

Today's Highlights: April 9th, 2022

- ★ Mask Requirement Update, Sustainability Corner and Mother's Day Giveaway is Back!
- ★ 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 all for a spectacular Opening Day! Today's weather may not be as sweet, but as always, we shine on through the rain and bluster.

Last night your Board of Directors voted to lift the mask requirement for Members selling outside at Saturday Market. Masks at the Market are now a personal choice.

The Fire Marshal will be here today for our delayed fire inspection, so be sure to have your fire extinguishers visible.

Please remember to park your cars on the Park Blocks for no more than 20 minutes during loading and unloading. Thank you for your patience as our new Members learn the parking rhythm.

For Non-Reserve Members, please check in by 8:15am. Last week we had a lot of folks checking in at 8:30am, which caused a delay in Roll Call. Remember, the sooner we get Roll Call going, the sooner you can set up your booth.

For Reserve Members, please remember to declare your intent to sell by 4:00pm on the Thursday before you sell. You MUST pick up your Reserve envelope before 8:30am so that we know that you are here. If your envelope is not picked up, we will assume that you are not here and your space could be sold.

We are here to help! If you have any concerns, please let us know either at the Info Booth, or at the office, Tuesday through Friday, 10:00am to 4:00pm.

"See first, think later, then test. But always see first. Otherwise, you will only see what you were expecting." -Douglas Adams

Have a wonderful day!
JJ

Farewell from Vanessa

Dearest Market Members whom I treasure and adore, I have absolutely LOVED being a part of Saturday Market over the last 5 years. I have accepted the Marketing Manager position at Oregon Country Fair. I am excited to make a change but sad to leave. What we do here is spectacular. What we bring is phenomenal. What we have contributed to Eugene and beyond over 52 years deserves all the pride and accolades given by our shoppers, our musicians and our local arts community. Always be proud of what you as a seller bring to the Park Blocks. It's truly astonishing that this juggernaut happens every single Saturday, rain or shine, for 52 years. I hope I have done a good job for you and left a positive imprint on the archives.

I want to sincerely thank you ALL for being amazing in your own, individual ways and for allowing me to take pics and generally goof around with you. I will forever be grateful for the chance to contribute to this truly resplendent community.

My last office day is April 15th and my last Market day is April 23rd. Please encourage anyone you know to apply for my position by April 22nd.

Let's Talk About Masks

The Board of Directors voted on Wednesday (4/6/22) to lift the mask requirement for Members selling outside at Saturday Market. Masks are now a personal choice. They read and discussed all of the Member letters, comments and emails on this topic. They appreciate the feedback from the Members since they are elected to represent the Market's interests.

Some Members were frustrated that Opening Day had a mask requirement. Please understand that the Board placed the requirement on March 2nd before the state mandate was lifted. The vote had to wait until the most recent meeting.

The Board and staff appreciate your understanding and patience. We are all watching the changes with the pandemic and doing our best to adjust for safety.

If you are interested in how the Board discusses and votes on these topics, then you can read the Board meeting minutes on our website here:

<https://www.eugenesaturdaymarket.org/board-minutes-and-candidate-statements/>

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.

Website Maintenance

Our website is undergoing maintenance on Thursday, April 14th. Peak is moving us to a bigger, better server. If you email us and receive a bounce back in response, then please wait until later in the day to send it again. The Member Portal may be unavailable as well.

Sustainability Corner

Welcome back everyone! I'm excited to share a weekly article in our newsletter that focuses on 3 steps for sustainability. As a former wildlife biologist, sustainability has been an integral part of my life for many years. It's also been integral to the Eugene Saturday Market. However, with so many restrictions in the past 2 years, sometimes it's hard to remember we can still do things that make a difference. Hopefully, this article can serve as a friendly reminder.

Step 1. Even though we haven't seen the return of reusable forks and composting yet, we can bring our own utensils, cloth napkins, straws, mugs and take our compost and recycling home with us every Saturday.

Step 2. We can also use earth-friendly packaging material for our products. Paper gift bags and boxes that can be reused or recycled and paper wrapping instead of bubble wrap for fragile items are two examples. I like to remind my customers that they can reuse their bags and boxes. It saves them money and resources.

