



MINUTES

KHWS General Meeting, Wednesday, April 9, 2025 KHWS Studio - Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning (TCCL)

Meeting was called to order at 7.00pm (quorum requirement was met)

1. **Welcome:** Stacey Robb greeted members and welcomed new members.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion: Cathy Davidson Seconded: Laurie Allan-Ungeitis
Carried
3. **Motion to approve the minutes from March 12, 2025 General Meeting**
Motion: Janet Noyes **Seconded:** Jackie Nooyen
Carried
4. **Programme:**

Presentation by Antonia Behan: Overview of Ethel Mairet's work, advocacy and influence on handweaving and spinning:

Antonia is a member of KHWS and a professor in the Department of Art History and Art Conservation of Queen's University. Antonia is a historian of textiles and has been researching the work of English handweaver Ethel Mairet (1872-1952) – whose influential work began in the 1920's. She spoke to the members present about Ms. Mairet's career. Ms. Mairet began weaving in her 40's and began writing at 60 years of age. She wrote several books – including 5 editions of "A Book of Vegetable Dyes". Antonia showed the members several slides of Ethel's iconic style – mostly seen through swatches. Antonia also showed us examples of her spun fibres and the many portfolios that Ms. Mairet made for students of craft. Her significance is in the fact that she showed the value of handwork at a time when this was called into question, she cared about ethical production and ecology, and she experimented with the technical properties of yarns and with natural techniques. It was a fascinating presentation.

5. Information Updates/Reports:

- a. Membership: Norma Rosier reported that there are currently 116 members.
- b. Treasurer – the various committees have provided their requests to Mary Mayo and the Board will be presented with a draft Budget at Sunday's Board meeting. The members will be asked to approve the Budget at the May meeting.



- c. Studio Equipment – Janet Noyes advised that the studio projects are now done. The Bumbaret tea towels were very successful. The catalogues are being woven on the “100-inch” loom. The Waddington Countermarch loom is being prepared to weave bath towels.
- d. Workshops: There is a listing of workshops on the website.
- e. Events: Nancy Bowman provided a list of upcoming events and gave the members some insight into what each event is about. A copy of the list is attached to these minutes. Please contact anyone on the Studio Team or any Board member if you are interested in volunteering at an event.
- f. Other:
 - i. Tett Update: Nancy Bowman showed the members the new Tett logo that has been developed. The “e” in Tett is to be adaptive. There was discussion regarding projects using the new logo – for example, using the “e” as a frame for weaving.
 - ii. Nominating Committee: Johanna Amos asked for volunteers from non-Board members to sit on a nominating committee. Please contact Johanna if you are interested. Also, if a member is interested in joining the Board or sitting on a committee, please reach out to Johanna.
 - iii. Nancy Bowman advised that the 10th anniversary of KHWS being located in the Tett again will be celebrated in September. Any member interested in volunteering should let the Board know.
 - iv. Barbara Heins reminded the members that the sale will be held on the first weekend in November. There will be bookmarks available at the May meeting.
 - v. Barbara Heins did a program on study groups. She is considering some ideas for study groups that do not involve committing to monthly meetings – more information to come.
 - vi. Show and share: A sample of the Bumbaret tea towel was passed around the group. Jackie Sylvester showed her panel with a cotton warp and the overshot weft of wool.
 - vii. Barbara Heins reminded the members about the Soil to Soil challenge. The Board is in the process of putting together prizes for all levels. The winners will be announced at the May meeting.

6. Next meeting:

May 14, 2025 – 7 pm in the KHWS studio.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Laurie Allan-Ungeitis

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.