseley has taken another fall and Chris is doing the best he can. We sold 48 towels in August.

Social Media – Per Kathy the pictures from the last two show and tell displays are now posted.

MAFA/Other Guilds – The MAFA conference in Jun 2027 has the classes listed and sign up begins in February. Be sure to sign up early as classes fill quickly. There are scholarships for 1st time attendees in the amount of \$500, which covers most of the cost. Saturday evening attendance is free or a very low cost which gives you access to exhibits and vendors.

Equipment – Jan bought a second hand 8-shaft Mighty Wolf for \$2K which will be used as a demo loom for our upcoming class, then it will be sold if someone wants to purchase it, or moved into the studio for our guild.

Old Business

Beginning Weaving Class – Kathy advised we currently have 6 students: 1 repeat student / 5 new students. Set up will be on Oct. 8 at 2:00PM, Class will be Oct. 9-11 from 9:00AM – 4:00PM each day. Take down will start on Oct. 11 at 3:00PM. Right now there are enough volunteers signed up but Kathy asks that we bring woven items to decorate the walls of the TMB so students can see the vision. We will ask Heather to help provide able-bodied folks to help move looms to / from the TMB for the class.

Artisans Show Nov 14 – All guilds will be represented. Hopefully, we will have both a loom and a spinning wheel in the TMB for demos. Also, Melinda will be in the studio to welcome visitors. The show will run from 10:00AM – 4:00PM.

New Business

Scholarship to Heather Cockrell – Melinda sent email to Heather who replied that she is now the Northumberland High School art teacher. She was willing to pass on info about the middle school teacher so we could reach out to her and I advised that we have a great relationship with her and prefer to continue that relationship. She was delighted and advised she will use funds for purchasing clay and ceramic tools. She recently learned they have a mini kiln at the high school and will use it for making jewelry and smaller ceramic items.

Kathy moved / Susan C. seconded, unanimously accepted to donate \$500 to Northumberland High School Art Department in memory of Cheryl Ambrose.

Jan will reach out to Jeff Ambrose to be sure this is OK with him.

Melinda will contact Heather to see if there is an upcoming event at the school where the presentation can be made so that the community becomes more aware of this relationship between teacher Heather Cockrell, Northumberland Schools Art Department and the Tavern Spinners and Weavers.

Donations IMO Cheryl Ambrose – Our guild has received about \$1,000.00 in memory of Cheryl Ambrose.

Fourth Grade Visit Oct 30, Friday (!) – There will be about seven groups of fourth graders, 20 minutes per group. Please consider volunteering to help educate these kids about spinning and weaving. Jan said we can break it down into two shifts.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20AM and those who were able went to studio to get a lesson in cardboard loom kit building from Kathy.

Minutes submitted by

Melinda K. Floom, Secretary