

Today's Highlights: April 17th, 2021

- ★ Consider Running for the Board of Directors. Candidate Statements due May 20th
- ★ Be a M.V.P. - Member.Volunteer.Partner.
- ★ Weather, Birthdays, UnClassifieds and more on the back page!

SATURDAY MARKET NEWSLETTER
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Saturday Market



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From Kirsten

Good Morning Saturday Marketers!
It's going to be a wonderful and warm Saturday. Glad you decided to make it to market.

It is almost Board election time! Please consider running for the Board and representing the members of the Saturday Market. There will be three seats up for election. Board terms are 18 months and the Board meets the first Wednesday of every month from 5:15pm – 7:15pm. Candidate Statements are due in the office no later than Thursday, May 20th. Please email them, with a photo, to info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org. You must attend one Board Meeting within the last 12 months to be eligible to run. The Board meets on May 5th and June 2nd before the election on June 5th. The Board meets virtually. Please let me know which date you want to attend and I will email the link to you to participate. We have a limit on the number of people attending in-person, so if attending remotely isn't an option for you, then please let me know and we will do our best to accommodate your in-person attendance. If you have questions, please contact me.

We have a great MVP article from Anna Lawrence this week about serving on the Board. We are always looking for MVP articles and would love to hear from you. Please consider writing an article that you think would benefit the membership. It can be anything from words of wisdom to marketing tools and techniques. There is a lot of market experience out there and we would love to have you share it with everyone! Please submit by Wednesday at noon.

As the weather heats up, I want to remind you of our extreme heat policy:

"Our practice has been, that if you come down and sell, but later begin to suffer ill-effects from the heat and staying would compromise your health, you are permitted to pack up and leave early. Please inform your neighbors and the staff at the information booth of your need to leave and minimize disruption to Market as you make your way out. We understand that the threshold for heat intolerance isn't the same for everyone. As a business owner, it is your right and responsibility to protect yourself and employees from harm. The important thing is that you came down to make a Market."

It is rather likely that we will be changed back into the high risk Covid-19 category effective Friday, April 23rd. If this is the case, then we will continue at 50% capacity. It was our hope to expand to 75% capacity after staying in the low risk category for a significant amount of time. I will update you regularly as we receive guidance from Oregon Health Authority. Please do your part by practicing safe social distancing and wearing a face mask.

Thought for the day..."There is no passion to be found in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living." –Nelson Mandela

Make it a Great Day and Happy Selling,
Kirsten

M.V.P. Message

Member. Volunteer. Partner.

My Experience as a Board Member

April 7th, the Saturday Market Board members had their April meeting. It was another great meeting of the minds. It has brought me great satisfaction being on the board for the last year. It is my third time on the board in my 14 years at Market.

Why do I run for a Board position? It's a great way to get to know our amazing staff and fellow Market members; to work with and share ideas in order to find a way to implement Good change for our organization; to know first hand the inner workings of our Market and our interface with the City and Lane County Farmers Market.

Being a member of the Board gives you the ability to affect change, not just complain about what you don't like. In February, after the Membership Survey results were tabulated, it came to my attention that the majority of respondent members wanted to close the Market earlier as the last 2 hours seemed to really drag on. So, I made a motion that we close at 4:00pm on Saturdays at the Park Blocks, and it passed unanimously. That is the kind of change one can have when they're a member of the Board.

Being a Board member also requires that you to join a committee or two so you can become part of the inner workings of our organization and join in with your ideas if you'd like to see something different happen. Merely making a suggestion for change doesn't mean it will happen as it is a majority that rules. But to be heard and listened to and to have meaningful discussions covering many different topics can be illuminating. To be part of the solution is also a good feeling. Helping Market members that reach out for help to solve a problem is a wonderful experience as well.

Our June Board elections are coming up fast. If you'd like to have a wonderful experience by being on the Board, then please hand in your candidate statements to the office by May 20th, along with a photo of yourself. The election is June 5th. We meet once a month for 2 hours. Committee meetings are another hour or 2, once a month. I've found being a Board member to be a great experience as knowledge is power!! I encourage You to become more involved in the Saturday Market by running for one of 3 Board positions this June.

Thank you,
Anna Lawrence
Anna'sHauteTops
Space #112

If you would like to submit an article for the M.V.P. Message column, please submit it via email to info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org by noon each Wednesday.



Sell at Tuesday Market!

The Tuesday Farmers Market starts again on May 4th on the East Park Block. Their move to 5th Avenue doesn't extend to Tuesday Market.

As a Market member, you are welcome to sell at the Tuesday Farmers Market. We have 10 available spaces every week. To get a space, email us at info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org by Thursday at 4pm the week before you plan to sell. JJ will meet you on the East Park Block at 8:45am on the dot on Tuesday morning to assign your space and hand you an envelope. The daily fee is \$5 plus 10% of sales. All booths are 8x8, and booth weights are required. The hours are 10am-3pm. JJ will pick up your envelopes at 2:45pm.

Tuesday Market is different than Saturday Market. We do not have an info booth on-site for credit card processing and making change. The Farmers Market info booth won't process your credit card transactions or make change. You cannot accept tokens for payment. If you do take tokens, then you can spend them with the Farmers but you won't be able to turn them in for cash. Also, there is no free parking on Tuesdays. Right now the parking garages are wide open; however, that could change soon so expect to pay for parking.

Tuesday Market has a separate point system that is not related to Saturday Market Waiting List points or Holiday Market points. Tuesday Market Waiting List points start with your membership points plus 1/10th of your previous year's Tuesday Markets. You will get a point when you turn in your envelope just like at Saturday Market.

