

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Telephone Conference
Thursday November 10, 4 P.M. PST

Participants: Kathleen Duncan (chair), Sally Ault, Dixie Biggs, Linda Ferber, Andi Wolfe.
Absent: Suzanne Kahn, Jean LeGwin

Demonstrator Form: All have reviewed the corrected JotForm that Linda put online. There was a suggestion that we enter the data into a searchable database. Given the computer platform that AAW uses, we cannot currently do this on the AAW site. The Vision 2020 committee will be developing a demonstrator database. When it is functional, the data we collect can be imported into that database.

Once the data has been collected, we'll have a page on the WIT site with the following information: demonstrator name, web site (if any), and demonstration expertise. We will not include emails for security reasons. The page should have a directive: "Please contact the AAW for more information about specific woodturners." When contacted, the office will email the demonstrators PDF file(s). Chapters and vendors who are AAW members can use the directory to look up demonstrators and contact them.

Linda said that it would be easier to have demonstrators include images in a Word document than to upload individual photos. It is probably not necessary to specify high resolution. It would probably be helpful to develop a Word template with location of images indicated in the template.

November Email

The only item in the November email will be the EOG grant blurb with a reminder that the deadline for grant applications is December 31st. Before sending an email, Linda is going to send it to the committee members to check for accuracy, etc. Please check these over and get back to Linda **within two days** so that the email can be sent without delay.

Appalachian Center for Craft Exhibit

Dixie reported that the WIT application for the Appalachian Center for Craft exhibit was not only approved but was the highest scored application. The exhibit dates are Jan – Mar 2018. The exhibit will be in a large gallery space, which will accommodate 25-28 artists. Dixie and Tib will serve as jurors and select one other person to complete the committee. Several names were suggested. Eighty percent of the artists will be invited; 20% by application. There will be a \$25 application fee. Invited artists will need to RSVP by Mar 31, 2017. Applications will be open Oct 1 – Nov 15, 2017 and selected artists notified in December. Invited artists will need to supply images by Nov 1. The cost for the website will be about \$80. The gallery oversees set up and publicity. Following the gallery show, the exhibit will be shipped to St Paul to show at the AAW gallery in St. Paul. Yet to be determined: how do we deal with items that are sold by the Appalachian Center?

WIT Outreach Grant Proposal

All committee members have reviewed the grant proposal Jean and Dixie wrote. No one wanted any changes made to the document. The next step is to build a JotForm for applications. Linda has started working on a form, based on the EOG application. If we can get the form finalized, the grant can be announced in the December newsletter. We had a brief discussion about evaluators. It was agreed that there should be three evaluators, at least two who are members of the WIT committee.

Arrowmont Coordinators

Very little discussion due to the lack of participants.

Newsletter Update

The next newsletter will be in December. Andi will put out a call for “bow!” images sometime after Thanksgiving. A regular feature she would like to include is a column on RAP activities. Donna Banfield hosted an event last month. Andi enumerated about 7 news article items she has lined up for the December issue.

Due to other commitments, Linda and Sally had to leave the call prior to the end of the meeting. The meeting adjourned at about 4:50 pm.

Kathleen Duncan, WIT Committee Chair