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## Deals and more on Bangor-area swap and sell Facebook groups

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If there's one thing that brings all sorts of Mainers together, it's the love of a good bargain. Rich, poor, young, old, male, female, whatever — if you can find that thing you've been wanting for the right price, you're a happy camper.

Which is why it's not surprising that the New Bangor/Brewer Area Swap and Sell group on Facebook boasts nearly 16,000 members from all economic and social backgrounds. Everybody's looking for a deal, whether it's in that group or in any of the other swap and sell groups specific to the Bangor area.

On a given day, those perusing the group might find anything from a solid maple armoire to eight-point deer antlers; from full-season DVD sets of season five and six of "Quantum Leap" to commemorative "Lord of the Rings" movie light-up drinking goblets. There's prom dresses, used cars, old iPhones, rototillers, panini presses, grass-fed ground beef, hand-picked wild mushrooms, 4-wheelers, an unopened case of bottles of shampoo, breast milk pumps, six acres of land in Greenbush, and fully-functional Victrola hand-crank phonographs.

In short: everything. If you're looking for a bar-

gain, you'll find it on Swap and Sell, a group that's open to folks living no further north than Lincoln, and no further south and west than Winterport or Bucksport.

One of the people that manages the group's near-constant stream of posts on both New Bangor/Brewer Area Swap and Sell and on a number of other Bangor region buy and sell groups is Cristina Thurston. She is one of the admins who has the nearly full-time task of making sure the groups are easy to read, relevant to only the Bangor region, and — mostly — drama-free.

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Reported by Emily Burnham

## THE WEEKLY QUESTION

Reported in Downtown Bangor

### "Where's the best sledding hill in Maine?"



"Mt. Horn, near Rangeley."  
MARK MATHERNE, BANGOR



"Derby Hill in Houlton."  
MEGAN CLOUTIER, OLD TOWN



"Essex Street Hill, of course."  
SUZANNE CROCE, BANGOR



"Cedar and First in Bangor."  
ELIZABETH KORITZKY, BANGOR



"Right in town in Brewer, by the fire department."  
HAL ABBOTT, HOLDEN



"There's a good one in Milbridge, on the Back Bay Road."  
ELENI WAKEMAN, ADDISON



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Cristina Thurston, seen here with a computer opened up to the New Bangor/Brewer Area Swap and Sell Facebook page, which she runs and which has more than 15,000 members as of January 2016.

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