

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Telephone Conference
Thursday September 19, 4 P.M. PST

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

Lou Kinsey's retreat update: Lou's retreat at Arrowmont was a huge success. Several attendees wrote letters which will be included in the newsletter. Since then there have been similar retreats including one in Schwenksville. Others are planned (Texas, OK, Loveland – after Merryl moves).

WIT Grants: Fourth quarter grants are open for application. Kathleen asked Linda to include links in the next WIT email.

WIT Arrowmont event. Sally attended an event at Ron Campbell Retreat and shared information about it. This was not what we intend for our event, but it was valuable information. They had 30 lathes for 65 people. The weekend was broken into 2-hr sessions with instructors (10-12) demoing and giving hands-on help. People signed up and everything was on a spreadsheet. In addition to the lathes, they had carving, marbling, bandsaw, a couple of vendors. There was a wide variety of skill level. Lathe sessions were limited to 4 people. Some instructors were paid, some were not. Charge to attend was \$100. Attendees camped, stayed in hotels, stayed with family.

The WIT Arrowmont now has a name: “**Women’s Turning Exchange.**” We will focus on the idea of an exchange where everyone brings something – ideas, skills, expertise. Kathleen will ask Lou if she can estimate how much she spent on wood used for her retreat. We will seek donations for scholarship, sponsorship, and possibly raffle items. Donations must go through AAW and we cannot use any of AAW’s symposium donors. Kathleen will get a list from Jeff of those donors. The Windgate foundation may be a source since they fund events that have a significant educational program. Linda will look at existing proposals. Sally will talk to John Jordan and look at the Windgate page.

So far, the known expenses are about \$1,800 per day for the facility. Arrowmont will handle room. Everyone will be charged for food.

Jean and Dixie will do some preliminary work while they are at John C Campbell.

Other. The dates for submissions to the “**Turn About**” at the Appalachian Center for Craft are Oct 1 - Nov 15. Catalogues for “**Open and Shut**” are now available.

Andi's idea for the December newsletter is holiday turning and tradition. She would like something on dreidels. She is also considering ornaments, candle holders, toys (nutcrackers, trucks, muddlers, bottlestoppers).

Linda needs some videos of tips for FUNdamentals.

The meeting was concluded at about 5:15.

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair

Next meeting: October 12, 2017.