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*Hello Chapter Officer:*

### **WIT Chapter Liaison**

AAW is seeking a member of your chapter (either a woman or a man) to be your chapter's liaison with the AAW Women in Turning (WIT) committee.

Our goal is to work with chapters to increase the number of women members in chapters and AAW. There is a large, untapped group of people that we can reach out to and spread the joy of woodturning.

There are several chapters that have already implemented programs to help mentor and teach women to turn in comfortable learning settings. We would like to see that number grow. By building these contacts with individual chapters and gathering information about ways chapters are organizing their efforts to expand outreach to women, we will be able to create a Best Practices document that all chapters can use in their outreach efforts. If you or one of your chapter members is willing to serve your chapter as the WIT liaison, please contact [wit@woodturner.org](mailto:wit@woodturner.org).

Our WIT Outreach Grants program, funded in part by the EOG auction sales of the WIT Collaborative projects the last several years, is intended to help fund events that target women turners. We encourage your chapter to apply for a grant at <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=WITGRANTS>.

WIT also offers a limited number of one-year AAW memberships to new women turners. These are only available through the WIT chapter liaison. For more information and application [please click here](#).

There is a 60-day AAW guest membership that may be offered to new chapter members (<http://www.woodturner.org/page/GuestMemberLanding> ). These guest memberships are available to anyone and offer many of the benefits and resources that can be found on the AAW website.

There is a \$20 three-month introductory AAW membership available through the chapters. This membership ( <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=ITM2040> ) is available to new members who have never been AAW members.

Warmest Regards,

Phil McDonald, AAW Executive Director

Kathleen Duncan, AAW WIT Committee Chair