

Today's Highlights: April 16th, 2022

- ★ Consider Running for the Board of Directors - Be Sure to Say Goodbye to Vanessa!
- ★ 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 JJ

Hello Saturday Market Members!

Thank you so much for the many responses we are receiving regarding removing the last Saturday Market of the season from the calendar. This is your organization, and it is a beautiful thing when the Members take ownership and help guide the Board in their decision making. There is still time to share your thoughts. Email us at info@eugen Saturdaymarket.org, call us at 541-686-8885, or send us a letter at 30 E. Broadway #124, Eugene OR 97401.

It is almost time for a Board of Directors election! If you would like to represent your fellow Market Members, and help to steer the Market in the best possible direction, please consider running for the Board. There will be three seats up for election. Board terms are 18 months and the Board meets the first Wednesday of each month from 5:15pm to 7:15pm. Candidate Statements are due in the office no later than Wednesday, May 25th. Please email them along with a picture to info@eugen Saturdaymarket.org. You must attend one Board Meeting within the last 12 months to be eligible to run. The Board meets on May 4th and June 1st before the election on June 4th. The Board meets virtually and in person. Please let us know if there is a Board meeting that you would like to attend, and we will send you the link.

Today is Vanessa's last day with us here at the Market. I just want to take this time to say thank you and farewell to my co-worker, my friend, my sister. You have been invaluable to the Market, and integral to us here in the office. Best of luck in your new endeavor, and enjoy your Saturdays!

Have a wonderful day!

JJ

"The universe is big. It's vast and complicated and ridiculous. And sometimes, very rarely, impossible things just happen and we call them miracles" -The Doctor, "Doctor Who"

Mother's Day Giveaway

Great news! We are bringing back the Mother's Day Giveaway this year, WOOHOO! We will hold the Giveaway at the stage on May 7th. Anyone can enter their names, including Members, but please remember that this is a Giveaway for your customers. One entry per person per time slot is allowed. We will announce the names at 12pm, 1pm and 2pm at the stage. You must be present to win.

Please bring your donations for the Giveaway to the Info Booth with a note saying it's for the Giveaway. You can also drop them off at the office during the week. All donations for the Giveaway must be received by 11am on Saturday, May 7th.

Mother's Day and Founder's Day are beautiful days at the Market where we celebrate those extraordinary women in our lives. We are so happy to bring it back after two years off.

M.V.P. Message

Member. Volunteer. Partner.

My Experience as a Board Member

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 15 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.

Being a Board member requires that you 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 happen differently. 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 a good feeling.

Now that we have use of the Performance Hall during Holiday Market, joining the Holiday Market Committee, for example, would give you the opportunity to develop a new space for more effective layout, decorations and naming the aisle ways, etc. Assisting Market members that reach out for help to solve a problem with their booth, or product or parking issues is a wonderful experience as well.

Our June Board elections are coming up fast. If you'd like to have a meaningful experience by being on the Board, then please hand in your candidate statements to the office by May 25th, along with a photo of yourself. The election is June 4th. We meet once a month for 2 hours. Committee meetings are another hour or 2, once a month. Try it, you might really like it. I know I do.

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's HauteTops Space #112

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

Sustainability Corner

Even though last week was cold, a lot of people came down to support their local artisans! Of course, not everyone buys something from us during these weekly interactions but they usually support us in other ways, like a compliment or sometimes just a beautiful smile (and now we can see them again!). I love hearing how someone appreciates my use of repurposed materials in my art. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by people that care about these things, and even more fortunate to share steps for sustainability with people that are just beginning to take them. Here are 3 steps for sustainability we can choose as artisans.

Step 1. Are there any materials used in making your art/product that have more earth-friendly options? If yes, think about switching. These options can be more expensive because they often include the environmental cost. If you have to charge more for the finished product, then you can educate your customers about your choices as an artist. Many times, people won't have a problem paying more if they hear this perspective.

Step 2. Where we source our materials can also make a positive difference. Buying or trading in our own communities can translate into a smaller carbon footprint. I know it is hard passing up the low prices and quick delivery of Amazon, so I do allow myself to purchase a few items online. However, it doesn't have to be our automatic "go to" store. Also, try supporting independent businesses over big box stores whenever possible.

