

American Association of Woodturners  
WIT Committee Video Conference  
Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup>

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, Tib Shaw, and Andi Wolf.

**WIT Presents: *WIT Presents*** –Dixie will be our presenter on Saturday, January 9th. Assignments are the same: Tib will be host and administrator, Andi co-host, Kathleen intro and closing, Janet and Marie Q&A, Linda After Party. We agreed to allow Janet to go over if the questions continue. Also, Janet will use some seed question. (Tib's suggestion following the presentation: Janet might tell people that we are going beyond the hour by saying "We are at our official stopping point and we want to respect everyone's time. There are several more questions--are you (presenter) okay with going over a few minutes? If any attendees need to leave now, the full video will be available on the \_\_\_\_\_ page.") We had 597 people register and at least 12 who are not AAW members.

Sally Burnett will present on February 20<sup>th</sup>. She is ok with keeping the 4pm Eastern time. This is a week later than our original target.

Linda F. will work with Robin McIntyre for an After Party discussion topic. She will ask Robin to keep discussion notes.

**WIT Community and Virtual EXCHANGE:** Linda Ferber and Marie gave an update on the virtual EXCHANGE. The final presentation is scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>, 4pm Eastern. This will be open to everyone. Announcements will go out as soon as possible. Marie is working on a graphic and email announcement/invitation.

Marie and Linda F have requested that it be a webinar. They will work with Tib to establish panelists. There will be no Q&A. They will set up an after party open only to participants and committee members. They will not be using AAW for hosting or registration.

Five-minute speed talks are being sent to Andi. Marie will work with those whose talks haven't arrived. Tib will set up an Instant Gallery. Participant pictures are being sent directly to Tib.

Marie reported that participants are eager to participate in a second virtual EXCHANGE. They have proposed March 8<sup>th</sup> as the start date. This is the International Day of Women. Suggestion: build more templates for next time.

Jay Heryet is writing an article for the British woodturning publication. We should have an article for the AAW Journal.

**Virtual Symposium:** We discussed ideas for a virtual symposium. Target date would probably be late September. Linda B will let the AAW board know that WIT would like to plan a symposium. Ideas discussed:

- 2 or 3 days of demos
- If 3 days, 4 hours of demo each day
- Daily challenges – work to be posted on Facebook and Instagram.
- Marie will put a list of demonstrators in Google Docs. All should look at it and add to it.
- Pre-recorded tips and events between major demonstrations.
- Use application for demonstrators. AAW is setting up application process, we should tap into that and encourage known demonstrators to sign up.
- Vendors would pay and possibly have taped ads
- Instant Gallery? Possible Themed show?
- Auction?

Virtual symposium could include school tours, short tip demos, vender demos, instant gallery. Marie suggested we might consider including short daily skill building project demos followed by a daily challenge. (possible vendor sponsors?)

**Other:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM Pacific.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm Pacific.**

Kathleen Duncan  
WIT Committee Chair