Today's Highlights: April 23rd, 2022

**Petitioners and Canvassers - Sustainability Corner**

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**From JJ**

Hello Saturday Market Members!

Well, last week was one hail of a Saturday. Fortunately, today is looking to bring us perfect spring weather!

Today we welcome Makeda’s Cuisine to the International Food Court! We will hold a ribbon cutting at 10:00am in front of their booth at space F2. Be sure to say “Welcome” and have some of their amazing food.

We have two weeks until Mother’s Day/Founder’s Day, and that means that we have two weeks left to collect items for the Mother’s Day Giveaway. We will hold the giveaway at noon, 1:00pm, and 2:00pm at the stage. You must be present to win. We will take donations at both the Info Booth and the Market Office.

Here is a friendly reminder that the election for the Board of Directors is approaching. Please send candidate statements and a picture of yourself to info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org by Wednesday, May 25th. You must attend one Board meeting within the last 12 months to run. You still have time to attend the Board meetings on May 4th and June 4th. Board meetings run from 5:15pm till 7:15pm and are held at the Market Office. Additionally, they may not stay in the same area for more than 30 minutes at a time. Petitioners, Registrars and Canvassers may not claim a territory (corner) as their own. Petitioners, Registrars and Canvassers are also not allowed to return to the same spot over and over during any one day.

**Petitioners & Canvassers**

**Bottom line:** if anyone engages in petitioning, canvassing or registering voters and they interfere with a Market Member’s ability to conduct business on the Park Blocks during Saturday Market, immediately call: 541-686-8885. A Staff member will get your call and someone will come to the rescue.

**Details:** the Saturday Market is permitted by the City of Eugene to use the Parks Blocks at the corner of 8th and Oak St., including sidewalks, and therefore has the right to define the rules by which the Market Members and visitors to the Saturday Market must adhere.

The basic rule for Petitioners, Registrars and Canvassers is that they are asked to operate only at the corners of the blocks (near the cross-walks), and not elsewhere within the Saturday Market space. Additionally, they may not stay in the same area for more than 30 minutes at a time. Petitioners, Registrars and Canvassers may not claim a territory (corner) as their own. Petitioners, Registrars and Canvassers are also not allowed to return to the same spot over and over during any one day.

**Petitioners, Registrars & Canvassers**

- **May Not** stop or address a Market Member or customer in front of or in a Member’s booth
- **May Not** solicit in the Food Court
- **May Not** ‘hawk’. Hawking is defined as aggressively calling out, or by making Market patrons feel personally confronted
- **May Not** solicit donations, in cash or in-kind
- **May Not** impede normal traffic flow
- **May Not** physically touch the public to garner attention

The Saturday Market may refuse entry to those who do not adhere to Saturday Market Rules and Guidelines.

**Note from Jimmy**

You might be wondering why the music guy has something in the weekly newsletter. Well, I’m filling in to edit the newsletter and help keep things rolling following Vanessa’s departure. Yes, I have few more tricks up my sleeve than just music :) I will do my best to keep it real. Peace out.

**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 no 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 space 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. Then I use these broken flower parts in mini domes, reducing my waste.

Is there something you can make out of by-products of a process? Are you looking for an item to repurpose into art? If yes, e-mail me at goosehill.gifts@gmail.com, and I will share it in next week’s article.

Sincerely,
Brigitte McBride
Goosehill Gifts
Space #115

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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 micro-loan 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 "UNCLASSIFIED" 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, 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 $5000. Located in the Corvallis area, but willing to meet you somewhere between Eugene & Corvallis. Call/text Heidi at 541-740-2412

Saturday Market Check-In

Let’s get our 53rd season started right by remembering the process of getting into your space:

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

• Reserve Members can check in for future Markets; however, you must contact us no later than 8:15am on Saturday if you can’t sell that day.

• Reserve Members that don’t sell on a day they have claimed will be held responsible for the $15 booth fee.

• Reserve members must pick up their envelopes at the Info Booth no later than 8:30am. If your envelope has not been picked up, then we assume you are not selling and reassign your space.

• All members using the Waiting List must check in at the Info Booth no later than 8:30am as usual.

Info Booth Services

- Making Change: The market will make change for our members, up to $60, each Saturday.

- Member Check Cashing: Available at the Info Booth. There is a $5 charge for a returned check. We do not cash checks for customers.

- Lost & Found: Please turn in found items to the South Park Info Booth and tell customers to go to the South Park Info Booth for lost & found items. They can also contact us if you don’t plan to sell.

Saturday Market Social Life!

Follow along with The Saturday Market on Facebook (https://facebook.com/EugeneSaturdayMarket) and Virtually with Zoom.

Facebook: facebook.com/EugeneSaturdayMarket
Twitter / Instagram: @SaturdayMarket

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

Weather

Hail Hail Go Away! Don’t worry, you will be in a hail free zone today. On April 23rd expect sunshine with some clouds, a high of 66%, 9% chance of rain (it might drizzle a tiny bit of liquid sunshine) with winds NW 4 to 15 mph. It will be chilly in the morning before it warms up. It will be an awesome spring day at the Eugene Saturday Market!

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Committee Meetings

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
Holiday Market Committee Thurs., May 22nd - 2 PM

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

All are welcome!