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Dear WIT Liaison,

As you've probably saw in the last news letter and on FaceBook, we had a very successful eXchange at Arrowmont in September. We are looking forward to planning a second eXchange next year or in the spring of 2020. But you and the women in your area don't have to wait until then or travel to Gatlinburg. We would like to see the event on a smaller scale in different areas of the country. If you know of a facility in your area and have access to lathes and other equipment, please consider helping to coordinate your own local eXchange. This wouldn't necessarily be limited to women in your chapter –reach out to the other chapters that are reasonably close to you. Anyone of the WIT committee members would be happy to talk to you about how it would work. It may not be something you feel you can do, but you may know someone who would be willing to take this on. Don't hesitate to reach out! We are looking forward to planning a second eXchange next year or in the spring of 2020.

Fall/winter seems to be the time for renewing club memberships and recruiting new members. Now may be the time for you to start pushing the WIT membership grants. If there is a woman in your chapter who has never been an AAW member, you can submit her name for a 50% membership grant. WIT will pay 50% of her AAW membership for the first year. If she's not been a member of your chapter before and you can convince her to join, WIT will increase that to 100% of her membership fee for the first year. That is an incredible gift! Tell her about the benefits of joining your chapter and all that AAW has to offer. <https://www.woodturner.org/page/WITMembershipGrants>

This year AAW will be piloting a change to the AAW grants. By combining what were know as the EOG grants, equipment grants, WIT grants, and POP grants under one committee with input from the various committees involved, we hope to handle the grant requests more effectively. Instead of being processed quarterly, the WIT grants will now be processed annually. Grant request can be submitted online at any time but the grant deadline is December 31st. <https://www.woodturner.org/page/AAWGrants> If you'd like to submit a grant request for next year, now is the time to submit it. Also, let members in your chapter know about the grants available.

(If you have a regional symposium that you attend, you can suggest that prior to the symposium, women in your region work on a collaborative project to be donated to the symposium auction. One project idea is to have each woman turn a piece from a 6" X 6" X 1" block. The individual pieces would be combined into one piece. ~Linda suggested this and we need to discuss it at the next meeting.)

Now, it is your turn to give us some feed back! How are you reaching out to the women in your chapter? Do you have any stories that you can share? If so, we'd like to hear from you and possible use your story in the newsletter. I know that the women in Olympia have reached out.

The WIT Committee



The logo for Women in Turning (WIT) features the letters 'WIT' in a stylized, cursive font. The 'I' has a decorative swirl at the top. Below the letters is a horizontal line, and underneath that line, the words 'Women in Turning' are written in a simple, sans-serif font.