

Dear WIT Liaison,

Welcome 2020 – a new year and a new decade filled with new opportunities for Women In Turning!

The WIT committee is busy planning the 2020 WIT eXchange. Mark your calendar and save the date of September 17-19, 2020. The EXCHANGE will once again be held at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN. If you have never participated in the EXCHANGE, we want to encourage you to push yourself and the women in your group to take the next step in their creative journey by registering for this event. The EXCHANGE is a safe place to learn new techniques, expand your creativity and challenge status quo thinking. Attendees will learn to work together as a team to create unique projects sharing skills and learning to think and create from a different viewpoint. Making connections with other women and absorbing creative energy to jumpstart your creative process is just one of many benefits of attending this EXCHANGE. <https://woodturner.org/Woodturner/WIT/Events.aspx> Registration will open in March. Look for more information in a separate letter.

This year your WIT committee is also trying to increase the number of chapters that have WIT liaisons. We need your help to accomplish this. Please tell us what inspired you to become a WIT liaison. Have you had success recruiting more women to your chapter? If so, please share. If not, what can we, as a committee, do to assist you in this role? What suggestions do you have for future liaisons? What kinds of WIT activities does your club host (if any)?

Have you shared the accomplishments of your chapter with the rest of the WIT community? In 2020, we would like to include more regional WIT accomplishments in the WIT newsletter. Please take photos of any events your chapter may host that women participate in. Write or ask someone in your group to write a paragraph (or more) and send them to Andi Wolfe andiwolfe@yahoo.com for the next WIT newsletter. For more information on WIT Liaisons, please check our new web page:

https://woodturner.org/Woodturner/WIT/WIT-Home-Page.aspx?WebsiteKey=c9100f02-c77e-4177-a9bc-7d3eb0216238&hkey=7f6a65b2-ec98-472f-a7b6-2ac573f7258d&New_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon=4#New_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon

Once again, thank you for your service as chapter Liaison. We truly do appreciate all of your efforts for both your chapter and the AAW. If you have questions, challenges or success stories please reach out to any of the committee members.

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