

SCWA Group communications - from Harvey Newman, SCWA President

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to bring to your attention a valuable resource that could greatly benefit our organization: Groups.io.

Groups.io is an online platform designed to facilitate communication, collaboration, and organization within groups and communities. It offers a range of features tailored to the needs of organizations like ours, providing a centralized hub where members can connect, share ideas, and coordinate activities more effectively.

Here are some key ways in which Groups.io could benefit the Sonoma County Woodworkers Association and its members:

1. **Streamlined Communication:** Groups.io provides various communication tools, including mailing lists and online forums, enabling members to easily engage in discussions, ask questions, and share insights on woodworking techniques, projects, and resources.
2. **Community Building:** By creating a dedicated online space for our woodworking enthusiasts to connect with one another, Groups.io fosters a sense of community within our association. Members can build relationships, offer support, and collaborate on woodworking projects more effectively.

I would like to add another important benefit of Groups.io that I believe could greatly benefit our members: facilitating the selling or donation of extra or unused tools, lumber, or supplies within our woodworking community.

Many of us often have surplus tools, lumber, or supplies that we no longer need or use. By utilizing Groups.io, we can create a dedicated space where members can post listings for tools, lumber, or supplies they wish to sell or donate. This not only provides a convenient platform for members to exchange items they no longer need but also promotes sustainability by reducing waste and encouraging reuse within our community.

I believe that implementing Groups.io within the Sonoma County Woodworkers Association could significantly enhance our communication, collaboration, and overall effectiveness as a community. I would be happy to provide further information or assistance in exploring this opportunity further.

Joining our Groups.io community is a simple process:

1. Online Sign-Up: Visit [SCWAwoodworking on Groups.io](https://www.groups.io/join/SCWAwoodworking) and click on "Join This Group"; Follow the prompts to become a part of our digital woodworking haven.
2. Need Assistance? If you encounter any issues or require assistance with the sign-up process, feel free to reach out to Harvey Newman at harvey.jay.newman@gmail.com or [707-478-1613](tel:707-478-1613). I will be more than

happy to guide you through the joining process or any other questions you may have.

Let's take this exciting step together and delve deeper into the world of woodworking within our vibrant community on Groups.io

Here is a link to a youtube video with a great tutorial for reference.

We are currently using an unpaid version and some of the features in the video are not accessible at this time. If the group starts to use this platform we can look into using the paid version in the future. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ml4SmVInCc>

Thank you for considering this suggestion, and I look forward to discussing it with you further.

Harvey