

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Telephone Conference
Thursday January 12, 4 P.M. PST

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

Symposium Demonstrator Signups: To date there have only be two women who have signed up as demonstrators. The committee decided that, regardless of how many register for this, we will make the list available to all vendors. About a week before the symposium we will send vendors an email to asking if they are interested in having access to our list of women who would be willing to demonstrate in their booth at the trade show. (This came up at the January 14-15 BOD meeting in Kansas City. The board asked if the WIT committee intended to vet the demonstrators. I explained that this was self sign up and it would be up to the vendors to decide who, if any of the demonstrators they'd like to consider. This is much as POP members do when they indicate that they are professional demonstrators.)

Non-Symposium Demonstrator Page: The URL for the non-symposium demonstrator page is: <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=WITDemoApp>
Please check it out and send all committee members any changes or suggestion we should make. Also, please look at the link to the sample document. When information is completed, it will go into a page like this:
<http://www.woodturner.org/?page=WITDemoGuide>

If this is ready, we should announce it in the next newsletter.

Private FaceBook Opening Statement: Sally suggested a change to the verbage in the opening private FB statement. This was intended to clarify confusion about WIT the Committee, WIT the private FB group, and any perception that there is a WIT chapter, which there is not. Everyone agreed to the change and Andi made the change. There was no need to change to wording on the public FB page.

Arrowmont WIT Symposium: Except for the last weekend in September 2018, the Arrowmont facility is open for a WIT symposium. In our discussion of the dates, everyone agreed that Labor Day weekend might be a very good weekend to have the symposium. That weekend was not included in the discussion between Kathleen and Nick Deford. If that weekend is not available, we should choose a weekend as close to the end of September as possible. Kathleen will talk to Nick about the availability of Labor Day weekend. Also, we had consensus that we should have three full days of classes, but are unsure of pricing if we have move-in, move-out dates that are not included in the three class days. Kathleen will also ask Nick about this.

Arrowmont Fund Raiser: Last month we talked about the possibility of having a fund-raising auction to help Arrowmont following their devastating fire. We would like to have something in place so that donations can be made in WIT's name so that we can be recognized as a sponsor. This would be possible through PayPal. One of the Tennessee chapters has done this. Kathleen will contact the Tennessee chapter for suggestions and Arrowmont to see what they'd like us to do.

“Open and Shut”: Dixie has started getting submissions for our collaborative project. Linda modified the JotForm submission web page to correct the problem with the disappearing submit button on some browsers. Linda will send an email reminder. All committee members are encouraged to post reminders on the FB page.

Proposed committee member: In looking at potential committee members, there are some questions the WIT committee needs to ask:

- Why would this person be a good choice for WIT? What does she bring to WIT?
- What are our expectations of committee members?

Some of our expectations are that committee members help define WIT programs; help to encourage women in turning in at the chapter level; help with suggestions or methods to encourage women in turning.

Other: For the WIT information table at the symposium, we'd like to have a vertical poster with pictures and information about WIT. This should also include the mission statement. We would also like to make a tri-fold brochure that can be handed out. That is a document that we can pass around through emails to refine it.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2017 at 4pm PST.

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair