Women in Turning Meeting Notes

November 15, 2026

Some highlights from last night:

* -the Liaison Community is still not functioning on the new website--AAW is aware--patience with the new system....
* -WIT Presents is 11/17, 7 pm ET, Wednesday with Cindy Drozda--free to all--preregister for Zoom link--WIT Presents: Cindy Drozda<https://form.jotform.com/262916852283162>
* -WIT Grants are now under Grants on the website--that's both for WIT membership grants and WIT activity grants
* -the 2027 WIT Virtual eXchange opens registration on 1/18 and the event starts 2/17--encourage your members to participate
* -WIT stickers will be available soon--let me know how many you want and send me your snail mail address
* -Wig stands continue to blossom with gifts for our communities! There is an article in process for the journal--now we have 49 clubs in 3 countries involved. To date, with the additions from tonight, we have delivered 5,845--that's a lot of TLC because woodturners care!
* -many clubs are putting together wig stand blank kits to promote members to participate
* -WIT groups are collaborating among clubs for activities and demonstrations
* -projects/activities--pumpkins, pens for veterans and first responders, potluck holiday celebrations, state fair demos, working with Big Brothers/Big Sisters groups, empty bowls fundraiser, working with Girl Scouts with women as mentors, making a fruit bowl for a regional symposium auction, hand turned ornaments for a festival of trees, public demonstrations
* -Idea for promoting Turned Connections bead project--have a bowl of beads by pooling from members. Those are given to demonstrators or visitors as a token of appreciation plus it's great PR for the project. The beads can be strung together using macrame designs with a split ring on the end so they can be attached to something
* -mice fundraiser--club made 75 mice which were sold at $10 each
* -what are women looking to get out of WIT regional symposium gatherings--could we gather that information
* -some clubs are having trouble finding hospitals to take their Beads of Courage boxes
* -be careful when using redwood--make sure you have good respiratory protection and good ventilation

This past year, information was sent to each of the WIT gathering contacts for each of the regional symposiums by Regina Cox on behalf of the WIT Committee. That information about WIT could be used by the contact person at their gathering if they so choose. We are providing the resources and then the individual group can choose their own path. I will follow up for 2027 regional symposiums.