

On Barter'd Time

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On Barter'd Time is a monthly publication of the Las Vegas Barter Hours program. This newsletter promotes the use and advancement of the barter system within the city of Las Vegas and surrounding areas.

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Please submit brick-a-brack ads to Surabhi Atman at baqiteslima@yahoo.com or call her at 425-3789. Please clearly describe the item in your ad and include price, terms and contact info.

Fun at the 2007 Synergy Fest



On April 29, 12 members of our Barter Hour Group volunteered to run the Barter Hour booth at the annual Synergy Fest held at Melody Park on the Highlands University campus. Our goal was to sign up as many new members that we could. We feel that we accomplished that goal and exceeded our expectations.

The people who came to help were: Leon Bechard, Meredith Britt, Molly Smollett, Surabhi Atman, Rosemarie Stoltze, Rolf Brouwer, Virginia West, Katy Lockwood, Bob Wallace, Betty Quick, Antoinette Fox, and Sherrill Martinez. We had more than enough volunteers who each earned one BH for every new member that they each

signed up. At the end of the day, we signed up 37 new members, including the Rio Gillinas School.

Each new member received four BH's and a Directory. We also kept a list of people who said that they might be interested but they wanted to think about what it is that they could sell, barter, or trade before they decided to join us. I am emailing them about the upcoming events so they might attend and maybe decide during the events or meetings that they want to join after all. There was a woman from the Optic who wants a call from someone in our organization who would like to explain who we are, what we are, and how our organization works.

Upcoming events & workshops

Solar/Sunroom workshop - August 11th Passive Solar 286 Harris Road Trini Maritnez 1 B.H. and \$5.00 Call Carlos Lopez 429-4587
Workshop Coordinator to register
Interested in learning conversational Spanish - ideas wanted, workshop being set up soon. Call Carlos Lopez 429-4587

Next Meeting - Tuesday, August 7th at Willard and Merita Koehn's in Sapello. Car pooling available call Dianne or Cordia at 426-1468.
Richard Lau will be sharing information about building website free for small businesses through a Kellogg Foundation grant.

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Barter News!

We started back to a Monday Night meeting in July, which is the beginning of the rotation: next one will be on Tuesday, then Wednesday, etc. That way, more members will have an opportunity to get to meetings if they would like to attend. At the meeting in July, we asked for help with the many jobs that need to be done to keep us running smoothly. This is the complete list of jobs and the members responsible for them:

U.S. Currency Treasurers: Bob Wallace and Meredith Britt

Bankers/payroll (Barter Hours) - Sherrill Martinez, John Bish, and Theresa Damian

Directory - Cordia Sammeth

Newsletter - Lee Einer, Cordia Sammeth, Sherrill Martinez and Surabi Atman

Website- Jack Rowe, Cordia Sammeth

Welcome Committee - Rosalie Obregon, Sherrill Martinez, Dianne Lindsay

Mailer - Viola Trujillo

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Workshop Coordinator - Carlos Lopez

As you can see, there is a lot going on with the membership growing and we are trying to do a better job of communicating with all the members. Thank you to all the members who are helping, your contributions are going to give a big boost to this organization. And thanks to all who have been helping and putting in many hours. You have brought us through our first year with flying colors. Don't forget - check your directories (online soon) and spend some "Hours,"

keep the energy circulating.
Dianne Lindsay

Success with Barter hours

By Trinidad Martinez

Barter Hours works. At 160 members and still developing, our form of local currency is growing legs and beginning to circulate. To keep this movement viable in the wake of a gloomy national economy it is imperative that we think "barter" as an option when in need of goods and services.

Following is a list of ways by which Sherrill and Trini Martinez have allowed the barter system to work for them: Instances in which they received BH's / Trades/ or Cash:

Sold bed for \$50 and five BH's; sells 1 dz. eggs for 1BH or \$3; video rental at 1/4 BH per VHS or CD video; solar ovens for 2 BH's each; passive solar design workshop for 1 BH and \$5 for BH treasury; passive solar design consultation, 1 BH; labor 1 BH and gas \$; light carpentry, BH's and cash; one BH for each new member recruited, and Sherrill's work as banker for the BH organization pays her in Barter Hours. Trini even earned 2 BH's for writing this article.

Conversely, they paid BH's & \$ for goods and services:

Yard work for BH's and cash; 150 feet of fence built with the assistance of nine Barter Hour members paid for with BH's; massage for BH and cash; haircuts in BH, cash, and eggs and videos in trade; purchased evergreens for cash and

BH; auto/body work, gas \$ and BH's; Beadwork in trade for eggs; roto-tiller work, BH's and cash; BH's for two full course evening meals (scrumptious!) at the cook's dinner table; Reiki and Egoscue (painless body treatments) paid in BH's; bread, carrot juice, xerox copies, clothing, paid with BH's; house windows washed (sparkling!), BH's and cash; last year's income taxes, cash and BH's; bathroom plumbing, cash and BH's; and a grafting workshop for 2 BH & \$5 to BH group.

Sherrill urges you to call her at 454-1572 or email her at sunismaster76@msn.com, if you need encouragement and/or assistance at locating resources and insight in using the language of our system; in other words, how to deal and make Barter Hours work for you. There are many current members who would also be able to help you spend those Barter Hours because it will not work if we do circulate those Hours. So, folks, remind yourselves when those everyday needs arise that local help using local currency can be found in your Barter Hours Directory and is likely a phone call away. Carefully flip through those pages in your directory or check on our (coming to you very soon) web page, and you'll discover fresh alternatives to higher costs, out of reach resources, a declining dollar, globalization and Wal-Martization of our local economy.

Barter Brick-a-Brack

Buy	Buy	Wanted
Farm fresh eggs, 2 dozen per barter hour, for info call Vikky at 454-8108	Brown Plaid early American coach for \$50.00 and 2 barter hours. For info call Cordia 426-1468	Older trailer at least 14 to 18 feet wide and 48 to 60 feet long. call Vikky at 454-8108.