

American Association of Woodturners  
WIT Committee Telephone Conference  
Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 4 P.M. PDT

The video meeting convened at 4:05 pm PDT. Participants were Marie Anderson, Janet Collins, Kathleen Duncan, Linda Ferber, Jean LeGwin, Andi Wolfe, and Lynne Yamaguchi.

**TEACHER'S WORKSHOP:** Prior to the meeting, Lynne submitted a proposal for the WIT teacher's workshop. There were no suggested edits to the document. Discussion regarding how much was allocated in the 2020 budget (\$3,500) and how the money would be used followed. It was suggested that some of the travel, facilities, lodging and a moderator stipend might be allocated from the budgeted funds. Beth Ireland was once again mentioned as a possible paid facilitator. There was also discussion about using video production to share the lessons. Janet suggested that we not rush in. Jean suggested that there are several preliminary steps we need to outline before we can begin discussing WHAT we will do. Much of the preliminary discussion can take place in bi-weekly ZOOM meetings. We have already identified that our goal is to teach the teacher to teach. There are lots of examples of good and bad teaching from our own personal experiences. One thing we want to avoid is the adage: "see one, do one, teach one" which in many cases is NOT the best way to teach. Some ideas brought up:

- Look at symposium or YouTube videos to see what works or doesn't
- Need a clear understanding of all the steps
- What are the fundamentals?
- What do we need as a prelude?
- In teaching, one of the first principals is to establish the base of knowledge of the students.
- This is followed by learning to ready the students' understanding of what is being presented.
- There is a difference between subject matter and the skill of teaching.

All committee members need to put together a list of what we'd expect of someone teaching. In doing this, reflect on classes taken: good, bad, personality issues, etc. If you watch a video, it needs to be watched with a beginner's mind.

**Liaison Letter:** Marie resent the liaison letter since no one had received it. (It was subsequently sent to all liaisons.)

**Newsletter:** Andi will try to get the newsletter out in the coming week. She will include a request for people to information about their own learning experiences.

**WIT EXCHANGE:** The proposed dates of the next EXCHANGE are during Sept 15-20. The advance team could come in the 15<sup>th</sup>, dorm rooms could be ready by the 16<sup>th</sup>. Andi suggested we start reaching out to the chapters and solicit grants for the EXCHANGE.

The meeting concluded about 5 pm PST.  
The next meeting is scheduled for Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 4pm PST.

Kathleen Duncan, WIT Committee Chair