



# BarterWorks News & Views

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## HIGHLIGHTS

Office Update

Queen Street Commons -  
new at 43 Queen

## MEMBER PROFILE

Rob Puschelberg

## GET INVOLVED

Board of Directors

Write an article

Schedule an Open House

Book Market Day Table

Volunteer

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## Spring Greetings from the Office

At this time of year we celebrate new growth in all its forms. The Working Centre continues to grow, and one of its very exciting offshoots this year is **a new café at 43 Queen called Queen Street Commons**. The Commons will provide a backdrop for a variety of community gatherings, including BarterWorks, and this will attract a lot of people to our Market Days.



These are exciting times, with ample opportunity for growth and development. I encourage you to get involved with us in planning for the next year. We have included a survey to determine what members would like to see, and I encourage you to send in your thoughts on this as soon as possible. Our Annual General Meeting will be coming up on Tuesday, June 13, and we will be looking for new Board Members to shape the future of our organization. Please consider sharing your talents with us. Volunteer hours can be whatever you have to offer.

And come on out to our BarterWorks Markets on the last Saturday of the month from now until the end of June, and check out the Commons while you're at it. The May market will have a Spring Theme and promises to be a lot of fun. If you would like to book a table for any of the markets, please call me.

If you have any questions about getting more involved, about the upcoming Annual Meeting, or enquiries of any kind please call me at 749-9177 ext. 232 or email me at : [margaret@theworkingcentre.org](mailto:margaret@theworkingcentre.org).

Talk to you soon. Margaret

## Office Updates & Reminders

1. **Member account statements:** Available upon request, bi-monthly at BarterWorks Market Days or by request (just let us know in advance) or **mailed bi-monthly ONLY by request.**
2. **BarterWorks Annual General Meeting** will be held at 43 Queen St. S. on Tuesday, June 13: 6 p.m. Potluck, 7 p.m. Meeting. You are all welcome to attend.
3. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS:** Please let us know if you wish to be nominated for a Board of Directors position. The Board plays a very important role in supporting BarterWorks and we encourage you share your talents and vision for BarterWorks in this way.

## Member Profile: Rob Punchelberg

Meet the man behind **Music Masters D.J. and Karaoke Service**, Rob Punchelberg. Rob is one of those energetic individuals who just can't keep still. Although he is currently involved in several different ventures, he is always on the lookout for new challenges to satisfy his creative spirit.



At one time Rob owned a pizza store in Grand Bend, and he sponsored karaoke at a local bar. Even though he was quite shy, he got up the courage to sing one night at the karaoke bar, and he got hooked on singing. The pizza store was seasonal and closed in the winter, so Rob set up his own karaoke business and the rest, as they say, is history.

He has been in Kitchener-Waterloo now for over 12 years, and his company has played at every kind of function from weddings to pig roasts. In addition to his D.J. and Karaoke Service, Rob also has a rock band called **Bad Pickle**, so he can offer a variety of entertainment

or a combination of all three. His prices are very competitive and the best news is **he offers 50% barter!!** He also makes t-shirts and plaques with logos, and he has had a lot of fun mounting photographs on interesting backdrops, e.g. he inserted his son's photograph in a poster of his son's favourite band. Cool, eh? Have you always wanted to have your photo taken with someone famous? Are you looking for a unique gift for a certain someone? Call Rob and he'll help you out.

While he has steady karaoke shows, Rob also has another job. He drives for Waterloo Taxi on Mondays and Tuesdays, so watch out for him. His taxi is the one that looks like a race car – it's red with a big 56 on it.

And for all your music needs contact Rob Punchelberg at 519-897-5099, or [musicmaster@auracom.com](mailto:musicmaster@auracom.com), or check out his website at [www.badpickle.ca](http://www.badpickle.ca)

## BarterWorks Market Day!

Saturday, May 27  
10am-2pm



Spring  
Into  
Summer Sale

at The Working  
Centre's new  
"Queen Street  
Commons"  
43 Queen St. S.

## Spring 2006 Member Survey submitted by:

1. Starting in September 2006, should we continue with monthly BarterWorks Markets or focus on 4 major markets a year to be held at 43 Queen (like the Festive Season Sale), and have other satellite markets outside of The Working Centre e.g. at different community fairs?
  - a. monthly (except July/August)
  - b. 4 markets per year
  - c.. 4 markets per year plus special satellite markets
2. In what way would you like to be more involved in BarterWorks? Volunteer hours can be as few or as many as you can offer. We have a very talented community and we would certainly benefit from you involvement.
  - a. Marketing/Promotion
  - b. Special Events Planning
  - c. Newsletter
  - d. Lead Workshop/Seminar
3. What kind of membership activities would you like to see?
  - a. Potlucks
  - b. Networking Events
  - c. Workshops/Seminars
  - d. Small Business Seminars
4. Would you like to present a workshop at one of our potlucks?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No