

*WIT newsletters will be emailed every-other month. If you have news items to share with the entire WIT membership, send them to Betty Scarpino: [scarpino.betty@gmail.com](mailto:scarpino.betty@gmail.com).*



### **WIT and the AAW**

Women in Woodturning (WIT) is now a committee of the AAW, established by board president, Kurt Hertzog. Kurt appointed Kathleen Duncan committee chair. WIT will now have the ability to fundraise as a nonprofit, have support of the AAW for programs, and fall under AAW's insurance coverage. We are confident that with the help of the AAW, we will achieve our goals more rapidly- WIT's mission statement has not changed.

As chair of the WIT committee, Kathleen Duncan selected her committee members: Suzanne Kahn, Betty Scarpino, Jean LeGwin, and Dixie Biggs.

Chairs of previous WIT committees remain the same.

### **WIT and Facebook**

WIT has both public and private Facebook pages, as well as a dedicated webpage on AAW's website. For the FB public page, [click here](#). WIT's private FB page is [here](#).

### **Regional Ambassador Program (RAP)**

Get involved and help build community at the local level! Linda Ferber, AAW program director, is going strong with a regional ambassador program, aimed at gathering women together at regional symposiums. WIT meetings at regional symposiums: South West Association of Turners (SWAT), Rocky Mountain Woodturning (September), Ohio Valley Woodturning Guild (October), Tennessee Association of Woodturners (January 2016), Florida Woodturners (February 2016) and Desert Roundup (February 2016).

In August, Merryll Saylan hosted a group of women woodturners in her studio in Berkeley, California. Suzanne Kahn has a meeting planned in October for women from the Keystone and Bucks County woodturners. Would you like to host a gathering in your area? Contact [linda@woodturner.org](mailto:linda@woodturner.org) WIT is building a turning community from the strength of local leadership.

Is your local AAW chapter's newsletter carrying news items about WIT activities? If not, contact Linda Ferber for help. [linda@woodturner.org](mailto:linda@woodturner.org)

### **2016 Atlanta EOG project**

Dixie Biggs and her exhibitions committee have finalized the title and theme of next year's WIT project, which will be sold during the Educational Opportunity Grant auction at the Atlanta symposium: Fruits of Our Labors. For a full description of the project,

deadline (January 31), and guidelines, go to the [WIT page on AAW's website](#).

Didn't make the photography deadline? Bring your donation to the Atlanta symposium or arrange with Linda Ferber for its transport. [linda@woodturner.org](mailto:linda@woodturner.org)

### **Hands-on room Atlanta**

Suzanne Kahn, chair of WIT's hands-on instruction committee, is working with the AAW to gain approval for a hands-on room at the 2016 Atlanta symposium. Working with committee members Beth Ireland and Jennifer Shirley, they submitted a detailed proposal to AAW's symposium committee last month. Already many women have volunteered to help at the symposium. If you are interested, contact Suzanne.

### **AAW/WIT focus groups**

Tib Shaw and Linda Ferber from the AAW are hosting four focus group sessions in mid-September. These discussions filled up quickly with women interested in sharing their thoughts and opinions. Look for the results on AAW's website.

***Women in turning (WIT) is dedicated to encouraging and assisting women in their pursuit of turning, to sharing ideas and processes to further members' skills and creativity, and to increasing participation of women in the field of woodturning.***

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