

ARIZONA WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION GOOGLE GROUP

Rules and Guidelines

Q1: What should I *not* post?

A1: To make the experience enjoyable for everyone:

- (1) No religion or politics.
- (2) No bad language.
- (3) No jokes -- not even about woodturning or woodturners.
- (4) No commercial selling for or by outside vendors. We allow AWA members to post their small commercial woodturning-related business info once per quarter. There are many personal services and sales offered by AWA members that would be of use to other AWA members. AWA members are permitted to post one ad per quarter offering these services and sales. The subject line should read "Service Offered" or "For Sale" and then list the service or items for sale. Any outside service used by a AWA members can be "recommended" in a post if excellent service was received by the person using the service, but only AWA members may advertise their personal services or sales items.
- (5) No bickering or personal attacks or "flaming." Flaming is defined as an e-mail message in which the writer attacks another participant in harsh, and often personal terms. Verbal attacks on the Group are poor netiquette and will not be tolerated.
- (6) When appropriate, use private email instead of posting to our Group. If it is for one person, don't post it to the Group.
- (7) No copyrighted material. Help keep us legal.
- (8) Don't forward third-party messages. There are lots of messages floating around the Internet that we do *not* want on the Group. Examples are hoax warnings about viruses, chain letters, and sentimental "hug your friends" messages that are inappropriate for this Group. Anything that says to send it to everyone you know is 90-percent sure to be either a hoax, an urban legend (a false story) or pseudo-science. You can check out these items at the following addresses: <http://hoaxbusters.ciac.org/>, and <http://www.snopes.com>.
- (9) Don't send holiday greetings. Please do not post to this Group any holiday stories, poems, jokes or similar material. Send such emails to your friends if you wish, but do it privately.

Policies of the AWA Email Group regarding inappropriate messages.

Be aware these policies have been taken from an immensely successful Group elsewhere, and they have evolved over time. However, these policies are not carved in stone, and are subject to revision at any time. By and large, this is how we operate:

1. We respond privately to virtually all inappropriate messages.
2. We respond privately and publicly to messages containing false information.
3. We respond privately and publicly if there is an infraction we want to bring to the attention of our subscribers. Also we respond publicly if a message contains something not yet listed in our guidelines, but we feel it should be added.
4. Currently all posts are moderated, but we may be able to relax that as the users get used to the system. Even then, however, if there are repeated instances of infractions from a particular e-mail address, we will continue to moderate messages from that address. That is, messages from that address will continue to be sent to one of the Group moderators to be approved before they are posted.

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5. As a very last resort, we will remove any offending subscriber from the list, but suspension is only for willful offenders. Most offenders are one-time offenders who did not read, simply forgot, or did not understand our guidelines. If you have any further questions, feel free to send them (as a "Content-Rule Query") to: webmaster@azwoodturners.org.

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