

SEBASTOPOL AREA TIME BANK

Building Community One Hour at a Time

March/April 2023 Newsletter

R E C E N T L Y
we helped each other



HAPPY SPRING!

Rose care, plant to share
Consulting: financial, garden design,
genealogy, vacuum repair
Thai yoga
Picture hanging
Bathroom design
Tech help: printer, iphone, website
design
Cooking: 90 peppermint patties!
Repairs: jewelry, telephone jack,
GFCI outlet
Truck, with help schlepping
Create: iphone video of an event,
flyer
Format and print sheet music
Mending - hems and buttons
Photography
Rides

SATB ADMINISTRATION:

NEW SOFTWARE EVALUATION
TECH SUPPORT
MEMBER SUPPORT
ORIENTATIONS
EVENTS PLANNING
NEWSLETTER



The Case of the Broken Head*

If it weren't for the serendipity nurtured by the Sebastopol Area Time Bank, David might still be fretting about his broken head. Care to learn more? Read on --

David's side of the story

Oops! We were deep into a protracted bathroom and kitchen remodel, when our toilet, waiting patiently on the back patio, tipped over. The toilet survived, but the tank cover broke into multiple pieces. I searched online for a replacement cover, but the toilet had been discontinued and there were no parts to be found. Enter the time bank!



I posted a request for someone to glue the tank top together, and Liz Newton responded. Not only did she salvage the cover, but she designed and created a gorgeous mosaic to disguise the glued cracks! It turned out better than we ever imagined, and we couldn't be happier!



Liz's Side of the Story

I joined the Time Bank last year. One day I came across an intriguing request: "Can you fix this?" read the subject line. "This" was a broken toilet tank cover. The person posting, David Gill, said that once repaired, he might drape a cloth over the breaks to hide them. As an artist familiar with all kinds of media, I thought that there might be a better way to disguise the repairs. I proposed that I not only fix the crack but also create a mosaic on the lid. David eagerly accepted.

While the adhesive was setting up, I emailed David and Patricia several design ideas. They chose one -- a vine on a neutral background -- and I went to work. It was fun to match their color scheme to the mosaic materials I had on hand.

I was pleased with the results, and I think they were too.

Need help solving a tough case? The SATB might have your answer.

Michael D. Fels
Feature Writer



**In this case, "head" refers to the nautical term for a toilet.*

Next SATB Member Event: **Sunday, May 7 at 4 p.m.**

Save the Date!

Demonstration of NEW SATB software with Q&A Session followed by Potluck dinner!
Sebastopol Community Cultural Center ANNEX on Morris Street. More details soon.

New Member Spotlight



David Schoch

Time Bank talents:

Assembling items, fixing things that don't work, carpentry, ceramics, garden, yard and farm work, organizing.



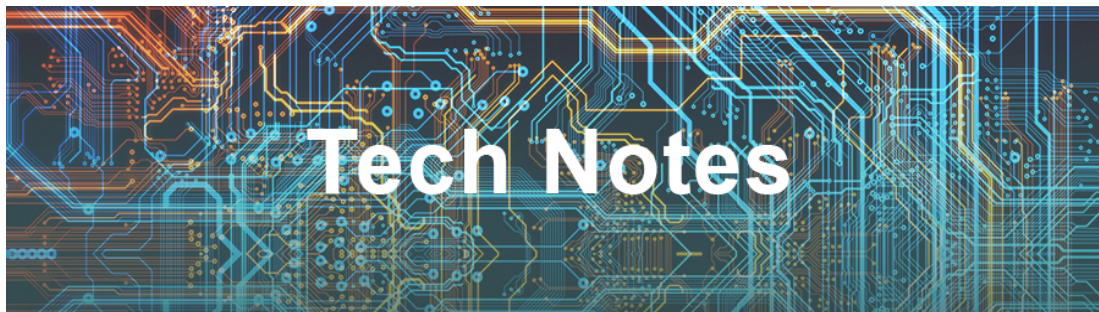
Have you got something that's driving you crazy as you try to figure out how to assemble it? How about a desire to be creative with a ceramics project from someone who's taught classes? ... or maybe you need a little help moving some furniture? What all of these have in common is one of our newer members – David Schoch.

In his own words, "I'm not happy unless I have at least one project where I'm creating something. My current favorite skills are woodworking both fine and rough, deconstruction, furniture assembly, and ceramics." David is happiest when he's diagnosing and fixing problems and teaching. We talked a bit about his current projects – how about building an amphibious bicycle!

David was born in Sebastopol, attended Analy High School, left for a few years, and is now back in the fold. His favorite local eating spots are the Himalayan restaurant (across from Fircrest) and Thai Pot. His wife is a veterinarian, and they share their home with three Doberman's. David also does foster care service with Dogwood.

We're delighted to welcome David to the Time Bank and members can get to know him by clicking on [David's profile](#) on our website.

