

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Video Conference
Thursday, September 3rd, 2020

The video meeting convened at 4:03 pm PDT. Participants were Marie Anderson, Dixie Biggs, Janet Collins, Kathleen Duncan, Linda Ferber, Jean LeGwin, and Andi Wolf. Lynne Yamaguchi was absent.

WIT Presents: *WIT Presents* –our next presenter is Donna Zils Banfield on September 12th. Marie has contacted Merryll Saylan and she has agreed to be our October presenter. Andi will serve as backup to Tib. Janet Q&A??? We are having the after parties. Last time, there was one party since there were fewer than 50 participants. The optional three parties will be same as last time – Kathleen/Janet, Andi/Dixie and, Linda/Marie. Other committee members can float between parties.

Regarding the complaint about “sea sickness” on the shop tours, we will suggest that photos or a video would be preferable. Most people are in too big a hurry. If they do live, we’ll get them to slow down. The “Welcome” sign needs to be displayed longer. (It is on Kim’s archived video). Kathleen will talk to Tib about leaving it up.

Collaborations: This came up at the last after party. It may be something liaisons want to suggest to their chapter members. We discussed several ways this could be done. Linda talked about the one she is currently working on. Her group is meeting for an hour or two every week. Marie agreed to draft a liaison newsletter. Dixie will provide Andi with pairs of eXchange words that could be used to get people started. Rather than have the WIT committee set up the groups, this should be a community builder where people make their own groups. Groups could include outside artists. Group size is not important.

Budget: AAW will be working on the 2021 budget over the next few months. Kathleen will submit the WIT budget before the board September meeting. We agreed to use the budget proposed and accepted last year, with the addition of stipends for **WIT Presents**. Please review the budget when you get your copy. The eXchange is on the budget. Kathleen will contact Arrowmont and see if we can get the days after Labor Day for 2021 (Sept 8-11 with the advance group on the 7th).

Newsletter: Andi would like all newsletter material by September 13th.

Other Business: Chat was not enabled for this meeting – please check that it is enabled on future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 5:06.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 1st, 2020 at 4pm PST.

Kathleen Duncan

WIT Committee Chair