



Good News in Saint John



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Not sure if the candidate you hire will do the job?

WorkSafeNB has a no-risk way to fill vacant positions called the Training-on-the-Job (TOJ) Program:

- Individualized training program that provides workers with an opportunity to acquire specific skills;
- Uses the worker's transferable skills but respects limitations they may have as a result of a workplace injury;
- WorkSafeNB provides financial assistance until full-employment status is reached;
- Provides employers an opportunity to assess whether a worker is suitable as a candidate for the position;
- Extent of training is dependant upon the complexity of the skills which must be learned by the worker;
- Time frames are negotiated on an individual basis;
- After successful completion of TOJ, an employer is expected to hire worker for the job in which he/she was trained.

If interested, please call Jacqueline Leclair at: 506-684-2544 or e-mail: jacqueline.leclair@ws-ts.nb.ca

Good news stories...

We want your good news stories. In each issue of Currents, the Board of Trade newsletter, we want to talk about the good things that are happening in our local Retail and Hospitality Industry. The stories included in this insert have been submitted by various Board of Trade members who want to share their good news!

Do you have a good news story on retail or business in Saint John? Is there something you would like to talk about?

Send your Good News Story to Erinor Jacob at ejacob@sjboardoftrade.com.

Around the City...

Since our December issue, Saint John has seen several new stores open including:

- Decimal 81 – Princess St
- Hodo Cookies – City Market
- Olsen Europe – Brunswick Square
- Splash Thai Cuisine – Rothesay Ave
- The Sultan Market – Union St

Alternatives

Kathy Blair, Manager at Alternatives is excited about the award winning Renaissance Rumford wood fireplace that she has installed in her showroom at 621 Rothesay Ave. The Renaissance is the first fireplace ever to win an award from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). And it is made in Canada!

This fireplace provides opportunities for new home construction and creates many possibilities for architects and designers. The Renaissance is the perfect wood burning fireplace for the design community because of its good looks and versatility.

Ambassadors

Big Pink Sightseeing is a Hop On Hop Off tour - serving the cruise ship industry - in partnership with the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, that was established in Saint John, NB in 2010. In its inaugural year, Big Pink Sightseeing happily contributed over \$30,000 to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation - Atlantic Region and was a top selling shore excursion in that port. The unique and forward-thinking nature of the tour lead to a 2010 Seatrade Insider Cruise Award for Innovative Shore Excursion of the year. Due to the immense success experienced in Saint John, Big Pink Sightseeing has garnered national and international interest and will be expanding to both Vancouver, BC and Seattle, Washington in 2011, with negotiations taking place to expand to various other cities in 2012. Moving forward, Big Pink Sightseeing has established a goal to contribute over \$1,000,000 per year to breast cancer research worldwide.

Chipman Hill Suites Announces the "Job Hunters GetawayContest"

If you, your spouse, or a Maritime couple you know, are over the age of 25 and are currently unemployed and have been for at least 6 months, we at Chipman Hill Suites would like to hear from you. Enter our contest! Chipman Hill Suites will then offer one winning couple per month a 2 night stay in one our beautiful historic buildings here in Saint John, absolutely free.

This opportunity ends on 20th December 2011. In total, eleven free stays will be given. For more information visit: <http://www.chipmanhill.com/>.

Black Dog Boutique

As owner of The Black Dog Boutique, located at 24 Germain Street, I had the privilege of attending Montreal Fashion Week.

The week showcased endless talented and creative Canadian designers and was a buzz with media, production, and of course new and exciting fashions for Fall/Winter 2011. The showroom commenced daily at 1pm with the majority of runway venues generally taking place between 5-9. In between designer shows, as buyers and media we were warmly welcomed into the lounge area, mixing and mingling were endless. The energy was very present and the production was big.

During my time at fashion week, scouting newest trends, feeling fabrics, assessing price points, and meeting the artists who create these inspired pieces, I was able to spend some quality time with two of my favorite designers.

Overall, Montreal Fashion Week was a success for The Black Dog Boutique, a great experience; new contacts and friends made, as well as a "wish list" for Saint John fashionistas initiated.

Cheers to the future and cheers to looking good while our Port City grows innovatively and creatively! I kindly invite you to swing by and see for yourselves!

Tanners Inn

We at Tanners Inn are pleased to share our good news about this great old house. The 3rd and final stage of our interior renovations is nearly completed. When it warms up we will finish the exterior work.

We have recently started using Young Living Essential Oils and cleaning products to keep the house free of toxins and the air clean. Thieves is an amazing product.

Miss Clancy has now joined us and is learning how to be a good Inn dog.

We treat our amazing guests to the unique pleasure of "Brunswick" sheets and hand made soaps from Suds Muffin's. Food comes from the City Market and of course there is always a selection of maple products available.

Everyone is invited to the Garden Lunches coming soon.

We wish everyone a life filled with positive experiences.

Cheers Terry, Mercer & Bonnie.

The Sultan Market

The Sultan Market recently opened on Union Street (across from the Golden Ball Building) offering fresh meat & produce along with a variety of other grocery & convenience items. Open until 10pm seven days a week, the Sultan gives Uptown shoppers a place to get non-frozen food items in the evening.

New Brunswick Museum Shop

Beautiful and unique NB and Maritime products, including pottery, jewelry, glass and woodwork, as well as educational toys and local interest books are available at the Museum Shop.

The Shop currently represents eight NB jewelry makers including the works of Kyungok Kim. Kyungok was born in Seoul, South Korea. Her love of challenge and adventure brought her and her family to Saint John in 2006. While adapting to a new culture and language, she has found a new passion: designing and creating jewelry. Kyungok works with Swarovski crystal, seed beads and Chinese glass. She stitches and crochets intricate and stunning neckpieces, bracelets, earrings and rings. Her Asian heritage and meticulous attention to detail make her collection of work unique.

New this spring! Sea glass jewelry from Bejewel (Fredericton), jewelry from silversmith Shane Perley-Dutcher (Tobique First Nation), pottery by Dorain Henderson (St. Martins), and from 30 Fathom Doormats (Grand Manan), handwoven doormats made using reclaimed and new lobster trap rope.

Silver Daisy Designs

Silver Daisy Designs may have only just opened their doors in July, but this store has already undergone some new and exciting changes. They have recently brought some unique clothing lines from around the globe in addition to many bath/body products and one of a kind accessories. This one stop feminine haven is sure to impress anyone looking for that special something. Make sure to stop by and experience one of the most distinctively fashionable and intimate boutiques located on King St in uptown Saint John.

Sugar Shack Shindig

Atlantic Canada is recognized world wide for our brilliant displays of color in the fall when the leaves on the Maple trees get ready for the cold winter ahead. Experience the sweet taste of spring while celebrating all the fun and activity that winter brings right in the center of the city. Rockwood Park is home to Daytripping (www.daytrippingnb.com), Lily's Cafe (www.lilylake.ca), and Rockwood Stables.

Come on down to a Sugar Shack Shindig and experience snow shoeing on a park trail lined with snow laden trees or jump on board a horse drawn sleigh for a magical adventure. Bring along your skates and glide to music under the star filled sky. Then when you've worked up a good appetite, slide on into the Pavilion and dig into the Boathouse Buffet with hearty, soul warming food and ice cold Moosehead. Top it all off with a special treat....maple candy made right before your eyes on the snow. Grab a stick and dig in!