**Today's Highpoints: December 23rd-24th, 2022**

- Last Two Selling Days of the Year!
- From the Office, Work Tasks, From the Holiday Market Committee
- Weather, Birthdays, Unclassifieds and more on the back page!

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**Beware of Counterfeit Money**

We handle a lot of cash at Saturday Market and Holiday Market. You should always be on the lookout for fake money. There are several ways to check bills, feel free to ask someone in Membership Services or another member what they do.

Some tips:

1. Hold the bill up to the light. Check for a hologram 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 (excluding 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.

Find free to ask your neighbor or come to Membership Services if you are given a questionable bill.

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**Holiday Marketplace**

**From the Holiday Market Committee**

Many huge thanks this year for the members, staff and volunteers who stepped up to help once again to create a spectacular Holiday Market! The Holiday Market Committee had a lot of projects this year to get ready for the 2022 HM, including a new layout for the Holiday Hall, entertainment, HM hours, boost prices, HM budget and so much more. The first "Holiday, Holiday, Holiday Market" song of 2022 was sung, and a huge sigh of relief that we had made it to the first weekend with all the vendors, staff and decorations at the fairgrounds along with all the great people! We owe our staff (and volunteers) huge thanks for all the back end work that is not glamorous or fun, yet so important for us to have a successful Holiday Market (like electrical permits so lights can twinkle). We know with all the changes things were missed, need fixing, changed as well as new ideas to look for more success for future Holiday Markets.

All of us on the Holiday Market Committee appreciate everyone's feedback, suggestions, comments and support as well as your patience as we continue to expand and grow Holiday Market. Please make sure to fill out the surveys or send us an email at holidaymarket@eugenesaturdaymarket.org, and come to the Holiday Market debriefing February 2nd, 2-4pm at the market office or via Zoom. All surveys, comments, emails, and input are very helpful and appreciated, so please take the time to write down your thoughts!

Holiday Market Co-Chairs, Mary Newell & Vincent LaRochelle

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**Man of Words Returns!**

Remember Rickie Birran? The man who would perform A Christmas Carol in Prose at Holiday Market. Well he will be doing a special performance in the International Food Court this Saturday, December 24th at 11:00am. Be sure to spread the word to friends and customers alike about this unique Eugene holiday tradition.

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**Stock Must Be Removed**

Remember that all stock must be removed from your booth by 9pm on Saturday night. We will have security this year, but when in doubt, load it out. The halls will be open again on Tuesday, December 27th from 10am-3pm to remove any remaining booth structures.

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**F.A.Q.s**

We expect our customers will be asking us a lot of questions. Let’s try to have those answers.

- This week we are open Friday from 10am-6pm, and Saturday from 10am-4pm.
- We do not have printed directories this year. Please send lost customers to the Live Map on the websites or the Info Booth in the Main Hall. The Weekly Live Map is on eugenesaturdaymarket.org or holidaymarket.org. There are QR codes at the entrances, music schedules, around both halls, and the Info Booth.
- That member that everyone loves that isn’t here is fine. We had a lot of people take a Leave of Absence. This includes food court members.
- Bigger acts are now on the stage in the new Holiday Hall/Performance Hall.
- We also have live music in the Main Hall as well, around lunch time every day.
- We strongly recommend, but not requiring, that customers and members wear masks and use sanitizer.
- If you feel sick or unwell at all, please stay home.
- We are allowing busking this year. All buskers need to sign-up on the sign-up sheet.

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**Two Shopping Days Left**

We are also collecting shelf-stable food for FOOD for Lane County, so bring down your shelf-stable donations to the donation barrels. Thanks so much for everyone who has donated already. We have filled one whole barrel so far! Thanks so much to Colleen Bauman who donated several boxes of masks and gloves for everyone to use. We have some available for free in Membership Services.

We strongly recommend wearing a mask while at market to decrease the amount of COVID-19, flu, etc. Today’s (Dec. 3rd) dress-up day will be Seasonal/Solstice. Tomorrow’s (Dec. 24th) dress-up day will be Ugly Sweater/PJ’s Day. You can find a master list of our dress-up days in Membership Services. Check out our holidaymarkets.org, under the Music tab, or on our social media accounts.

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**Final Load-Out**

Hi Everyone! Please make sure all of your stock, booth structure, and decorations are gone by Wednesday, December 28th by 3pm. There will be no exceptions.

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**EUGENE SATURDAY MARKET | 30 E. Broadway #124, Eugene, OR 97401 | (541) 686-8885 | info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org**
Happy Birthday to all our Sagittarius-Capricorn friends! Last Sunday, Dec. 18th, Nathaniel of Lost Creek Crafters celebrated birth! Steven of Shaden Killmore and John of Earthen I LLC had a happy birthday last Monday, Dec. 19th. Angelica of Studio Sprouts partied it up last Tuesday, Dec. 20th. Amelia the upcycler had a b-day party last Wednesday, Dec. 21st. Rose of WildRose Medicinal blew out some candles last Thursday, Dec. 22nd. Karen the woodworker and Janai the tie-dye artist celebrated birth on Friday, Dec. 23rd. Last but not least, Michely of High Tide Heirlooms celebrates this Saturday, Dec. 24th.

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.

Annual Holiday Market Debrief Meeting

We have scheduled our annual Holiday Market Debrief meeting for February 2nd, 2023 at 2pm in the Saturday Market office. You may also attend virtually over Zoom. During this meeting, we will address the issues from the evaluations we received during Holiday Market. We will also make suggestions and notes for Holiday Market 2023. All are welcome to attend.

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 email it to us at info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org with "NEWSLETTER" in the subject.

Hat People Fashion Extravaganza
Hat People will be hosting a fashion show in booth #327 this weekend. A rather hat of our making will be on display, exclusively for taking special orders or the satisfaction of general curiosity. The Leaf Corps hat style is two fold, and comes in both Summer and Winter. Come by and have a peak! Or see it online at www.newhatscap.com/store-2

Thank you - Hat People

Artist In Need of Home
Hello, a fellow artist is looking for a place to live. Please call Johnny at (541) 513-0093 for more details about housing needs and budget.

Help the Kareng Fund!
The Kareng Fund Board is gathering prizes for the raffle in Membership Services at Holiday Market. The raffle will be Dec. 24th at noon on the stage in the food court. The tickets are available from board members at Holiday Market as well as Alex Lanham at booth #199, Diane McWhorter at booth #218, Julia Carrington at booth #157, Fiona McAvoy in booth #48, and Sue Theolaas at booth #122. You can also get tickets at the Kareng Fund booth in the food court from 11am to 4pm for the rest of the market days. Keep tuned for more information about Art Bingo too!

Experienced Booth Sitter Available
Booth sitter available. I have 20 plus years of craft/vendor experience, and know how to use credit cards. I have time available between 2-3:30pm, other times upon request. $20.00 per hour, Eugene Saturday Market references available, please call or text Jenny at (530) 588-6031.

Thank You!

It sure has been an interesting year here at Saturday Market and Holiday Market, and we wanted to say thanks. Thank you for volunteering, working with us, being understanding, and helping us make market the best it can be. Change can be a lo of things, and we are hoping to continue to strive toward positive change in the coming year.

Happy Holidays, Merry Everything, and Thanks from the Saturday Market Staff to you. From Shannon, Mallory, Sara, Renée, Silver, Rudolf, Ryan, Dave, Dave W., Spaz, Sindy, Enich, Mike, Chnts, Bryoz, Louie, Jeremy, and Tom.