

Dear WIT Liaison,

We have recently been asked for suggestions on WIT activities your chapter might host to help encourage women in your club. The liaison should always work with the club board when scheduling any club sponsored WIT activity.

How did you learn to turn? Common answers include: Trial & error alone in the shop or through a mentor and often just u-Tube videos. Did you know that the AAW has a large on-line library of videos that have been vetted for proper tool and safety techniques that are just a few clicks away? No? You do now! Save someone else the hassle of learning bad habits that could be difficult to break (not to mention dangerous!). **Activity:** Pick a topic, then pick a video (there may be more than one video on the topic) invite a couple of ladies over and watch the video together then discuss what you learned from it. Then get out into the shop and try it (or watch another). Follow up to get feedback. (NOTE: One club is looking at replacing one of their monthly demonstrations with a vetted video.)

Why not consider setting up a **themed turning day** for your chapter. Pick a specific project or topic to focus on. One chapter has suggested turning holiday decorations for the chapter holiday party (think simple ornaments – decorative disks, icicles, bells, acorns or snowmen or simple Christmas trees in various sizes from ornament size to table top size). If you expect more attendees than you have lathes, you might break it up by adding an embellishing or finishing table and have the attendees rotate through the different processes needed to complete the project(s).

Talk with local woodworking stores if your shop is not large enough to host such an event (you might be surprised at how willing they will be to have a group come in for a work day).

Remember, at this time, the AAW is still offering several WIT membership grants: a 3 month trial membership available to anyone; for women who are new members to their club and never before an AAW member, there is a 12 month full membership available. See the AAW website WIT Liaison's page

Breaking News: The AAW website is getting a redesign! The new website is set to go live in December. Please take the time to visit the new website and give us your feedback!

Thank you for agreeing to be chapter liaison. We appreciate your service to your chapter and to AAW. If you have questions, challenges or success stories please reach out to any of the committee members.

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