Night Market Task Force

The Board has approved the formation of a task force to organize Saturday Night Markets, and we are looking for volunteers to join the task force. We would like to have three Markets this summer that are held from 6pm-9pm. There will be one per month in June, July and August.

Volunteer your time to organize how these Markets will operate. We will start holding meetings in early May.

Email us at info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org or call the office at 541-686-8885 to be on the Task Force.



Envelope Art!

by Frank Gosar
Off Center Ceramics
Booth 348



The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy April birthday to botanical jewelry artist Maleah Thomas tomorrow and to mosaic artist Bill Allord on Thursday!

A very happy birthday to you all. We hope this is your best year yet!

The Kareng Fund

The Kareng Fund is an emergency relief fund set up to help low income, self-employed artisans and their families who experience a serious career threatening crisis. You can make a donation any time, just specify your donation on the front of your payment envelope. You can “round up” your fees to easily donate a little each week. You can also help the Kareng Fund every time you purchase something from Amazon!

The Kareng Fund is offering \$250 grants to any member that needs help paying membership fees, reserve fees or booth fees. They will also help with Holiday Market booth fees this year.

To contribute through Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com and search for “Kareng Fund”. From that point forward, every purchase you make through Amazon will benefit the Kareng Fund, helping artisans in need. Brochures are available at the Info Booth or on their website at www.karengfund.org.

Credit Card Sales

Saturday Market accepts Visa, Mastercard, Discover, & American Express. Send your customer to the South Park Info Booth with a properly filled out credit card slip.

Your check for the amount of the sale less 5% for bank charges will be MAILED on Wednesday. Call the office if you would like to pick up your check. We will not put Visa checks into Reserve members' envelopes.

Reminder: You cannot charge your customers a fee or increase the cost of your product by a percentage for paying with a credit card. You can offer a cash discount instead.

Saturday Market Social Life!

Follow along with The Saturday Market on the website and through social media. Share your content to get included and reach a new audience!

Facebook: facebook.com/EugeneSaturdayMarket

Twitter / Instagram: @SaturdayMarket

We're also on Pinterest, Yelp, TripAdvisor, Google Business, YouTube, Flickr, & more.

UnClassifieds

To place your free unclassified, bring it to the Info Booth by the end of the day, to the office by Thursday at noon, or e-mail it to us at info@eugen Saturdaymarket.org with “NEWSLETTER” in the subject.

For sale – 1997 Subaru Legacy wagon, 235,000 miles, green, good condition, lots of bumper stickers. \$300. Call Bill at 541-556-4429 (4/10)

Free fabric! I have a wide variety of fabric for anyone who can use it. Lots of different things, woven and knit, fancy and plain, scraps, small pieces and some bigger. I will be bringing a tub full to market each week until I can clear enough space in my attic to do some electrical work. Come by and see if there's anything you can use! Maia with the bird shirts, probably in space 188/189. (4/3).

Joe Blakely Book Release

Joe is back on the Park Blocks with three new books.

Bigfoot and the Ancient Forest: The series is now complete in one final book. The ending chapter shuttles Jacob and Annabel through Bigfoot's time burrow to the year 2040.

Saving the Willamette - A History of Oregon's Heartland River: From the rivers birth discover native American heritage, the era of steamboats, Oregon's greatest flood, Willamette Falls' locks, pollution, tributary dams, and environmentalism. The story ends with the Willamette Greenway and a vision for the future of the Willamette.

William Lovell Finley - Champion of Oregon's Wildlife Refuges: Mr. Blakely claims his latest book is, perhaps, his best. Journey back in time to the early 1900s. William Finley and Herman Bohlman climbed 150-foot trees, scaled cliffs, crawled through poison oak, and paddled on mosquito infested lakes carrying heavy camera gear in search of wild birds to photograph. Finley reasoned that it was better to take photographs of birds than to kill them.

Finley worked for over 25 years to save the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Eastern Oregon.

Finley fought to clean up the Willamette River. He called dams “aquatic monsters” that doomed salmon.

Possibly every wildlife refuge in Oregon owes its existence to this man's struggle to provide sanctuaries for wild animals.

Mr. Blakely will be signing his new books on April 17th at Eugene's Saturday Market in space #106.

Weather

It's freakin' beautiful out here! I mean, c'mon! Sure, it's April and we all know that we still have soggy days ahead, but that's for future you to worry about. Today, short sleeves and sunglasses! The high is 81 degrees with winds from NNE at 8mph. Sunset is at 7:59pm people! It's a great day to be alive. Pro tip, apply sunscreen around the face mask because that's not a cute tan line.



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Ancient Market incantation (Nov 3, 1973)

Committee Meetings

Standards Screenings

Weds., April 21st - 4:15 PM

-New Member Orientation by appointment @ 3:30 PM

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Weds., May 5th - 4:15 PM

-New Member Orientation by appointment @ 3:30 PM

Board Meeting

Weds., May 5th - 5:15 PM-7:15 PM

Standards Screenings

Weds., May 19th - 4:15 PM

-New Member Orientation by appointment @ 3:30 PM

Standards Screenings

Weds., June 2nd - 4:15 PM

-New Member Orientation by appointment @ 3:30 PM

Board Meeting

Weds., June 2nd - 5:15 PM-7:15 PM

All meetings take place
at the Market Office
and Virtually with GoToMeeting.

All are welcome!

THE SATURDAY MARKET BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

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