

“Let's be utopian for a moment.
Let us imagine a quick transition from the deeply irrational, ultimately unsustainable economic system we presently inhabit to a democratic . . . economy, one in which enterprises are run democratically, and economic stability no longer requires keeping our capitalists happy. Suppose we do get a financial meltdown on the scale of the Great Depression. And suppose we had a government newly elected, determined to effect this transition.

“The first thing would be to assure everyone, à la Franklin Roosevelt, that there's nothing to fear but fear itself. I mean, we are not talking about a meteor crashing into the earth, or an incurable plague, or a nuclear war. Pieces of paper have suddenly lost their value. Our resources are still intact. Our skill base is still intact. There's no reason for ordinary people to lose their jobs or see their incomes plummet--no material reason, that is.

“What next? . . . let's democratize them.”

David Schweickart

Author of

*Beyond Capitalism: Reclaiming Our Wealth,
Our Liberty and Our Democracy*

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the
CO-OP
model

transition to
a democratic
economy

Saturday, **February 28**, 2009

8:30 am to 4 pm
(snow date March 1)

Pine Tree State Arboretum

153 Hospital Street, **Augusta**
\$0-\$20 sliding scale

15th Annual **Changing Maine** gathering

sponsored by **ROSC** and

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The Day's Activities

8:30-9	registration	
9-9:30	introductions	
9:30-11	meet the co-op members and hear their stories	
	Finance	Four Directions Development CU rep. (invited) * Orono
	Housing	Ari Rosenberg & Denise Dill * Faire Bande * Lewiston
	Food	Alison LePage * Portland Food Co-op Buying Club
	Worker	Nancy Button * Maine Potter's Market * Portland
	Producer	Glenn Libby * Port Clyde Fisherman's Co-op
11-11:15	coffee & tea break	
11:15-noon	divide into groups and meet the people in your field	
	Finance	Larry Dansinger (facilitator) + resource people
	Housing	Al Smith (facilitator) + resource people
	Food	Davis Taylor (facilitator) + resource people
	Worker	Jonah Fertig (facilitator) + resource people
	Producer	Carly DelSignore (facilitator) + resource people
noon-1:30	lunch	bring a dish to share & a place setting
1:30-3:30	workshops	discussions in the group areas (continued from late morning)
3:30-4	a cider moment	coming together to share and network

Registration Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/St/Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 Organization (if any) _____

Enclosed is \$0-20 for the day \$ _____
 Enclosed is a registration to hold a space
 (for payment, if any, on Feb. 28)
 I need a ride; contact me re: carpooling
 I can offer a ride; contact me
 I need childcare (please respond by Feb 23)

Directions and handouts will be sent to pre-
 registrants. Registration at the door may be
 available as space permits (call first). The
 location and bathrooms are fully wheelchair
 accessible. For special needs/requests, please
 state below or on a separate sheet:

Return this portion of the form to:
 Resources for Organizing & Social Change (ROSC)
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Questions? Call Larry Dansinger, 525-7776

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