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Dear WIT Liaison,

As reported in the last newsletter and on FaceBook, we had a very successful EXCHANGE at Arrowmont in September. We are looking forward to planning a second EXCHANGE next year. 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. Three women from the Chicago chapter returned from the first EXCHANGE so full of enthusiasm and great ideas that they are planning "2018 Creativity EXCHANGE -- Chicago" in December. Your EXCHANGE wouldn't necessarily be limited to women in your chapter – contact 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 alone, but you may know someone who would be willing to take this on or assist. Don't hesitate to ask for help! We are planning a second EXCHANGE at Arrowmont for next year.

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 AAW membership using 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>

Now, it is your turn to give us some feedback! How are you making contact with the women in your chapter? Do you have any stories that you can share? If so, we'd like to hear from you and possibly use your story in the newsletter. I know that the women in Olympia have reached out to the public at their county fair.

Please feel free to contact any of the WIT Committee members if there is something you'd like to discuss about your chapter, being a liaison, or AAW.

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