



## Minutes of KHWS General Meeting, Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at the Tett

Meeting was called to order at 7.07 pm (quorum requirement was met)

1. **Welcome:** Stacey Robb greeted the members.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**  
Motion: Cathy Davidson Seconded: Jackie Nooyen  
**Carried**
3. **Motion to approve the minutes from** April 9, 2025 General Meeting  
**Motion:** Cathy Davidson **Seconded:** Janet Noyes  
**Carried**
4. **Program**

### **Guild Challenge 2025 Soil to Soil: Barbara Heins and Nancy Bowman**

The members had an opportunity to view and vote on the entries for the Soil to Soil Challenge before the general meeting was called to order. The winner of each category was invited to choose a prize. The prizes had all been donated to KHWS. The winner of each category is listed below:

- Best Use of Local Fibre – Hollie Currie
- Best Use of Natural Dye – Barbara Heins
- Best Use of Technique - Karen Quattrocchi
- Best Closure – Zabe MacEachren
- Best Description of Experience – Nancy Carr
- Best Overall – Barbara Heins and Katherine Romba

All entrants were invited to discuss their entry with the membership. Stacey Robb thanked the organizers for their efforts in organizing the challenge.

### 5. **Information Updates/Reports:**

- a. **Membership:** Norma Rosier reported that there are currently 114 members.
- b. **Treasurer** – Mary Mayo presented the Budget proposed for the 2025/2026 fiscal year to the membership. There was a general discussion and several questions from the members present, including:
  - i. Confirmation that the membership fees will remain unchanged;
  - ii. Questions about the education fund and what it can be used for.

### **Approval of the Budget:**

**Motion:** Hollie Currie **Seconded:** Cathy Davidson  
**Carried**

- c. **Studio Equipment** – Janet Noyes advised on the status of the various studio projects. A 60" Fanny loom has been donated to the Guild. It will be used as a fundraiser. Nancy

- Bowman announced the free Rigid Heddle Loom studio project scheduled for May and June. An email will go out to the membership so that people can register.
- d. **Workshops:** Anyone with ideas for workshops are invited to put them forth.
  - e. **Events:** Nancy Bowman provided the following list of upcoming events and gave the members some insight into what each event is about;
    - i. June 7 – Lansdowne Textile Festival (organizer – Elaine Horemans);
    - ii. July 3 – Make it Happen Workshop – KF Public Library (Organizer – Katherine Romba)
    - iii. July - Summer Camp Tett and Queen’s partnership (Rosie Hyde)
    - iv. August 4 – Tett wide pop ups, vendor opportunities, activities or open door
    - v. August 8,9, 10 – Sheep Dog Trials ( Organizer – Nancy Bowman) – looking for 1 weaver and 5 spinners for Sheep to Shawl competition on August 9 and looking for a coordinator for shawl auction on August 10
    - vi. August 23 – Kemptville – Stash-it! Fibre Festival - looking for volunteers

Please contact the listed organizer or any Board member if you are interested in volunteering at an event.

#### **TETT Anniversary**

Nancy Bowman also spoke to the members present about the TETT 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration scheduled for October 4, 2025 at 7 pm. The theme is **TETT@10:**

#### **Reflections**

**TETT** is looking for stories and will be filming in the studio on June 17. Volunteers are needed to be in the studio on that day working. TETT is also looking for individuals (5-6) who have been involved with KHWS for at least 3 years who would be willing to give an in-depth interview.

#### **f. Other:**

- i. Nancy Bowman reminded the members that the TETT is a public building and from time to time there may be security concerns. Best practice is to keep the studio door closed and locked if a member is working alone in the studio. Nancy pointed out the location of the emergency contact list and discussed safety protocol.
- 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. **Fall Show and Sale:** Barbara Heins brought tags to the meeting that can be handed out to advertise the fall sale, which will be held on November 6, 7, 8 and 9. Barbara encouraged the members to think of items that they can put up for sale. There will also be two weekends in December at which items can be sold.
- iv. **Study Groups:** Barbara Heins suggested a group that might include spinning and weaving. She encouraged members to sign up for study groups as a way to self-learn.
- v. **Show and share:** Rosie Hyde showed a shawl that she had recently woven using advancing twill.
- vi. Stacey Robb read a letter that she had received from the Handweavers Guild of America which was very well received. Stacey will send a reply to the Guild on behalf of KHWS.

#### **6. Next meeting:**

**June 11, 2025: Pot luck Social - 5:30 pm**

At the home of Dorina Friedli

4474 Snider Road, Verona, ON

Please bring your own water/drink and lawn chair.

7. **Adjournment**

**Motion:** Cathy Davidson

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.