The Boulos Co. facilitates lease for Portland Pottery - 3,600 s/f

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Portland, ME Portland Pottery, a cherished institution in the Portland area for over 30 years, has opened its fourth location at 49 Fox St. The new space is situated on the corner of Fox and Anderson St. in the East Bayside neighborhood.

Karen DiCenso and her business partner, Jennifer Martini, took over the business from previous owners Lisa Bonarrigo and Chris Bruni in January of 2023. In March 2024, they leased the 1,750 s/f space that was formerly Taproot Market, and then in April when the adjoining 1,850 s/f space became available, they quickly expanded into that space as well. The new space will primarily serve as a classroom and party space, accommodating the growing demand for pottery classes and events.

The transaction was brokered by Brice O’Connor of The Boulos Company, on behalf of both the tenant and the landlord, Neap Tide, LLC.

DiCenso said, “The idea to expand was on a whim. I knew we had outgrown the studio and were stuck on how to grow students. Our parties have greatly increased this year and trying to squeeze them into classrooms at 118 Washington Ave. without disrupting students has become difficult. After one particularly busy Sunday, I checked if any buildings were open in the area, and I was pleasantly surprised to see this space.”

When asked about the allure of the new location, DiCenso said, “First, the space is so pretty and cute and is in the perfect spot at the bottom of the hill between the studio at 118 Washington Ave. and the supply store at 220 Anderson St. I walk up and down the hill to each location, and it is great!”

With the new spaces, Portland Pottery is poised to continue its legacy of fostering creativity and community engagement, inviting enthusiasts of all skill levels to get their hands messy and unleash their artistic potential.