

Weaver's Guild of Greater Kansas City Meeting Minutes, August 13, 2026

The meeting was held at Westwood City Hall. President Leesa Duby called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Teddie Wiberg introduced the guest speakers. The first was George Delancy, from Johnson County 4-H who spoke of that organization's influence, inspiring him to pursue his love of creativity through the fiber arts. The second speaker, Justine Clark, reported the experience of her scholarship in a beginning weaving class at the Yarn Barn. It was highly amusing.

The business meeting commenced at 11:00 a.m.

New Members: Heather Rischar and Carolyn Heacock. Returning member Nancy Gibson.

Treasurer's Report: Kirsten Kakolewski

\$16,236.66 General Account

\$ 2,500.22 Scholarship Account

\$ 18,736.88 Total

Committee Reports:

Programs: Teddy Wiberg informed us a spokesperson from Peruvian Connections will conduct the November program.

Workshops: Diane Binkley said there are a couple of openings left for the Group Threads Project workshop.

Library: Leesa Duby will bring the latest issues of magazines to the meetings. There is still a lot of organizing to do at the library.

Creative Hand: Karen Ecton reminded us the early bird application for entry is August 31st. The regular application is October 18th. There will be an artist's meeting on October 25th.

KAWS: Cindy Lessenden. The theme is "Threads Through Time". The guild will have a table and will need to gather materials for it next month. Two suggestions for our focus on the theme were 1) connect our works to a historical period, and 2) an individual's work throughout her career. Neither received much support. It was acknowledged that every weave has a history and perhaps those who wished to display work could combine the suggestions.

Old Business:

The October guild challenge is Black and White. Bring items to share.

The theme of the Christmas party, two pieces, was mulled over. Ultimately Leesa made an executive decision that it would be a pair of something or two separate pieces.

New Business: None

Other Discussion:

Before the September meeting, Nancy Gibson will bring items from a yarn shop in Clinton, MO which is liquidating all its inventory. There will be hundreds of books, weaving tools, and perhaps looms. These will be on display for purchase between 9 and 10 a.m. before our September meeting. Proceeds can be donated to our scholarship fund.

Kristen Kakolewski asked if the guild would provide promotional pens for the Midwest Weaver's Conference next year. The cost would be 40 cents each. Passed on a unanimous vote.

A nominating committee was formed to recruit new officers for next year. The names of proposed officers will be published in the newsletter in October and voted on at the October guild meeting. The nominating committee members are Lynette Beebe and Susan Gurley.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.