Step 3. Join the conversation! Check out the Eugene Saturday Market Repurposing page on Facebook and think about joining the Market's Sustainability Committee. Many towns have sustainability organizations that we can also join. Staying in conversation with others can keep our awareness and choices focused on hope and progress.

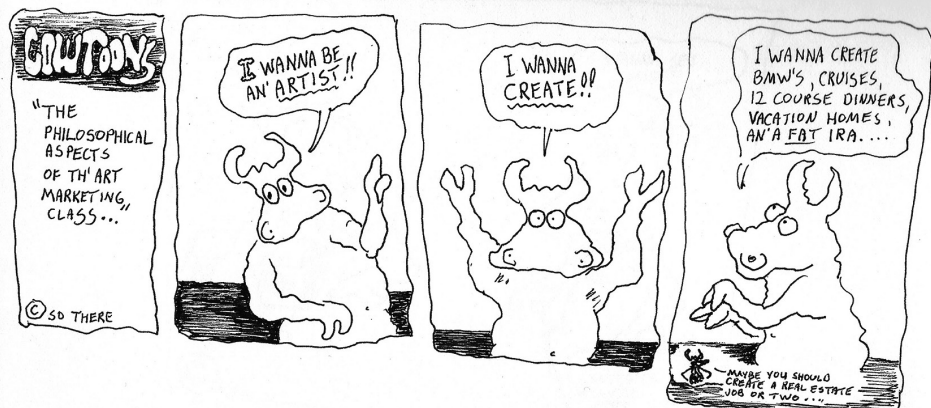
If you have steps for sustainability to contribute, please email them to Brigitte at: goosehillgifts@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Brigitte McBride
Goosehill Gifts - Space #115

Saturday Market in November

The Budget Committee and the Board of Directors are considering canceling the final outdoor Saturday Market in November. We have found attendance is very low and many reserve members take November as a vacation month. Canceling this Market also means staff will have more time to set up Holiday Market instead of only a few days. We always lose money on this last Market so it would be a savings as well.

It's not a simple decision because Members rely on those Markets for points and last minute outdoor sales. We will send out a survey soon to gauge your opinion before the Board meets in May to vote.





The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy April birthday to author William Sullivan today, jewelry artist Shawna Holmes on Wednesday and woodworker David Pendleton 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 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.

Still, no one? NOTHING? Ok, that's cool.

Beware of Counterfeit Money

We handle a lot of cash at Saturday Market. We have not had any reports of phony money out there in Eugene, but it could happen at any time. There was a report of counterfeit money at the coast this week so be alert. You should always be on the lookout for fake money.

Here are some tips:

1. **Hold the bill up to the light.** Check for a holograph of the face on the bill plus the thin vertical strip containing the denomination. Also, make sure the watermark can be seen on both sides of the bill. There is a security thread imbedded from top to bottom on the face of the bill.
2. **Color-shifting ink:** If you hold the new series bill (except the \$5 note) and tilt it back and forth, please observe the numeral in the lower right hand corner as its color shifts from green to black and back.
3. **Comparison:** Test the feel and texture of the paper with other bills you know are authentic.

Feel free to ask your neighbors or come to the Info Booth if you are given a questionable bill.

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 call the office at 541-686-8885. Saturday Market is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

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, Google Business, YouTube, Flickr, & more.

Weather

Last Saturday was AWESOME. Like, so great, right? Like, sleeves but not long ones but also not sweaty but not rainy, SO AWESOME! Not today. Today it's Oregon spring but that's ok. We are a hardy bunch that knows what to do when it's soggy. Expect a high of 51 degrees with a W winds at 11mph and rain in the morning with a cloudy afternoon. So it'll be fine. Like, pretty good.



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Ancient Market incantation (Nov 3, 1973)

On the Market Stage

10:00 AM **Kenn Amdahl**

Fingerpicking Songwriter/
Folkslinger

11:00 AM **David W Rogers**

Modern Classical Guitar Master

12:00 PM **Timothy Patrick**

Acoustic Variety

1:00 PM **Wellington Drive**

Indie Rock, Pop

2:30 PM **El Borko Surf!**

Surf Monster Music

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

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Board Meeting

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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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