**Today's Highlights: May 7th, 2022**

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**From JJ**

Hello Saturday Market Members!

Today we will be bringing back our Mother's Day Giveaway! The drawings will be held at noon, 1:00pm, and 2:00pm at the stage. All are welcome to enter. If you have an item that you would like to donate, you can turn it in to the Info Booth before 11:00am today.

Tuesday Market is back on! The Lane County Farmers Market will host the Tuesday Market on the East Park Block every Tuesday until June when it will be transferred to the new Farmer's Pavilion. The cost to sell at the Tuesday Market is $10 plus 10% of sales. If you would like more information about selling on Tuesdays please ask the Info Booth or contact the office.

We put out a poll on Thursday to gauge Member interest in holding Sunday markets on the Sundays of the World Athletic Championships, July 17th and 24th. The more feedback we receive the better we will be able to plan for these events. If you do not use e-mail please let us know if you have interest in selling on those days. There will be a Special Events Task Force meeting in late May, and all are welcome to attend. Details for the meeting will go out next week.

We need a few more Members to be election tellers for the Board election in June. Please contact the office if you are interested. Volunteering for this task goes towards one hour of your Holiday Market Work Task.

Have a wonderful day, rain or shine.

JJ

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**Happy Founders Day**

This Saturday we celebrate Saturday Market's 52nd birthday, in our 53rd season. Lotte Steissinger, who gets most of the credit for motivating a group of community members to launch the first of its kind, was always so proud of us. Our resilience and positive presentation of our varied selves has made us one of the most loved and supported organizations and events in the region, and according to some of my visitors, the world!

Lotte was a fine craftswoman who made ceramics, wrote, and studied many aspects of art and community. She felt that Eugene needed the type of ancient marketplace she saw in her travels, where artisans brought their handmade goods to the center of town every week. She could see how many benefits would be brought by working together.

Downtown revitalization was high on her list; she wanted to be on public land, to be low cost for easy access, and above all, on that first rainy day with 29 little participant “booths,” to be Rain or Shine. She knew that full community support was essential and would be easy to get once people experienced the benefits.

With a bit of positioning in the beginning to overcome the fears of competition by the downtown merchants, there was quickly unwavering support by city government and much of the community. The members had a solid sense of celebration as well as passion for their art forms and all types of people came to see and to join in the fun. And they still do!

The craft renaissance of the ‘70s was the driver, but it never stopped blooming here. Until a few grants were received in recent months, all of the income for the organization was generated through member fees, as we all made our contributions from our hearts and hands. There have been challenges, but we always worked through them to thrive anew.

Most of what Lotte envisioned was set in place early on by the hundreds of members, and most of it is still how we operate. It takes all of us to make a Market each week and do the many tasks to help us thrive. We all get paid for our work, and pay in so that we can share in that wealth. It is truly a mutual benefit, participatory community. Thank you for doing your part and carrying Lotte’s legacy forward.

Diane McWhorter
Ephemeran
Space #121

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**Sustainability Corner**

Hey folks, this week I am excited to share our first featured artist: Amelia Mac! Amelia’s main business is to replicate practices as a foundation and is almost 100% zero waste, a goal she had from the beginning of creating her products. In fact, she was giving away complimentary sets of paper towels if she could do it from a zero waste ethos.

Fortunately, for all of our benefit, she did!

Amelia makes Tinkle Towels, eco-conscious cloth wipes created to replace toilet paper. She shares the true cost of 1 roll of toilet paper with customers: 37 gallons of water, 1.5 lbs. of wood, 1.3 KWh electricity, not to mention the use of chemicals and bleach that negatively affect our health and planet.

Amelia shares this information in the hopes of building awareness. I personally had no idea toilet paper was this wasteful and will be purchasing some Tinkle Towels in the near future.

Tinkle Towels are just one of many zero waste, lifestyle goods Amelia has created to help households work their own way to becoming zero waste. She also makes bidet towels, facial pads, tissues and even eco-friendly fabric paper towels and napkins. Amelia uses scrap fabric from MECCA to make her up-cycled sets of Tinkle Towels and bidet towels.

All are made from soft and absorbent 2-ply, 100% cotton flannel that help you conserve trees and water while also preserving septic systems.

I am excited to share the talented Amelia’s work with you all.

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**M.V.P. Articles**

Please e-mail articles to loftmama@eugenesa.png. org for publications.
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 if the credit card slip is out.

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.

Saturday Market Check-In

Please remember 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 e-mail info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org to claim your space. 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 8:15am 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.

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.

Weather

With a high of 52°, cloudy skies and occasional rain showers (80% chance of wet stuff), and WSW winds around 10 - 15 mph, it will be a little brisk out. Have a wonderful day :)

Whether the weather be fine, Or whether the weather be not, Whether the weather be cold, Or whether the weather be hot. We’ll weather the weather, Whatever the weather, Whether we like it or not!

On the Market Stage

10:00 AM Lil Screechin Jimmeee!
60s Variety

11:00 AM Craig Einhorn
Singer/Songwriter

12:00 PM Olem & Micah
Acoustic, Rock, Americana, Blues

1:00 PM Sugar Pine
High Energy Zeppelin & Bluegrass

2:30 PM Amy Jones
Blues and Energizing Jazz

Committee Meetings

Orientation and Screenings
Weds., May 18
New Member Orientation @ 3:30 PM - Product Screening @ 4:15 PM

Standards Committee
Weds., May 18 - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Holiday Market Committee
Thurs., May 19 - 2 PM

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Board of Directors
Weds., June 1 - 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

Chairperson - Anna Lawrence
Vice Chairperson - Willy Gibboney
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Singer/Songwriter
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Standards Committee Co-Chairs: Gary Becker, Teresa Pitzer
Food Committee Co-Chairs: Colleen Bauman, Janet Rosenberg

HOLIDAY MARKET COMMITTEE Co-Chairs: Mary Newell

Sustainability Committee Co-Chairs: Denise Gosar, Anna Lawrence

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On Market Stage