Today’s Highlights: July 2nd, 2022

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From the Office

Howdy everyone, we hope that you are doing well during this transitional phase in our history. We would like to express the need for patience, compassion, honesty, and empathy. Sonia and Renee are trying their best to make sure all emails and phone calls are answered, but with their new workload, they will require more time than usual to respond back. AJ and JJ have dedicated several years to this organization, and many of you feel that loss. Know that they are still cheering you on, and that they wish the best for all of us.

If you are interested in helping out, or have questions/concerns during this time, please feel free to reach out to info@eugenesaaturdaymarket.org with the subject of “Interested Volunteer.” In addition to this, please check in with each other. Some of our members may need help setting up or tearing down on market days (helping these members also greatly helps site-crew), while others may need a refresher on how to participate in meetings (which are always available on Zoom, and you are free to send letters to). Other members and site-crew members may just need a friendly face.

There is no need to get out of your comfort zone, but if you happen to have time, we would greatly appreciate a helping hand.

Additionally, we will be having more tourists this month due to Oregon Country Fair and the World Athletic Championship, so I put in some of what we will be doing in the Standards Committee. I know at this point in time we are in a moment a flux and there are conflicting, worrying and crazy conversations. I want all members to know that we will continue adding new members for Holiday Market and Saturday Market. Just because the deadlines have been extended doesn’t mean that we will not have a full Holiday Market.

If you have a new product for either Market catch us on the Park Blocks on a Saturday morning or send in an email with your new product and the Product Screening Form from the website (under Helpful Member Links). It will get to us and we will screen your new product. We will be updating the number of new people screened, actually we have to get in everybody we need for Holiday Market.

In the face of all of the disorder please remember that underneath it is order. We have done this for 52 years now and this happens. We lose staff, we gain staff. We will persevere and survive. If you hear rumors please keep them to yourself and don’t pass them along as gossip. At this point please assume that what you’re hearing may not be the actual truth. Remember that telephone call as a child, when you whispered in somebody’s ear something and they whispered it to the next person and so on. And at the end it really had no likeness of what it started as. Also remember we are like a very, very large family. And in that family you may hear that Aunt Nelly is drinking. What you don’t understand is that what Aunt Nelly is drinking is Ensure. So please be really careful about what information you pass on to someone else.

We are strong. We are ecletic. And we will use these skills to persevere. Know that your Board, Committees and long, long time members are stepping up to fill in any gaps that there may be. Things are going to be different, but the difference isn’t bad. The market has changed and evolved in its 52 years and we’re still here and we will be here for the future. So, “don’t worry, be happy.”

How Rumors Hurt

Hello everyone. This article is my opinion alone. It also happens that I am one of the Co-Chairs of the Standards Committee, so I put in some of what we will be doing in the Standards Committee. I know at this point in time we are in a moment a flux and there are conflicting, worrying and crazy conversations. I want all members to know that we will continue adding new members for Holiday Market and Saturday Market. Just because the deadlines have been extended doesn’t mean that we will not have a full Holiday Market.

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Your co-chairs,
Shannon Lee-Hutson, B.O.D. Chair
and Nome May, B.O.D. Vice-Chair

Happy Selling!
Your Office Staff

“A kind act can sometimes be as powerful as a sword”
– Rick Riordan, The Battle of the Labyrinth

Your Past Owings:

He infracted th’ parking rules...
Cowtoons by Willy Gibbons
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Sell at Eugene Pagan Pride Day
If you are interested in selling at Eugene Pagan Pride on Aug. 7th, please email Sarah at: sarahblasststudio@gmail.com. For more details about the event please email Sarah or visit: www.eugenepaganpride.org.

From Renee
Hey everyone! As a reminder we will be accepting completed Peace Rocks until July 16th, but we will be placing rocks as early as July 10th. If you are interested in painting a rock, feel free to stop by the Info Booth and grab a few. If you would like to help in the hiding of the rocks, please let me know. Also, if you are a new member and have not gotten a New Member shout-out online please send me an email. I know that there may be a few members who started after Vanessa left and before I came in, and we want to make sure to document your first season with us. As always if you have any questions you are all more than welcome to email me at: renee@eugenepaganpride.org.

Happy Posting!
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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.

OCF Helper Sought!
Help sell cool clothing in exchange for a camping pass. One of my helpers has had to cancel last minute, due to health reasons, and I am hoping to find a replacement. Looking for a quick learner, who is reliable, and takes directions well. Be willing to rock something I make while working 3.5 hours a day. I’ll be at market today. Diana at Dancing Tree. (541) 344-9073.

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:

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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.

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