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The most unusual of our “shops” is assuredly the most beautiful. The Fine Arts Collection, curated since 2004 by Holly Giannino, was established by former Boston Fed President Frank Morris, whose vision included a stimulating work environment for employees and a role for the Bank in the growth of New England culture and the arts. Funds from the *Percent for Art* guidelines, for new construction funded by federal agencies, enabled President Morris in the 1970’s to begin to assemble a quality collection of modern American art, which now includes paintings, sculptures, and prints, as well as interesting decorative objects from the former Bank building (now the Langham Hotel) such as an antique banjo clock, silver carafes, and a cigar box.

“What art offers is space — a certain breathing room for the spirit.” ~ John Updike

You can visit some of our signature pieces at your leisure using Holly’s art tour brochure, which introduces several of the works purchased for the original collection when the construction of 600 Atlantic Avenue was being planned. From the lobby’s *Wellspring to Beta Eta* on the 31st floor, the brochure will lead you to pieces throughout the building, with commentary and artist biographies. The self-guided walking tour can be enjoyed at your own pace, all at once or one work at a time.

A piece from the collection is exhibited each month at **Focus on Art**, the new-style “micro-gallery” located on the 4th floor. The current exhibit is *Tropic*, by Maud Morgan, namesake of the Boston MFA’s [Maud Morgan Award](#). Upcoming exhibits will include works by Joel Janowitz and Reed Kay.

The Self-Guided Art Tour brochure may be obtained on the 4th floor at **Focus on Art**.

Have you seen the ...?

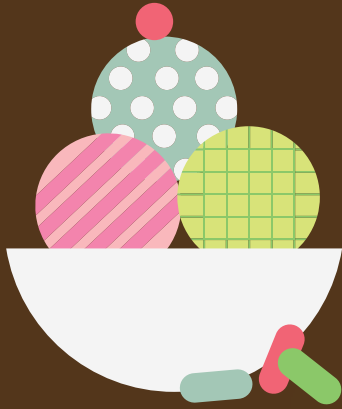
Would you like to see some of the off-the-beaten-track spots, where Property Management keeps the building humming? Last summer’s popular **Insiders’ Tour** is back. Beginning on the roof at the AC cooling tower, we visit a variety of building operations areas from T33 to B1, and end up at the Law Enforcement Unit’s firing range.



The Insiders’ Tour is a fun, close up look at some critical but lesser known spaces at Federal Reserve Plaza, and a real learning experience about what makes a 1,000,000 sq. ft. building run.

We’ll have 3 Tours in the upcoming weeks — watch for an announcement soon about dates and times, and how to sign up.

sweet shop



Colleagues and friends from throughout the building gathered for our annual **Summer Kickoff** on June 28th at the "Sweet Shop." Hand-scooped ice cream topped with angel cake or brownies or berries and whipped cream put all the calorie counting on hold for the afternoon, while employees took a well deserved break together in the sunshine. Jars and jars of old fashioned candies also filled the Connolly Center and brought back the sheer fun of childhood summers — a great start to the vacation season.





1000 Acts of Green by the numbers

- 28% pledge to take reusable bags when shopping.
- 16% pledge to recycle more.
- 11% pledge to turn off the water when brushing teeth.

Some of Your Own Acts of Green

- Buy my kitty litter in cardboard boxes instead of plastic jugs.
- Spread the word about www.darksky.org.
- Return wire hangers to the dry cleaners for reuse.
- Recycle my sneakers at the Reuse Your Shoes station on B1.
- Fill the bottom of my large patio planters for tomatoes with used water bottles.
- Buy a Britta filter and cut out bottled water at home.
- Expand my vegetable garden for more *very* locally sourced food – from my yard to my table!
- Use real silverware in the cafeteria instead of plasticware.
- Buy a rechargeable battery operated lawn mower – no gas, no fumes, no noise!

Join the all-employee commitment and [pledge](#) an Act of Green today!

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Arrivederci, amici.

We say some “goodbye and good luck”s this summer. **Collora LLP** and **Aspen Insurance** are moving to new office locations in the coming weeks, and we will miss our many friends and colleagues in those firms. One of our Tenant Representatives from the Italian Consulate, **Simonetta Santese**, is returning to home base in Rome as her US assignment draws to a close. Café 600 Manager **Ryan Goodwin** has been promoted to a new position in upstate New York, which – happily for the new dad – is close to family and friends. And our own Client Services Manager, **Randi Cavanaugh**, is moving into a new position in the Bank’s Research Department. Randi has been an integral part of Property Management’s operation for 11 years, with an unwavering standard for quality service and a keen focus on our “customers,” both Bank and tenant staff. Best of luck to all of our friends on their new adventures — fair winds and following seas.