Good Morning Saturday Marketers!

We made an important announcement this week regarding Holiday Market. Your Board of Directors voted to have Holiday Market inside the Lane Events Center. They also voted to immediately stop requiring anyone to be vaccinated or a negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours of the first selling day of each block. This applies to all Members, staff, contractors and booth holders.

We have heard from many Members that are on both sides of this decision. The Board vote reflects a sincere dedication to the health and well being of our Market Members. While we don’t have a firm decision on customers yet, your Board is re-evaluating our option and will have a decision as soon as they can.

At Holiday Market, we will all be selling side-by-side for 8 hours over 2-3 days for 6 weeks plus the time it takes to set-up/take-down. These precautions will lower the risk of having to shut down Holiday Market due to a spread of infections. It’s true, vaccinated people are less likely to get infected with and spread infection which is why we are also requiring masks. We also know that studies so far show that vaccinated people are 8 times less likely to be infected and 25 times less likely to experience hospitalization or death. Decreasing the chances of getting infected means a decrease in the spread.

Every person and want the same thing: A Safe and healthy Holiday Market. Saturday and make a trip to Market. Ducks game Friday night. Hopefully those out-of-town fans will hang around until Sat-urday and make a trip to Market. Everyone can make their own choice on what’s right for them.

We are researching the option of having an on-site rapid test clinic to make it easier for them. There aren’t any simple, one-size-fits-all solutions; however, reasonable preventative steps are better than nothing. We are not re-questing anyone be vaccinated. Everyone can make their own choice on what’s right for them.

We are currently booking members with 14 points. Please contact AJ after morning roll call on Saturdays so everyone can get their spaces faster. You can also call the office during business hours with your questions.

Lots of questions about payments are coming in. This is an issue with your pay-ments because your total will vary based on your booking. Make your payments based on what you can afford to have the full balance paid by Dec. 15th. The next payment is due October 30th.

Reminders about booking:
1. Make sure we have current contact information on file for you including a daytime phone number and an email address. When you receive your call from AJ to book your space, you must respond quickly.
2. We call members using Holiday Mar-ket 2019 points to assign spaces. We will have updates on the booking proces-sing, including what points we are booking, in the newsletter every week up until we run out of spaces. Keep an eye on those updates so you know when to expect your call based on your Holiday Market points.
3. When making a Holiday Market pay-ment at the Info Booth, please ask for a re-cipt. We depend on your receipts if there is an issue with your payment history.
4. Pick up a Holiday Market map and keep it handy. We have maps on the website here: https://tinyurl.com/pvvs62cp. When you get the call to book your space, you will need the map to help guide your decision.

New market members will be called later in the process. If you are new this year, then be patient. We have spaces for you.

Non-Profit Space
This Saturday we have two wonderful or-ganizations in our non-profit spaces.

Looking Glass
Since 1970, Looking Glass has proudly provided assistance to individuals in our community in a safe, compassionate, pro-ductive and fulfilling lives. They offer a wide range of services aimed toward solving challenges related to educational defi-cits, behavioral health issues, drug addic-tion, and homelessness. This organization is nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) and is committed to providing exceptional customer service to the children, adolescents, and adults of Lane County.

Pro-Bone-O
Lane County’s only non-profit solely dedi-cated to providing free veterinary services, food, and supplies for the pets of people who are homeless in our community. They operate two free clinics per month in a space generously provided by the Eugene Masonic Lodge located at 2761 Willamette St. Each volunteer-run clinic provides med-i-cal exams, vaccinations, flea treatments, nail trims, food and referrals to spay/neuter for our community’s most deserving pets.
The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy October Birthday to glass artist Bob Zahl today, pottery artist Nicole Brown on Monday, stone artist Lisa Ponder on Wednesday and jewelry artist Jan Speulda on Thursday!

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

Please tell us if you don’t see your birthday on the Saturday Market Social Life!

