CTN Annual meeting
Please plan to attend the annual meeting of the CTN Board of Directors will be held in the CTN studio on Wednesday, October 25 from 7:30-9AM. The general public is invited, but the meeting is specifically for nonprofit members and individual members (anyone who has donated $20 or more to CTN in the past year). You’ll receive a copy of our annual report, vote for Board members, share a good breakfast and enjoy our featured speaker, soon to be announced. To RSVP contact Lesley MacVane at 207-775-2900 Ext. 201 or lesleymac@ctn5.org by Oct. 23.

Class Schedule
Studio Class
Wednesday, October 11 at 6PM
Monday, October 16 at 6PM
Wednesday, October 25 at 6PM
Monday, October 30 at 6PM
Monday, November 6 at 6PM
Wednesday, November 15 at 6PM

Field Camera Class
Wednesday, October 18 at 6PM
Tuesday, October 24 at 6PM
Wednesday, November 8 at 6PM
Monday, November 13 at 6PM
Monday, November 20 at 6PM

CTN’s First Annual Telethon
After months of preparation CTN’s first Annual Telethon lifted off the launching pad and flew into orbit around greater Portland on Charter Cable Channel 5 and on our website live streamed through YouTube.

Over 50 volunteers donated hundreds of hours to make this happen around the clock for 25 hours of continuous live local entertainment including music, discussions, classes, demonstrations, dance, circus acts and even artists painting off to music. It also proved to be an opportunity for many of our volunteers to gain additional experience in the control room, especially with the audio board and character generator.
In addition to our scores of volunteers, there were 97 performers who passed through our doors during the Telethon to lend their talent to our fundraising efforts. Many of these performers appeared on our station for the first time, but from their enthusiasm it’s likely not to be their last. These performances are being turned into individual programs for rebroadcast. Even though some of these have already started airing, it will take a couple more weeks to process each of these before they all air again. Once this is done, the Telethon will have supplied CTN with over 20 new programs featuring local talent and produced by our own volunteers. This is a great step forward in accomplishing our mission.

In addition to the increased skills of our volunteers, exposing more local talent to our station and increasing our the number of local programs we have, the Telethon raised over $5,000 for CTN after expenses. This was made possible by our sponsors and other local businesses who provide both financial and in-kind support. Portland Magazine gave us great publicity, Subway provided plenty of sandwiches, Mr. Bagel donated bagels and cream cheese and Coffee by Design supplied the coffee that kept us going all night long and throughout the day on Saturday. Our other sponsors were Camden National Bank, Art Mart, Ireland’s Crystals and Crafts and Longfellow Books. The excitement here among volunteers and performers was palpable giving testament to the fact that the Telethon was a great success.

Audio Questions
Some volunteers and producers have been experiencing problems getting good sound in their studio productions as well as some field productions. We offer an advanced audio class for the studio, and Brian Knoblock is ready and willing to give any producer one-to-one sessions to solve audio problems you make have. Don’t be embarrass. No question is too out of line. We are here to help you. We are also open to any suggestions you may have for additional trainings that we could offer that will help you improve the quality of audio in your productions.

More New Equipment
CTN will be installing new HD Studio equipment sometime around the beginning of November. The new equipment includes new studio cameras
and pedestals, a new switcher, control room monitors, testing equipment and speakers. The studio will be closed for several days during the changeover for installation and testing. Once the new equipment is in place we will hold mandatory training sessions for all studio directors. You will not be able to use studio for your productions until you have been certified on the new equipment so please be sure you attend one of the training sessions when they are announced.

Still Camera Needed
We often use a still camera to record images for our website, print, and other uses. Our trusty Nikon D80, gifted to us by Ray-Ray, has gone on the fritz. If you have a digital photo camera that you no longer need or use, consider donating it to CTN. You could claim a tax deduction, and do us a valuable service! Please contact Arthur Nichols (arthur@ctn5.org)

Access Mixer: Save the Date!
We are planning to have our fall Access Mixer on Wednesday, November 29. Plan on 5:30-7 pm. If you would like to help out with refreshments and/or set-up, send an email to arthur@ctn5.org to sign up. We would like a little feedback about a topic to explore. We had a request for help and guidance for better audio production and post-production. We also have an opportunity to hear from a film and video producer with years of experience about how to navigate the media world (or other topics to be determined). Let us know what you think by clicking here and sending us a message with your preferences or ideas.

Regular Crews Wanted
The USM Update, now being produced by Alan Bennett, and Perspectives, produced by Ann Smith, need regular studio camera operators, and Ann also needs a regular studio director. The USM Update is usually produced on a Monday in the late afternoon at the end of the month. Ann usually likes to tape Perspectives on Fridays during the day once a month. If you are interested in becoming a part of the regular crew for either of these shows, please contact Tom Handel (tomh@ctn5.org) or Arthur Nichols (arthur@ctn5.org).

Sunday
Maine Social Justice 8PM
Out in Left Field 9PM

Monday
All Things Bike 8PM
The USM Update 8:30PM
Martha Spiess 9PM

Tuesday
Call-In Portland 7PM
Lighthouse Jubilees 8PM
GCMD Marketing 8:30PM
Perspectives 9PM

Wednesday
Pachios on the News 7PM
Being Brave 8PM
Derry Rundlett Show 8:30PM
Portland Water District 9PM
Portland Rotary 10:30PM

Thursday
Cumberland County 9PM

Friday
ME Thinks 7PM

Saturday
Turnstyle Thursday 11PM