*Judy Rice
Feature Writer*

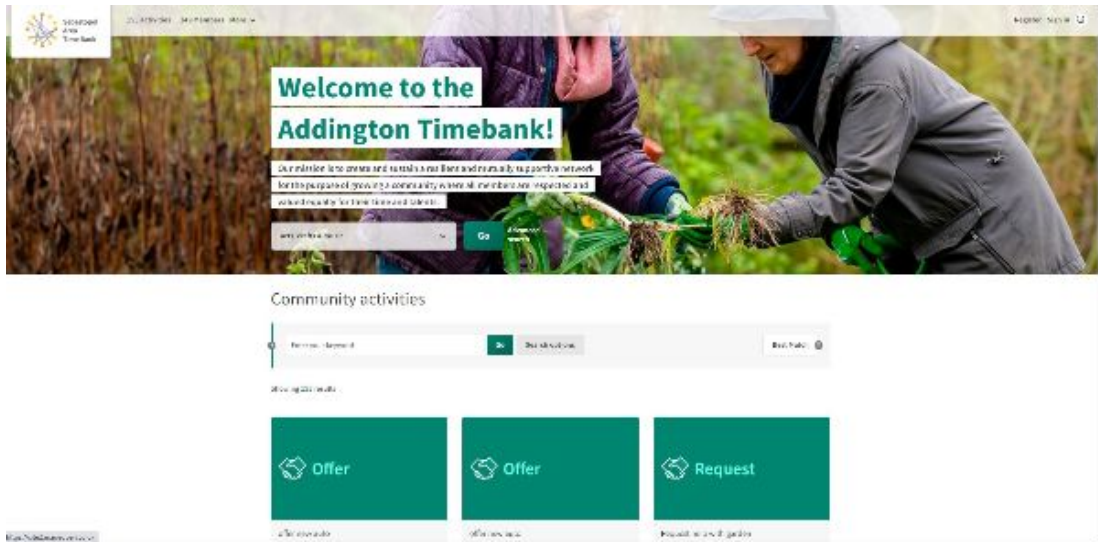


New SATB Member Website Software, Part 2


In a previous newsletter, we mentioned that your time bank will be using new website software soon. Since that time, the developers have announced that the new software will start being used by timebanks on May 1, 2023.

Some of the kinks are still being ironed out, but we can show you the home page, the login page, and a sample of your dashboard (a place where you can update and make changes to your SATB account).

The home page will look similar to this when you navigate your browser to the new website (using the same web address as before):



Of course, it will say “Welcome to the Sebastopol Time Bank,” instead of “Addington Timebank”! To make use of the software, you will need to sign in, and that is accomplished by clicking on a link in the upper right corner of the home page. Clicking on that link will take you to the login page:



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Sign in

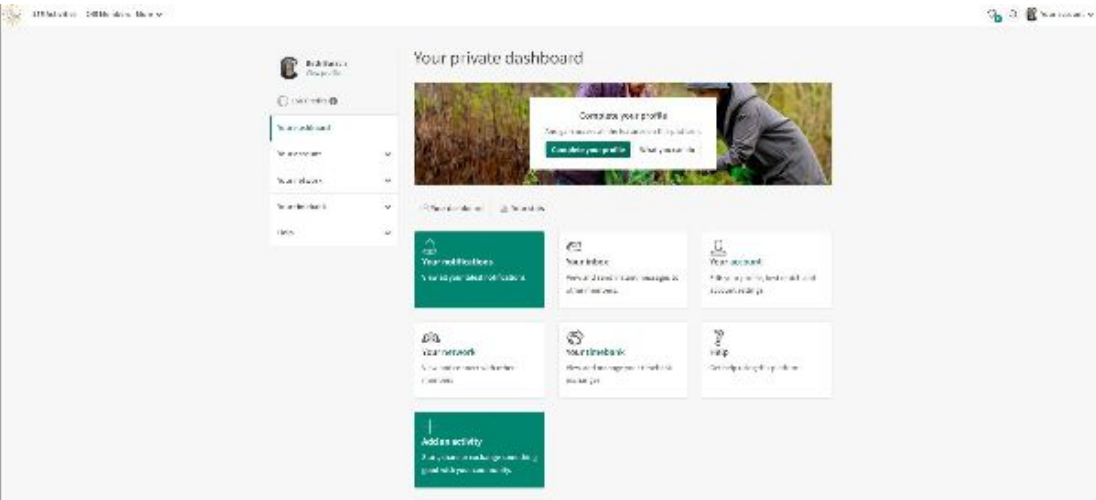
Enter your email address or username

Enter your password

Don't have an account? [Register here.](#)

The passwords in the new software require stronger security than what we’re using now, so you may have to create a new password, using the guidelines provided by the software.

After signing in, you will be presented with your dashboard page. Here is an example of what that dashboard will look like:



From your dashboard, you will be able to initiate requests, offers and exchanges, as well as other things.

The new software looks completely different from what we have been using. Nonetheless, there are many improvements to help us with our time bank activities. Your time bank tech team will provide assistance along the way. We'll do this together!

Steve Bursch
Tech Coordinator



Sebastopol Senior Center presentation: David Gill, assisted by members of the admin team and other time bank members, held an information session about SATB at the Sebastopol Senior Center on March 15. Six of the attendees applied for membership in SATB and some have already started posting requests!

Sebastopol Walks: Join us on Saturday, September 30, at 9 a.m. as SATB leads the Sebastopol Walk “Time Out With Sebastopol Area Time Bank”.
<https://ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Our-Community/Growth-Sustainability/Walk-Sebastopol>

Repair Café: Our January Repair Café, in collaboration with Chimera Arts and Maker Space and Zero Waste Action, was so successful that it’s been decided we should hold it twice a year in spring and fall. Since the January café was so recent, we’ll wait until fall for the next one. Prepare to participate!

Not A Member? Want To Join? Go

to www.sebastopolarea.timebanks.org and click on "Join". To become a member, you need to: be 18 or older, call Sebastopol home and live in West County, attend an orientation session, and show a photo ID, and agree to our terms of service.

David Gill
Administrative Coordinator

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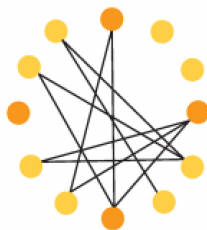
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Our Core Values

- Everyone is an asset. Everyone has something to contribute.
- Everyone merits respect.
- All work is equally valued.
- We promote both giving AND receiving.
- Networks are stronger than individuals and build local resilience.

When you become a member of the Time Bank, you agree to these core values as well as our Terms of Service.

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