

## Hello Reuse and Repair Network Members!



### What designers can do for longer furniture life

- Recommend appropriate textile fiber content based on the application and use
- Advise clients to implement a cleaning maintenance program, extending furniture life
- Specify durable furniture that is able to be re-upholstered locally
- Be prepared to justify better quality furniture to your clients
- Specify furniture that eventually can be recycled

What a great turnout last Friday at the quarterly Reuse and Repair meeting - 30 folks participated in tours, networking and lunch last Friday! It was a fun and informative day. A big shout out to our hostess Kriss Kokoefer and her team at [Kay Chesterfield](#) for showing the group the inner workings of commercial reupholstery and the important role they play in keeping contract furniture out of the landfill! Thanks also to [Uhuru Pies](#) for hand delivering their delicious desserts and to [Sparkl Reusables](#) for providing reusable foodware to make a sustainable event!

Connections and partnerships were made, we will continue to grow this group and expand our Circular Economy! Check out some photos of the day on our Reuse and Repair Facebook page [here](#).

As promised, below you will find resources discussed at Friday's meeting.

### 1. STOPWASTE RESOURCES

- We have a [Bay Area Reuse and Repair Facebook Group](#). Please join and interact with this local group of reuse, repair and refill entities.
- We have a searchable database called [Re:Source](#) Your Online Guide for Reuse, Repair, Recycling, and Safe Disposal (can be downloaded as an [App](#) as well). All of your organizations should be listed – if not, please contact StopWaste staff [Jeanine Sidran](#) and she will update the system.
- There is an active [Reuse and Repair Stakeholder](#) webpage! Resources galore can be found there including a link to the [Google Doc](#) with all members of this group.

### 2. STOPWASTE GRANTS - 2023 Grant Solicitation

We received 100 grant applications requesting over \$2 million dollars; with a budget of \$1 million for grant awards we are unable to fully fund all project requests. Notifications regarding award status will be sent May 19, 2023. Thank you to those that put time and effort into submitting grant applications!

### 3. AWARD NOMINATION

This Reuse and Repair group has been nominated for a [Reusies Award](#) organized by [Upstream Solutions](#), a national organization dedicated to help leaders ideate, accelerate, and scale circular strategies that create thriving communities and build the reuse service infrastructure of tomorrow. We are honored by the nomination and worked hard to represent the Network in the information and photos we submitted. We will find out on June 7 at 9am if we are selected for the award. Join us to watch! You can virtually attend the awards ceremony using this [link to RSVP](#).

*Next meeting slated for mid to late September 2023. Thanks to those who expressed interest in hosting! Please respond to Meri Soll [msoll@stopwaste.org](mailto:msoll@stopwaste.org) if you'd like your organization added to the list of potential network meeting hosts.*