

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Telephone Conference
Thursday October 13th, 4 P.M. PDT

Participants: Kathleen Duncan (chair), Sally Ault, Dixie Biggs, Linda Ferber, Jean LeGwin, Andi Wolfe. Absent: Suzanne Kahn

NEWSLETTER: We discussed the future direction of the newsletter. Everyone agreed that Andi did a great job with the last one and liked the changes she made. Some ideas to be incorporated in future newsletters:

- Include a “themed” gallery as was done in the last issue. Solicit or download photos from the WIT FB pages.
- Create a column for RAP news. Include a calendar of RAP events. Linda will assist with this.
- Include “atta girls” and images of women in galleries or awards. Possible sources are FB, forums, chapter newsletters, solicit input.
- Solicit articles from women on things of interest to other women turners.
- Solicit chapter and RAP success stories regarding recruiting women. This can later be tied in with grants.

POSTING WIT MINUTES: We had a brief discussion on opening the committee meetings to the general public and decided not encourage this. There is no precedent among other committees, there is an expense involved, the audio is not good (even with seven people), we are an appointed committee and not an elected board. We will post the minutes or notes from committee meetings on the AAW WIT site. Kathleen will work with Linda on this.

DEMONSTRATOR FORM: One of the AAW Vision 2020 projects is to create a database for demonstrators. One purpose will be to aid chapters and symposia in finding demonstrators they may want to invite. The demonstrator detail is comprehensive. Last month we discussed putting together a list of women demonstrators to make available to vendors in Kansas City and to chapters. Although similar to the AAW project, the AAW project will require substantial programming and will it is unlikely that it will be functional in time to fulfill our needs. In the interim, we will collect the information we need via a JOT form on the web site. The questions will be drawn from the one circulated last month. We’ll recirculate it before posting it. We will change the question regarding fees to a statement indicating that fees are negotiable between the artist and chapter. We will also add a checkbox that the demonstrator must check to agree to publish the information gathered.

RECRUITING WOMEN FOR KC: Linda will be in KC in January for the AAW board meeting and the Woodworking Show the following week. During that time, she hopes to make personal contact with local KC women turners. She’d like to recruit women to do some pre-symposium demos targeting women. WIT would like to cover some of the expenses in such an outreach program. One idea is to set up a pen-turning class for girls. Janet Sutter already has a very successful program in place for working with youth.

LATHES AND THE EOG: As committee chair, Denis Delehanty asked Kathleen to serve on the EOG grant committee. The committee will be dispersing money as well as the 9 Nova Lathes (WIT hands-on) and 10 Jet mini lathes (youth room).

The AAW EOG grant page was modified to include:

- Up to ten **Jet JWL-1015 lathes**, each with a lathe stand, Nova chuck, set of basic tools, and a face shield. Available for delivery in June. These lathes are made available by Jet-Powermatic and are used in the youth program.
- Up to nine **Nova 46300C Comet II Variable Speed Midi Lathes**, each includes a lathe stand and a Nova Chuck. Available for delivery during the first and second quarter of 2017. These lathes were made available by Nova Teknatool and were used in the WIT hands-on program

PAY IT FORWARD: We need to get the community behind this. One idea is to set up “challenges” for individuals and clubs.

ARROWMONT SYMPOSIUM 2018: We had preliminary discussion about what needs to be done to make this happen. The symposium will most likely be the second week in October 2018. In order to make it happen, we will need a facilities coordinator and a demonstrator coordinator. Several names were proposed.

Some initial topics are:

- Preparing women to be demonstrators
- Increasing the number international women turners in our ranks.
- Having a mix of demonstrations and hands-on. Andi suggested the Arrowmont workshop could be divided into demo areas. Arrowmont does have a number of mini lathes.

OTHER:

- Dixie has not heard back on our application to the Appalachian Art Center
- Sally has a box workshop in Nov and she'll be encouraging submission for “Open and Shut”.
- Next newsletter is January. Andi would like articles by December ??? Some things that will be in that issue are requests for personal stories, “atta girls”, chapter successes in promoting women.
- Linda will be sending out a letter to remind people of deadlines. Andi will be editing the letter. Target for this is mid-November. She needs:
 - Dixie – something on “Open and Shut” project
 - Kathleen – EOG grant
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- Dixie and Jean are working on WIT grant procedures document. When they have something, they'll forward it to the committee for review and suggestions.
- Both Jean and Dixie weathered the hurricane without major damage!

The meeting concluded at 5:05 PDT. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov 10th.

Kathleen Duncan, WIT Chair