The Kareng Fund

The Kareng Fund is an emergency relief fund set up to help low-income, self-employed artisans in Oregon who experience a career-threatening crisis. You can make a donation any time in your envelope at the end of the day. Please “round up” your fees or donate in the line provided. You can also donate directly on the website:

http://www.karengfund.org/

The Fund participates in the Amazon Smile program. Just go to smile.amazon.com and search for “Kareng Fund.” Once you select it, all of your purchases will help your fellow artisans in need.

The Kareng Fund is hoping to resume our regular funding events, the Basket Raffle, Pottery Smash, and Art Bingo as soon as the pandemic restrictions allow. A generous grant from the Oregon Country Fair has kept the fund solid and enabled us to give many small grants in 2020 and 2021. If you are in a crisis, the Fund is there for you.

The website is the best place to file an application for a grant. If you are not in a crisis, try the microloan program at Community Lending Works, which partners with the Kareng Fund to help with building up supplies or paying fees. Here is a link:

https://communitylendingworks.org/

Thank you all for your generosity and continuing compassion for your neighbors and friends in the artisan community.

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 info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org with "NEWSLETTER" in the subject.

Vendors who feel discriminated by the vaccination requirement, please contact us at karengfund310@gmail.com (10/9)

Wanted: Booth Share Partner for corner booth #153 at Holiday Market. Each person will have one full side, Call Michi at 541-344-1441 or see me at Saturday Market in space #204 on the Northwest side of the West block. (10/9)

I have a few boxes of fabric, lace, ribbon, patterns, etc. available for free until next week. If no one takes them, then I will drop them off at MECCA. Please contact Kate at themuse.kate@gmail.com to arrange a local pickup.

For Sale: 12 Prepanel display walls, charcoal grey, 6 foot by 38 inches, with telescoping legs that can be adjusted to 7 foot in very good condition. They cost $150 new, plus shipping, we will sell one or all for $75 each. We will have all items on display at our farm sale Friday through Sunday at 3260 Dillard Rd, Eugene, OR 97405 and we can be contacted at 541-915-9069 (10/9).

Repurposing Facebook Group

The Eugene Saturday Market Repurposing group was created on Facebook to make it easier for Market members to connect with the common goal of repurposing materials for art and life. Members can post pictures and descriptions of what they need or what they have available for other members.

As a new member of the sustainability committee, this is my first idea for contributing in some way. As an artist that repurposes materials whenever possible, I’m excited to see and share this process! I got the idea while walking in line in the morning, talking to another member, who makes amazing stuffed animals out of old socks. I was excited to find a member that I can give my old socks to, and she was happy to bring me some bottles and jars that she was going to recycle. We just happened to meet, but this swap will make it much easier to meet and exchange materials.

I would like to feature different repurposed art as the cover photo, so any photos posted might end up as the cover photo. I think this will inspire, encourage and connect all of us even more!

Please join the group if you would like to be part of this effort in sustainability!

facebook.com/groups/556294932331463

Brigitte at Goosehill Gifts

www.goosehillgifts.com

Weather

I am happy to announce that today is going to be gorgeous. The high is 67 degrees with light winds from the SSW at 6 mph and only a 5% chance of rain. We can wear sweaters without fear of sweat and drink hot drinks, but you should still fear mouth burn. That’s not weather dependent. Sip, don’t gulp.

MARKET STAGE

10:00 AM-10:45 AM
David W. Rogers
Modern Classical Guitar Master

11:00 AM-11:45 AM
O’Carolan’s Consort
Harp Tunes

12:00 PM-12:45 PM
The Cole Brothers
Funk, Rock, Reggae, Blues

1:00 PM-2:30 PM
Big Sue Band
High Energy Fudlillin Fun

2:30 PM-4:00 PM
The Troubadours
John Lennon Tribute

Committee Meetings

Holiday Market Committee Meeting

Weds., Oct. 13th - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM
By Appointment Only

New Member Orientation

Wedts., Oct. 13th - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
By Appointment Only

New Member Orientation

Wedts., Oct. 27th - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
By Appointment Only

New Member Orientation

Wedts., Nov. 3rd - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
By Appointment Only

Board Meeting

Weds., Nov. 3rd - 5:15 PM-7:15 PM
All meetings take place at the Market Office and Virtually with Zoom.

All are welcome!