

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

The meeting convened at 4pm PDT. Participants by phone: Sally Ault, Dixie Biggs, Kathleen Duncan, Linda Ferber, Jean LeGwin, Andi Wolfe. Absent: Elizabeth Amigo,

Lou Kinsey's retreat update: Lou has a medical problem and asked Kathleen to go to Tennessee to assist with the retreat at Arrowmont. After talking with Greg, Molly, Dixie, and Jean, it seemed to be what we should do to help Lou. Kathleen will be flying into Memphis, driving to Gatlinburg with Lou and helping to set up and assist with the retreat. Everyone sends her concerns and best wishes to Lou.

EOG collaborative project: While at the symposium, Tania Radha and Dixie discussed Tania's intent in taking over the EOG collaborative project. Tania has suggested the theme: "tops". The committee suggested various names and agreed on "Topsy Turvy". The dimensions will be 3 ½" tall x 2 ½" diameter. Tops should be spinnable but can incorporate carving, pyro, or other embellishments. Tania will be responsible for coming up with the display. It was suggested that we have a "spinning plate" with names of the makers. Tania will make all decisions about the display.

WIT Arrowmont event. Kathleen talked to Nick DeFord regarding the proposed event. Dixie will be the primary contact. The event will take place Wednesday-Friday, Sept xx, 2018. We will need to be out by 9:00 am Saturday. The advance team will arrive on Monday to setup for the event. We will limit it to 45-50 participants. The format will be collaborative, but not the type of collaborative like Emma Lake or Frogwood where there are multiple makers using a variety of materials and disciplines. This will be limited to woodturning and its embellishments (carving, pyro, color, texture, piercing). Advertising will start with the FB page and newsletter. We expect registrations to fill rapidly. Arrowmont will handle registrations and lodging separately. Meals will be included with the registration package.

Next step is to work on a schedule. Linda will send Kathleen the schedule AAW uses for the symposium. Kathleen will update it to reflect our event. We will circulate the revised schedule for comments and discuss it at our September meeting.

We plan to have collaborative groups of 3-5 persons. The committee may assign the groups. We may switch groups daily. Projects can be based around a word or phrase. Dixie and Jean will develop a set of theme words or phrases. The idea is to have people work outside their comfort levels with people they would not usually work with.

We don't have a name but the current proposal is "Creative Interactive Challenge". Pop-up demos can take place throughout the event. For example, "Dixie will be doing a brief texturing demo at 9:30". A good time for these might be morning break or after lunch. We can also have open discussion or leads discuss their work in the evenings.

If groups don't finish projects, it will be alright. This is about process. We will probably have an auction of the work on the last evening. The new dorm should be complete by the time of our event.

Newsletter. Andi intends to have the next newsletter out in September. The theme will be jewelry and small gifts. She is asking Martha Collins, Lauren Zenreich, and Linda Ferber for articles and tips. She will include a "hold the date" note about Arrowmont in the newsletter.

Other. The dates for submissions to the Appalachian Center for Craft exhibition are Oct 1 - Nov 15, 2017.

AAW EOG "Open and Shut" was purchased for \$9500. Dixie Biggs and Tib Shaw are working on the catalogue and will let us know when it is available.

Janet Sutter has submitted a report on her regional meeting. Jess Hirsch submitted a report for her WIT grant, which will be submitted for the WIT Newsletter.

We will print another 200 copies of the newsletter to be used at regional symposia and events.

Kathleen will send Andi the notes from the WIT SIG at the symposium. The committee will start discussing how to best use those suggestions.

The meeting was concluded at 5:55.

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair

Next teleconference meeting: September 14, 2017.