

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Video Conference
Thursday Feb 4th

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 Wolfe.

WIT Presents: *WIT Presents* –Sally Burnett will present on February 20th. She is ok with keeping the 4pm Eastern time. This is a week later than our original target. Tib will work with her on internet connection and lighting. Kathleen may be unable to open and close the session and requested an alternate. At Tib's suggestion, everyone agreed the opening/closing be pre-recorded.

Andi agreed to be our March presenter – thank you Andi! We're all looking forward to your presentation. We added several new names to the spreadsheet.

We did not discuss an after-party topic.

Dropbox: With so many documents and lists floating around, we will start putting documents in a dropbox. Tib will set that up.

WIT Web Pages: Prior to the meeting, Marie noted that our web pages are not keep current. Unfortunately, the AAW software does not allow for the automatic update and replacement of pages. Kathleen will make an effort to request updates to the pages as soon as an event transpires, or the page becomes obsolete. She asked that anyone who sees a problem with a page, contact her and she'll contact the office.

EOG Grants Request: Everyone agreed that the request received meets WIT event grants criteria and agreed to fully fund the grant. Andi said that she would cover fund not covered by our grant amount. Kathleen will contact the grant chair, Molly, and relay our decision. Andi would like a report from the newsletter. This is stipulated by the grant.

Second Virtual EXCHANGE: Everyone agreed to go ahead with the second virtual EXCHANGE. LindaF and Marie will take the lead again. Registration will open March 8th, International Day of Women. The Zoom meetings will commence April 14th. This time, we will use a wheel-picker to assign word pairs. We encourage all committee members to participate this time.

LindaB will send out certificates and patches when she receives them.

WIT Virtual Mini Symposium: Prior to the meeting, Janet proposed a 3-day mini symposium schedule. Her schedule incorporated breaks and smaller sessions intermixed with 90 sessions. We discussed the merits of 1-day, 2-day, and 3-day agendas. We agreed that we should have one very full, very professional day. It should

occur on August 14th, the normal WIT Presents date. Tib showed examples of a multi-room symposium and discussed software platform AAW is considering purchasing for the general symposium. The AAW virtual symposium will most likely occur in the Fall. Proposed platforms include options for smaller breakout rooms. Tib said that there are single-event platforms available that we could purchase for a one-day event, if necessary. We should issue a call for demonstrators and short video clips. We may also solicit videos from vendors.

Other: Andi would like to get the next newsletter out in March. The theme will be dolls. Kathleen will draft a liaison letter.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM Pacific.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 4th at 4 pm Pacific.

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair