

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

Participants: Kathleen Duncan (chair), Dixie Biggs, Linda Ferber, Jean LeGwin, Andi Wolfe. Absent: Sally Ault due to travel, Elizabeth Amigo unavailable until after their move.

Outreach Grants Update: We had 4 applications for the WIT outreach grants. February 23rd is the target date for the evaluation team to submit their evaluations. Two grant requests were for events/space and two for equipment.

RAP Activities: Linda noted that there has been new interest in activities following each newsletter and regional symposia. The attendance at the Florida Symposium WIT meeting was good. The TAV symposium had very few attendees at the WIT meeting. Lou Kinsey suggested that each of the RAP leaders make 30 calls to non-AAW members in their region. Linda will follow up by contacting Lou for a project proposal.

Demonstrator Databases: We will continue to promote these in the newsletter. The link to the WIT page has been changed so that it is easier to find on the AAW home page.

“Open and Shut”: Dixie reported that she has received 42 JotForm entries for boxes. She has received most of the boxes. Some of the boxes were slightly larger than the specified dimensions so she’ll need to adjust the “book” design slightly. She will get an image of the completed collaborative to Josh for the April Journal.

We agreed that we would like to have “Open and Shut” catalogs available at the symposium. We will order and prepay for 25 catalogs – 24 to sell at the AAW merchandise table and 1 to keep on hand as a sample at the table. Participating artists will once again be able to preorder their catalogs.

Appalachian Center for Craft: Tib, Dixie, and Sharon Doughtie are compiling lists of invited artists. Invitations will go out about March 7. 80% of the pieces will be by invited artists. We will have a call for entry in the June Journal. The exhibit will be at the Appalachian Center from Jan 15 – Mar 12, 2018, the AAW gallery in St Paul May-June and at Arrowmont after that.

Arrowmont WIT Symposium: The dates we have Arrowmont reserved are Aug 30 – Sep 1, 2018. If we intend to have hands-on as well as demonstrations and panels, we will need to limit the number of participants. We discussed having half day rotations for the hands on. There are 14-16 large lathes and 10 mini lathes. We will

have access to class rooms for rotations such as carving, pyrography, etc. It may be necessary for people to bring their own equipment (carvers, burners, etc.). This will be advertised as the "Women in Turning Symposium".

Compensation and charges: We will look at what regional symposia do for demonstrator compensation. The Segmented Turners charge \$275 for their symposium; the non-members fee is \$290. Kathleen will ask Nick if he can give information about what other organizations charge for their symposia.

We discussed asking one of our AAW members to be coordinator for the symposium. Kathleen will talk to her and report back to the committee. (Addendum: Ana Lappegard has agreed to be the WIT symposium chair!)

Newsletter: Andi expects to have the newsletter ready by mid-March. Please submit information to her by the first week in March. She is doing an article on wood toxicity for the Journal. If you have something to share, send it to her. Also, promote this among your chapter members.

Other: Kathleen talked with Fran Day regarding donations to Arrowmont. They would prefer donations be made directly to Arrowmont. She will set up an account so that anyone who wishes to donate in WIT's name may do so. Kathleen will contact here again about setting up the account.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm Pacific time.
Next meeting: March 9, 2017

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair