

Feedback from the 2021 WIT Virtual EXCHANGE

Team Turned HerStory presenting a Robust Evolution

Four dynamic turners—Tracey Lee, Stacey Pellom, Marie Anderson, and Robin McIntyre—worked together for the 2021 Virtual eXchange. Our words, Robust Evolution, inspired us to create a project based on the idea that we wanted to portray—strong women who have influenced and turned history, or, as we prefer, HerStory, and the evolution of the women’s movement over many decades. With so many women to choose from in our HerStory, we knew we would need to build a tower of strength to represent these women with icons depicting our Robust Evolution. After learning more about each of our featured women, we each got to work on our individual icons. Marie turned the maple tubes as the display for the icons and sent them to each of us so we could individualize the inside of the tubes to represent the uniqueness of each woman. The outside of the tubes was left identical to represent the commonalities among all women. The tubes were then arranged into a pyramid representing how we stand on each other’s shoulders as we grow, gain confidence, make progress, and laugh together. The wall of names honors these particular women and unites us all. Many thanks to the WIT Committee for giving us the opportunity to work and grow together.



From Dianne Looker, Team Irregular Flatliners: Horizontal Rhythm

I found it challenging in lots of ways; I often mused on how there was a real opportunity for sharing and learning that was missed, given the format of most teams keeping their process secret until the “big reveal” on June 19. I certainly enjoyed and was amazed by both the process and the outcomes when I saw the short videos on June 19. In terms of my own team – I enjoyed briefly meeting Nan Sloan, and having many opportunities to interact with my other team member, Andi Wolfe. I continue to be impressed by the range of both her skills and her energy. For myself, I was surprised to see how much fun I had turning three dozen “raindrops”; I became not only more comfortable with the spindle gouge, I got past my fear and aversion for the skew and felt like I had gained some limited mastery of it. Overall, a very interesting and rewarding experience.



“The success of every woman should be the inspiration to another. We should raise each other up. Make sure you’re very courageous: be strong, be extremely kind, and above all be humble.”

–Serena Williams