

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Video Conference
Thursday May 6, 2021

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

WIT Presents: *WIT Presents* – Joey Richardson will be our June presenter. Tib will work with her to ensure that her lighting and internet will work. We discussed July and decided that since we will be participating in the AAW Virtual symposium schedule for July 17-18, we will skip July. We will have our event in August in lieu of a presenter.

Second Virtual EXCHANGE: There are 28 groups with the latest one formed just this week (thank you, Jean!). Groups seem to be progressing well. We are half way to the end. The biggest issues so far are international mail, shipping wood between certain countries, and time zone differences.

Linda F. proposed that when we have a live EXCHANGE, we consider a virtual element. Approximately 10 weeks before the live event, groups would start working. All teams would join in for the evening presentations.

Ruth Niles has agreed to sponsor the current virtual EXCHANGE again.

Linda F. asked about putting items in the AAW silent auction. Tib is in the process of setting it up.

- Submission will be through Jot form
- Tib will check on distribution of proceeds
 - 100% AAW or WIT? Or 50% artists 50% other?
 - Shipping is handled by artist, but amount can be collected from auction proceeds. International shipping may be a problem.
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WIT August Event: The committee discussed what a one-day event might look like with multiple “rooms”.

- Time frame 4-6 hours with breaks
- Possibly two 90-minute general critiques on either side of the break. This would serve to keep the audience’s attention. These would be open to anyone???
 - Apply for critique through Jot Form
 - Submit 1 primary and 2 additional photos
 - Break these into categories with 4-5 pieces in each category
 - Look to non-woodturners to critique. Potential fields: clay, furniture. Tib will look at potential experts.
- One-on-one critiques.
 - Before and after general critique.
 - Sign up through Jot form by category.
 - Submit 1 primary and 2 supplemental photos or video?
 - Sessions limited to 20 minutes.

- Drop-in chat rooms – several hosted by committee members.
- Categories and people to critique
 - Tib has started a Google Doc. Please review it and add your suggestions.
 - For those who need a tutorial, Tib will set up a Google Doc school, if necessary.
- Pricing
 - \$10/person will cover the cost of the meeting plus an amount to the stipend for those critiquing
 - In our budget for 2021, we allocated money for a live EXCHANGE or some other event. There are funds to cover any amount not covered through registration.
 - \$250 stipend / 90-minute/ person for critique panel
 - I don't think we came up with a stipend figure for one-on-one critiques.
- Criteria for person critiquing
 - Kindness bone.
 - Sense on how to do a critique.
 - Flexible.
 - Good in her field.

Other: AAW Virtual Symposium

We will have a presence at the AAW virtual symposium but have not been contacted yet. Most likely we will opt for a “booth” where people can view videos about WIT activities and get information about WIT and our events. We have lots of material available from WIT Presents and the two Virtual EXCHANGES. The two Lindas did something similar for the youth committee at one of the recent online events.

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 3rd at 4 pm Pacific.

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair