

Hello Fellow WIT Members,

Last Chance to Participate!

You can still make and donate a "fruit" for WIT's **Fruits of Our Labor** collaborative project for AAW's Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) auction in Atlanta IF you bring it to the symposium! First, email a photo to Dixie Biggs dixie@dixiebiggs.com (include a description). Then, drop off your "fruit" in the Instant Gallery. Dixie will add your page/photo to the *Book of Fruit* that she is compiling of all donations. Please sign your fruit AND fill out the Jotform on WIT's AAW website page: <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=WIT>



AAW's EOG auction is now online and accepting bids. To follow the bidding on WIT's collaborative project, use this link: [2016 EOG Auction](#)

Every "fruit" donor is listed on the auction site, along with an image of her or his piece. Dixie Biggs volunteered considerable time to taking images and documenting the pieces. Tib Shaw expertly put together the EOG auction online site. Much thanks to both women!



WIT's EOG auction collaborative
Fruits of Our Labor
Various woods
7 1/2" x 36" x 24" (19cm x 91cm x 61cm)
This sculpture will be sold at auction Friday night at the Atlanta symposium.



Jean LeGwin
Frutti di Mare
Maple with acrylic paint
1 3/4" H x 3 1/2" diameter



Diana Friend
Pom
Black Locust, Red Heart, Bio-Shield finish
3" sphere

You Can Encourage New Members

The mission of WIT is to encourage and retain women in woodturning. Here are some suggestions how you can help: Introduce a friend or neighbor to woodturning by bringing her to a chapter meeting, accompanying her to an open shop session, and/or teaching her in your own shop. Offer to be her mentor for a year.

If there is a new member in your chapter who is not yet a member of AAW, tell her about AAW's 60-day guest membership:
<http://www.woodturner.org/page/GuestMemberLanding>

Linda Ferber suggested another idea: **Pay it forward**. Instead of telling a new member about the guest membership, buy her a membership. In return, she can pay it forward by bringing another new member into the AAW. This generous gift may be the beginning of a lifetime of enjoyment for many new woodturners.

For WIT's Regional Ambassador Program (RAP), Linda Ferber has a PowerPoint presentation - put together by Meredith Bridges - that can be used to inform potential turners about women in the field. Linda also has a flyer about WIT that you may use. Contact Linda at: linda@woodturner.org.

WIT Hands-On Room Atlanta

WIT is ready and excited about the upcoming hands-on opportunities in Atlanta! Peggy Schmid has been working hard to drum up interest in the symposium with local turners. Through her demonstrations at Peachtree Woodworking, Rockler, and Woodcraft, three women won registrations to attend the symposium: Betty Fugate, Audrey Hayes, and Deidra Villalobos. Congratulations and a huge thank-you to Peggy for her volunteer time!

Be sure to attend the WIT meeting Thursday evening. If you have last-minute questions, contact Suzanne Kahn, suzkahn@me.com, lead coordinator for the hands-on sessions.

Facebook

We love to see new images of your work on WIT's public Facebook page!
<https://www.facebook.com/Women-in-Turning-732036653523097/>

Sincerely,
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WIT is a committee of the AAW. Committee chair: Kathleen Duncan. Committee members: Suzanne Kahn, Dixie Biggs, Jean LeGwin, Andi Wolfe, Linda Ferber, and Betty Scarpino.

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.