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PORTLAND TIME BANK HAS NEW HOME!!

Dear Members,

Hello. It is official – the **Portland Time Bank and The Maine Time Banks Training Center** have moved to 62 Elm Street in **Portland, Maine**.

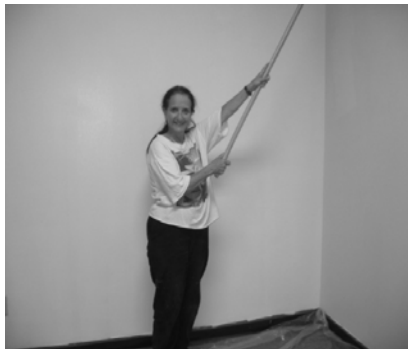
Dozens of our Time Bank members helped by providing over 200 hours of exchanges during our relocation process. They helped with packing, moving, cleaning, and cooking to feed the crew. Others helped with unpacking and painting, and three people tiled a floor in our new kitchen. One member, a recognized local artist, will paint a new mural in the Time Café. We couldn't have done it without everyone who participated and are honored that our members embody the core values of time banking by helping with the move and so much more. Thank you!

Our new place is beautiful with freshly painted walls, clean carpets and wonderful, bright space for our staff and members to work in, including a wide berth for The Time Gallery. We are now handicap accessible with an exterior ramp, good parking and best of all we are still located in the Bayside Neighborhood. It is great to have all the staff on one shared floor with a large conference room for board and staff meetings, member potlucks, and various Time Bank trainings and events.

On Friday, August 3rd we are hosting an Open House from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 p.m. ALL are welcome, including non-members. This is also the day of the First Friday Art Walk from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Come! It will be a full day of meeting friends. This is *your* new office and we hope you'll stop by to visit us anytime.

Thank you to everyone who was patient with us during this move. We know at times it was hard to get through on the telephone or by e-mail. We're back to normal working hours!

Photos: Members Laura and Kennedy painting the new offices.



Red Hot and Blue: Portraits of the Blues" Exhibit

– Please join us this summer on First Friday, August 3rd as we welcome blues aficionado and Time Bank member Myron Samuels. Mr. Samuels will exhibit his photographs at The Time Gallery at 62 Elm Street. Activities are from 5:00-8:30pm.

The Blues is an art form that is native to Black Americans. From its inception in the southern cotton fields, the Blues was more than music – it was a way of life. Myron has devoted over 25 years to capturing the Blues Experience

throughout the US with his limited edition and *one-of-a-kind* photographs of many famous musicians, including B.B. King, Muddy Waters and Sunnyland Slim.

These compelling portraits are for sale and 20% of proceeds will benefit our newly reopened Time Gallery. Also, Myron and friends will be here to entertain visitors with red hot and blue *live* music. Bring your friends & family and come to an evening of art, music, entertainment and refreshments. Exhibit will run through August 28.

For more information, visit: www.firstfridayartwalk.com or call (207) 874-9868.

Time Gallery Art walk closed on July 4th





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The Portland Time Bank Mission

The Time Bank is a service exchange based on Time Dollars, the currency of equality that empowers individuals to utilize their assets to enhance their lives, neighborhood and community.

CONGRATULATION PTB!

New Website launched:

Portland Time Bank has launched its new website. Thanks to Stephan Beckett, a Time Bank member who spent countless hours creating this amazing website for us. He worked closely with the staff here to make our website more user friendly and member oriented. We still have some great ideas to implement such as a photo gallery, testimonials and advertisement section for organizations, but you can see for yourself how fabulous it is by going to: www.portlandtimebank.org

Donation Update & Thank you

Our members know how important it is to have their Time Bank financially sustainable and thank you to those who have sent in your suggested \$25.00 annual donation. We all know it takes money to run the Time Bank and each year on average it costs about \$25.00 per member. This includes your once a year member directory, newsletters like this one, administrative time to help run the Time Bank along with other essentials. This voluntary donation shows your commitment and helps the Time Bank continue to thrive. All donations are tax deductible and you can even sponsor another member! Existing members are asked to send their \$25.00 to 62 Elm St., Portland, Maine 04101.

Thank you all who have already shown your financial support!

Profile & Appreciation on new Business Partner!

PTB is proud to announce that Portland Stage Co. will join as an organizational partner effective July 1. This means some terrific opportunities for members to earn TD's through a wonderful local arts organization. This also means that those of you who have been helping out at Portland Stage Co. should be very proud; this valued partnership came about as a direct result of the quality of your participation! Thank you all so much! (See testimonial below) PTB members will receive 12 tickets for each show of the season (not Christmas Carol though – sorry.) and PTB gets ad space in the program. Look for them on our TV show *Banking Time for Changing Times*.

From PSC: "Our experience working with Portland Time Banks has been outstanding.

The staff liaison has been able to fill every request we have made for help in a timely, organized and friendly manner. The "volunteers" have been, across the board, professional, communicative, and dependable.

This service has streamlined our process for recruiting and scheduling volunteers, saved countless hours of staff time, and has inspired confidence in our organization to include more community members in our work."