

**American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Video Conference
Thursday December 3rd**

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

WIT Presents: *WIT Presents* –Kristin LeVier will be our presenter on Saturday, Dec 5th. Assignments are the same: Andi co-host, Kathleen intro and closing, Janet Q&A, Linda After Party. Marie might not be able to make the presentation, so Andi will assist with Q&A if needed. We do not need to hold Kristin to the hour, if she needs more time. We had 544 people register; 14 are not AAW members. Janet will enter Kristin’s websites and other info in the chat.

Dixie will be our presenter on January 9th,

Robin McIntyre suggested “form and developing an eye for form” at the After Party.

WIT Community and Virtual EXCHANGE: Linda Ferber and Marie gave an update on the virtual EXCHANGE. There are about 75 participants in 26 groups from 6 counties. There has been a lot of enthusiasm and attendance at the Wednesday and Friday orientation sessions has been good. Participants are setting up their team folders in the community and we are starting to see more traffic.

We will see if we can have the final presentations on Saturday, January 16th. At that time, we will have the drawing for Ruth Niles donation. We discussed certificates and other items. Certificates may be downloadable rather than printed and mailed. Dixie and Jean will work on the certificates. Linda Ferber looked into the cost of T-shirts from 2 companies. Neither was suitable. One the logo would be too small; the other was too pricey. The committee agreed that the participants should receive something to commemorate their creative efforts. After some discussion, we agreed upon a Virtual WIT eXchange 2020 patch. Linda said they are much more cost effective and we have had good response to the WIT patches previously. Dixie and Jean have already worked together on the logo.

Andi agreed to put together a presentation to help groups prepare power point speed talks. She’ll also give some tips on photographing art. This will be presented at next week’s eXchange Zoom meetings both Wednesday and Friday. Marie agreed to draft a letter to announce the presentations to the participants. Both presentations will be posted to the WIT Community Library for as reference material for all community members.

Kathleen will talk to Tib about putting together a virtual exhibition of the completed pieces. We had a brief discussion about where to collect the final project photos which is yet to be decided.

Survey, Virtual Symposium and Live EXCHANGES: Kathleen went over survey results. The one gaining the most interest was a virtual symposium conducted by women. This was followed by regional EXCHANGES and then EXCHANGE at Arrowmont. Due to uncertainty regarding COVID-19, we agreed that we should focus on a virtual symposium at this time, rather than physical EXCHANGES. Kathleen will let the AAW board know that WIT would like to plan a virtual symposium probably in fall, 2021.

Virtual symposium could include school tours, short tip demos, vender demos, instant gallery. Marie suggested we might consider a daily challenge. Several demonstrator names were mentioned. Marie started a list.

Other: Andi would like to get a newsletter out before the 1st of the year. She has asked Robin McIntyre to compile notes from the discussions at the After Party. Deadline for submission is Dec 15th (except Marie – Dec 18th).

The meeting adjourned promptly at 5:10pm Pacific

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 7th 4 pm Pacific.

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair