Today’s Highlights: April 2nd, 2022

* Welcome Back Everyone! We Are Keeping It 100%!
* Be a M.V.P. - Member.Volunteer.Partner.
* Weather, Birthdays, UnClassifieds and more on the back page!

From JJ
Hello Market Members!
Welcome to the Opening day our 53rd season! We have returned with a full footprint, a full stage, and all of our Food Court seating and shade. We are starting this year with record Membership numbers, with many Members returning and many New Members beginning. Welcome, and welcome back!

Here are a few Opening Day reminders:
1. Every Member must have a fire extinguisher in their booth. Our fire inspection is happening at 9:30am, Saturday morning. Please have your fire extinguisher visible for the inspection.
2. Booth weights are required on pop-ups 25 lbs, per leg for an 8x8’, and 30 lbs. for an umbrella.
3. Parking during load-in and load-out is limited to 20 minutes. All meters, both on the Park Blocks and on the exterior of the Park Blocks, are free from 5:00am to 10:00am, and then again from 4:30pm to 10:00pm.
4. Please do not park on the corners of the blocks or in commercial loading zones.
5. We have bulk sanitizer available for free to Market Members. Please bring your own container.
6. We have 4 new staff members this year. Please welcome the Site Crew: Louie, Camille, and Chris, and to the Info Booth/ Food Court Will! All of the staff are here for you, so please reach out if you need anything.

Quote for the day:
“Nothing is impossible to a willing heart.” – Terry Pratchett

Have a wonderful day,
JJ

Note From Standards Committee
Hello everyone! This is a message from your Standards Committee co-chairs. We will be having our first Standards Committee meeting on April 21st at 5:15 p.m. after an unprecedented 2-year delay. We are very actively looking for new members. If you would like to join the Standards Committee please attend this meeting by emailing at info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org with your email address so you can be sent a link to the Zoom meeting. To become a Standards Committee Member you need to have attended three consecutive meetings. You will be able to vote at the third consecutive meeting.

At this time, we are asking everyone that can to please Zoom. If you are unable to Zoom please make an appointment with JJ to be in the office. This will be an introductory meeting to get back into the swing of things. We will not be making any changes to guidelines or screening any products.

I hope a lot of you decide to join the Standards Committee.

Your co-chairs,
Teresa Pitzer and Gary Becker

Saturday Market
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Meet The Staff!

Site Crew (Set-up/ Take Down):
David Welch - Operations Supervisor
Spaz Welch-Cook - Member Liaison
Mike Clark - Site Crew Lead
Louie Stehle - Site Crew
Camille Welch - Site Crew
Chris Cavallucci - Site Crew
Ryan Zimmer - Stage

Info Booth:
Sandy Gonzalez
Enrich Boeckelbecher
Will Thaxton
JJ Snyder - General Manager
AJ Jackson - Membership Services
Vanessa Boy - Marketing
Sonia Ostendorf - Membership Assistant
Jimmy Haggard - Stage Manager

Saturday Market Check-In
Let’s get our 53rd season started right by remembering the process of getting into your spaces.

Reserve Members must claim their space by 4pm on the Thursday before you sell. Call us at 541-686-8885 or email info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org to claim your space. If you don’t need to contact us if you don’t plan to sell.

• Reserve Members can check in for future Markets; however, you must contact us no later than 8:30am on Saturday if you can’t sell that day.

Parking at the Park Blocks:
• No parking on the Park Blocks unless you are actively loading/unloading
• You have 20min. to park for loading/unloading
• Move your car, then set up your booth
• The Parade and the Overpark Zones are free. You can also use one of the nearby paid parking lots.

Parking in the park blocks is reserved from 10am to 4pm for customers. If you have a space by the curb, please do not put your chairs in the street.

Farewell from Ritta

Dear Friends,
My first day selling at Saturday Market was May 6, 1978. My sister-in-law, Roberta, said I should open a food booth at Saturday Market. Specifically, a burrito booth. She advised me to make them “big and fresh”. I was 23 years old at the time. How could I know that I would spend the next 43 years selling burritos at Market? How does that happen?

Here’s how: For very little investment I was able to start a business and join an established Market who’s values I shared, which operated in a unique, outdoor location. It offered me a dependable and popular weekly event showcasing art, food, music and importantly, it provided customers.

I had help. Ritta’s Burritos is a family affair. My husband Rockey built nearly all of my booths and eventually my beautiful trailer. My two children, Carrie and Royce, were born into and raised at Market. All three make almost as pretty burritos as I do. I have a loving, loyal and capable staff.

