Today's Highlights: June 11th, 2022

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Sustainability Corner

Hey folks, I have been spending a lot of time in the garden lately. Many of you are doing the same thing this time of year, so I thought it would be a good idea to share some sustainability steps for growing in the garden/yard.

Step 1. Make and use your own natural herbicide to replace Roundup. Glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup, can cause gastrointestinal corrosive symptoms, severe metabolic acidosis, hyperkalemia and cardiovascular collapse. Animals can also experience negative health effects from it. Make a natural alternative by combining one gallon white vinegar, 1 cup salt, 1 tablespoon of liquid dish soap and spray on unwanted plants on a sunny day. You can also control garden pests organically by purchasing beneficial, predator insects such as nematodes, ladybugs, praying mantis, etc.

Step 2. Grow plants for pollinators. Pollinators such as bees, wasps, butterflies and hummingbirds benefit greatly from specific flowers. Pollinators are essential to food production on our planet, and yet are threatened by environmental toxins and other human behavior. According to the OSU Extension Service, 12 plants to attract pollinators in our area include: lavender, rhododendron, blue blossom, ocean spray, serviceberry, Russian sage, red flowering currant, sunflowers, zinnias, salal, cannist and milkweed.

Step 3. Try growing plants from organic and locally produced seed instead of buying a bunch of starts in plastic containers/pots. It's really important to support organic seed producers because their practices are more sustainable, and often they preserve heirloom varieties that contain ancient plant wisdom for health and immunity. I've learned that I can also save a lot of money by starting plants from seed. There is definitely a learning curve though.

Please send any sustainability article ideas to: sustainability@eugenesaturdaymarket.org. Our next featured artist will be posted on the Eugene Saturday Market Repurposing Facebook page this coming week, so check it out and thanks for reading!

Brigitte McBride
Space #115

From Your Standards Committee

This week we will start with “A” in the Market Standards and Crafts Guidelines Handbook. Craft review is based on the following three key standards:

1. Items must be handmade, grown, or gathered by the Market Member, or a member of their immediate family living in Oregon.
2. The Member contribution to a finished product must outweigh the contribution of any commercial components used in the making of that product. Skills in craftsmanship, as well as creative abilities, ingenuity, and skills are examples of Member contribution.
3. The product must meet basic expectations of product life, function and safety.

The guidelines outlined in the Guidelines Handbook are suggestions to help the Standards Committee in determining member contribution to an object being screened.

Animal Treats:

Treats or other foods sold for animals must have ingredients, expiration date, contact information, weight, or count if prepackaged and a sign saying that the treats are not for human consumption. If they are made with meat or meat by-products, the kitchen must meet Health Department requirements. All Animal Treats must be screened by the full Standards Committee.

The next Standards Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15th at 5:15PM.
Happy Birthday to all our amazing Gemini friends! Leslie of Co-Creations and Berry of Ed Wolfe’s Got Glass partied it up last Sunday, June 5th. Ann the glass artist, Cheri the candle crafter, and Jennifer the jeweler celebrated their birthday on June 6th. Max the woodworker turned 25 this past Wednesday, June 8th. Barbara the fiber artist celebrated her birthday yesterday, June 10th. Taylor the painter and Wayne the potter celebrate their birthday today!

A very happy birthday to you all. We hope you have a glorious year!

If you don’t see your birthday, please let us know.

Media Tips with Renee

This week we will be talking about Facebook. Facebook unlike Instagram, works well with mobile posting and posting from a computer. If anything, I prefer to use Facebook on a computer because it is nice to see all of the Meta Business Suite tools (which can be found in the left side column, when using a computer). Since Facebook bought Instagram in 2012, Facebook has done a lot of work to produce tools to manage both. One thing I like about Facebook is the inbox function in the Meta Business Suite. If you find yourself getting a lot of messages on Instagram and Facebook, you can navigate them fairly easily with this tool. You can also send out automated messages as well.

Facebook like Instagram and Twitter allows for hashtags, so when making your posts try and use them to extend your reach in the app. Things like #eugene, #saturdaymarket, and #shoplocal are all great hashtags to use, but you can always add more specific key words by putting a # in front of whatever word you’d like.

As always if you have any questions you are all more than welcome to email me at: renee@eugenesaturdaymarket.org

Happy Posting!

Renee

UnClassifieds

To place your free unclassified, bring it to the Info Booth by the end of the day, or e-mail it to us at info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org with “NEWSLETTER” in the subject.

Sell at Eugene Pagan Pride Day

If you are interested in selling at Eugene Pagan Pride on Aug 7th, please email Sarah at: sarahbuatstudio@gmail.com. For more details about the event please email Sarah or visit: www.eugenepaganpride.org

Looking to Share a OCF Booth

Lisa Gladiola is looking for a booth to share at this year’s Oregon Country Fair. She has dolls, finger puppets, and a couple dollhouses which don’t take up much room. Call (541) 913-1085 or email lisa-plato-la88@gmail.com.

Weaving Cards For Sale or Trade

2 decks of tablet weaving cards available, plus instruction book. One is 4 hole and the other is 6 hole. Never used. Open to trades. Colleen Fanther Booth #201 or (760) 402-0257.

Looking Gridwall Panels & Waterfalls

I’m looking to buy a few gridwall panels. Waterfalls too. Anybody have some they want to get rid of? If so, please call or text me (541) 344-9073 Diana G. Thanks.

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/

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Weather

The rain, unfortunately, has decided to pick on us again. The high today is 64°F with a low of 53°F. There is a 70% chance of rain, with around 85% humidity. A wind of 7mph is expected from the southwest. Perhaps we are experiencing rain today so that we can have sun when we really need it.

Sales, O sales, sales I hope!

On the Market Stage

10:00 AM - Jeff Roberts
Solo Guitar

11:00 AM - Nicollete Helm
Jazz, Blues Singer/Songwriter

12:00 PM - Rhythm Roundup
Country Swing

1:00 PM - Never Ever Band
Folk Rock

2:30 PM - Dennis Smith and the Hillbilly Fools
Original Folk Rock

Committee Meetings

Orientation and Screenings

Wed., June 15th - 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
- New Member Orientation @ 3:30 PM
- Product Screening @ 4:15 PM

Standards Committee Meeting

Wed., June 15th - 4:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Holiday Market Committee Meeting

Thurs., June 16th - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting

Wed., June 29th - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Orientation and Screenings

Wed., July 20th - 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
- New Member Orientation @ 3:30 PM
- Product Screening @ 4:15 PM

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

All are welcome!