Step 3. Try making something out of repurposed materials. Many of us have mastered this already in our art, and now it's our job to inspire others! I make flower domes using repurposed jars, and sometimes the flowers break when I am arranging them. I then use these broken flower parts in mini domes, reducing my waste.

Is there something you can make out of a byproduct of your process? Are you looking for an item to repurpose into art? If yes, email me at: goosehillgifts@gmail.com, and I will share it in next week's article.

Sincerely,
Brigitte McBride
Goosehill Gifts - Space #115





The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy April birthday to clothing and accessories artist Diana Haddy today, botanical jewelry artist Maleah Thomas on Monday, clothing and accessories artist Krystal Salvadras on Wednesday, mosaic artist Bill Allord on Friday, and to wood artist Donald Willey on Friday!

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 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 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.

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.

Attention 4x4 Booth Folks

If you are planning on selling in a 4x4, please wait until you have your space assigned before putting your booth and product in. You must move your car after you have unloaded your booth. Do not place your chairs in the street. Thanks!



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

Wood Display Pedestals for sale: Total of 7 painted black pedestals, all bases are 7.5" square, and tops are 5.5" square. They all vary in height as follows: 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 10.5 & 11.5 inches tall. Used in the past for displaying turned wooden bowls, but will work for many different items. This sale includes a green felt covered, angled board 16" long x 4.5" wide. No partial sales, whole lot \$50.00. Located in the Corvallis area, but willing to meet you somewhere between Eugene & Corvallis. Call/text Heidi at 541-740-2412

Cathy Coulson-Keegan's Memorial

WHERE: Humbug Mountain State Park in Port Orford, Oregon

WHEN: Sunday, May 15th at 11:30AM (options for camping Saturday May 14 - Monday May 16th with your own reservation at Humbug Mountain State Park)

11:30AM- Meet with Bill and others at Gazebo/group picnic day-use site at Humbug Mountain State Park in Port Orford, Oregon

12:00PM- Leave Gazebo/group picnic day-use site and walk/hike to the memorial at "The Bench" with Bill and friends which is approximately a 3 mile one-way walk/hike. (There is also another option for you to shuttle yourself. Contact Bill, Emily or Sue for information).

1:30PM- Memorial at "The Bench". There is ample standing room in this area. Please plan to bring a lightweight chair/picnic blanket if you would like the option to sit down. If assistance is needed to help carry these, please ask Emily for arrangements.

TBD Time- Potluck upon return to the Gazebo/group picnic day-use site

Please RSVP by replying to this email to Emily and Charlie at emily@gentlenaturalwellness.com, or by phone 703-944-2185, Sue at sueschaeff88@gmail.com or call Bill. Also, please feel free to reach out with any questions that you may have or if you would like to lend a helping hand.

Bill, Emily, Sue and friends plan on camping at Humbug Mountain State Park from Saturday 4/14 to Monday 4/16 at adjacent campsites #18, #19, and #21.

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](https://www.facebook.com/EugeneSaturdayMarket)

Twitter / Instagram: @SaturdayMarket

We're also on Pinterest, Yelp, TripAdvisor,

Weather

Okay, last Saturday was pretty nice! Just a little sprinkle and a typical beautiful Oregon April spring day! Well, April 16 might be a little wetter with light rain in the morning and afternoon, plus a touch chillier with a high of 51 degrees with W winds 10 to 15 mph. But who knows for sure? It's April in Eugene Oregon. It's all good!



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On the Market Stage

10:00 AM **Edson Oliveira**

Brazilian Bossa Nova

11:00 AM **Gordon Kaswell**

Acoustic Variety Songster

12:00 PM **Natty O Duo**

Acoustic Blues

1:00 PM **Katie & the Cowboy**

Americana and More

2:30 PM **Riffle**

Variety Rock

Committee Meetings

Standards Screenings

Weds., April 20th - 4:15 PM

-New Member Orientation @ 3:30 PM

Standards Committee

Weds., April 20th - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Holiday Market Committee

Weds., April 21st - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Standards Screenings

Weds., May 4th - 4:15 PM

-New Member Orientation @ 3:30 PM

Board Meeting

Weds., May 4th - 5:15 PM-7:15 PM

Standards Screenings

Weds., May 18th - 4:15 PM

-New Member Orientation @ 3:30 PM

Standards Committee

Weds., May 18th - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

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

All are welcome!

THE SATURDAY MARKET BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

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