The Market management team and crews, as well as my fellow vendors and customers have been a tremendous support over the years. Dana’s Cheesecake Bakery has been my Market neighbor, selling next to me, since 1980. I have had the privilege of being a Saturday Market Member for over two-thirds of my life. That’s a lot of living.

I have new messages on my phone. It’s been a long road, a long journey. And I haven’t stopped traveling, just taking a different turn. Ritta’s Burritos will continue to operate at OCF and at a few local events. So please come by and get your Ritta’s Burrito fix. My place in Saturday Market will be sorely missed by my family, my employees and myself. I am most grateful and blessed to have been a part of this community. Thank you and I love you.

Ritta Dreier
Ritta’s Burritos

About Parking

Parking is always an issue when we get started. Please get your part to make loading in and unloading fast and hassle free. Here are your friendly reminders:

• Do not park on the park blocks unless you are actively loading/unloading
• Wait in line for your space, then get your car
• You have 20 min. to park for loading/unloading

Parking in the park blocks is free. You can also use one of the nearby paid parking lots.

Parking at the park blocks is reserved from 10am to 4pm for customers. If you have a space by the curb, please do not put your chairs in the street.
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 checks. 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.

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 line.” hand out a ticket with any story.

In Loving Memory

Cathy Coulson-Keezen
8/10/1941-2/19/2022

We are heartbroken to report that Cathy Coulson-Keezen of Touch the Earth Graphic Studio is now touching the Cosmos. She passed away on Feb. 19, 2022, at the age of 80. Cathy was born in the Bay Area of California on Aug. 10, 1941. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in particle physics. She attended many dances, and her love of dance carried through her entire life. Cathy was often the first to start the dancing and last to leave the dance floor, even into her 70s.

She moved to Oklahoma with her first husband and had four children, Curtis, Casey, Marc- and Teresa. Cathy was an advocate for all things good for the planet. In Oklahoma, she was an active member of CASE (Citizens Action for Safe Energy). She also began the practice of Tai Chi in Oklahoma, which she enjoyed practicing anywhere and everywhere including the Saturday Market.

In 1988s Cathy moved to Oregon after her marriage ended. She started selling screen-print art and ethnic clothing at her booths at the Saturday Market (1988) and the Oregon Country Fair.

Cathy married artist Bill Wright in 1991. They got to know each other during Dream Group meetings at Eugene’s Unitarian Church. “We fell in love with each other’s dreams,” Bill said.

In 1994, Bill and Cathy began collaborating on art projects. Together they created hand-made silk lanterns with Asian-inspired images of bamboo trees, flowers, water birds, and dragons. Cathy also continued to screen-print silk prayer flags and other items with images of nature and inspiring quotations.

Cathy often volunteered as Grandma Bunny at the Veneta annual egg hunt. She would wear her homemade costume, hand out candy, and help any child find eggs. She called it the “no tears” job. For many springs, Grandma Bunny made regular visits to the Saturday Market, as well. Cathy’s kindness inspired strong friendships and connections. Her light was always bright. She was tiny in size with an enorm- ous spirit of love and acceptance to all. A service will be held at a memorial bench Cathy bought that’s located on old Highway 101 between Humbug Mountain and Port Orford. Date to be determined. If interested in attend- ing, call Bill at 541-935-9596 or email bill@eugenesaturdaymarket.org for more info.

A second gathering will be held at a later time, either in their bamboo garden by the pond, or in the Touch the Earth booth during the 2022 Fair.

-Excerpt taken from the March edition of Fair Family News written by Suzi Prozanski

Weather

We have been given the gift of sunshine for our first Market! We’ll see a smattering of clouds, but dry ones, not those pesky soggy clouds. The high is 63 degrees, the low is 49. Winds NNE at 6mph. Remember your sunscreen if you are gonna do that Oregon thing where you stand still with your head back and eyes closed just to feel the sun on your face.

On the Market Stage

10:00 AM Art Willey

11:00 AM Storm Tipton

Acoustic Rock and Soul

12:00 PM Theo Czuk

Urban Folk singer

1:00 PM Big Sue Band

High Energy Fiddlin Fun

2:30 PM Rob Tobias & The Northwest Express

Blues - Jazz - Reggae - Rock

Committee Meetings

Standards Screenings

Weds., April 6th - 4:15 PM

-New Member Orientation @ 3:30 PM

Board Meeting

Weds., April 6th - 5:15 PM-7:15 PM

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

Boards Meeting

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

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

All are welcome!

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