

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Telephone Conference
Thursday, April 2nd, 4 P.M. PDT

The video meeting convened at 4:07 pm PDT. Participants were Marie Anderson, Dixie Biggs, Janet Collins, Kathleen Duncan, Linda Ferber, Jean LeGwin, Andi Wolf, and Lynne Yamaguchi.

WIT EXCHANGE: We have cancelled the WIT EXCHANGE scheduled for September. Due to COVID-19 and because no one knows what the situation will be in September, we agreed that it is in everyone's best interests to cancel this year. Kathleen will draft a letter to send to the WIT email list. To date, there has only been one registration. We will send her a separate email telling her about the cancellation and refund her money. Kathleen will contact Jim Scarsella and let him know that we won't be there.

Marie purchased the bat blanks on her trip south. AAW will refund her money. She can sell the blanks to her local chapter members and pay us whatever she makes from them or save them until WIT needs them in the future. Marie will send Linda an invoice for the purchase.

If AAW has a virtual symposium, we will try to put together a slide show depicting what WIT has done. We could also show past EXCHANGE slides.

Teacher's Workshop: Jean has talked with Beth Ireland again. We will invite her to attend the next WIT committee meeting. We need to be sure that we can recognize and compensate Beth for her ideas and contribution. At the next WIT meeting we can start working on a story board or loose script for what it is that we plan to do. Everyone has ideas on who and what, we need to develop a mission with Beth. It was suggested that committee members prepare these thoughts and questions by the next meeting.

Newsletter: The newsletter is on hold. Andi has had to change her teaching to an online format. She will work on the newsletter once things settle down.

Marie noted that the February liaison letter is missing. She offered to draft a new letter to the liaisons. Marie also requested a list of liaison clubs. Linda said there are currently 62 liaisons. The next letter will go to chapter presidents as well as liaisons, since most chapters don't have a liaison. The letter will include suggestions about reaching out to others. Linda suggested an activity – turn a doorstop to share.

The meeting ended at 4:55

The next meeting is scheduled for May 7th, 2020 at 4pm PST.

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair