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Saturday Market



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A Change is Gonna Come

Greetings Artisans!

Autumn shows us that nature is ever-changing. The leaves of last year must fall to make way for new ones. Like leaves falling from trees, we too must bend and change, and even though we may not like it or try to resist it, change is inevitable. Autumn reveals her lesson: accept change.

We have had a lot of change this year and certainly a lot of change during the world altering pandemic... As I reflect on the Autumns of past, I am reminded of how wildly the Market has changed, and how we have managed to maintain our traditions and spirit vibrant throughout.

Sales change during Autumn tapering down as we get closer to Holiday Market then explode again with our Holiday Festivities. I challenge you to embrace this change this year by doing something new. Instead of coming to less Markets on Saturdays, come to more, utilize the time for Marketing' advertising your art and your upcoming calendar of events. Use your booth as a "making space" and promote our proud proclamation of "The maker is the seller" by actively working on products for the upcoming Holiday Market. Use this time to increase your custom sales orders.

I am getting very excited for sweater season myself! Try something new, share with your neighbor, create purposeful change, because a change is gonna come.

Ready for a chunky sweater,

Shannon Lee-Hutson
General Manager

Local Events

- Sept. 16 - Football: UO vs. Hawai'i
@Autzen Stadium
- Sept. 16 - Prefontaine Classic
@ Hayward Field
- Sept. 21 - Move-in Day @ UO

To find out about other local happenings you can view the Eugene Weekly calendar (online or in print) as well as the UO Event Calander (online) or visit the W.O.W. Hall or Hult Center websites.



Envelope Art by: Sam Johnson

From Your Board Chair

Dear Market colleagues,

At the most recent board meeting two measures were approved to help our finances keep up with increased costs our market is facing in the next 3 to 5 years. Please believe me when I say we are trying so hard to keep our expenses down while also paying our staff a living wage, paying our bills, and caring for our equipment. To that end, it was a yes to raising the reserve booth fee to \$200 for 2024, making it \$25 month. The reasoning goes something like this:

You don't have to have a reserve booth to be able to sell at Saturday Market. It is an option and a privilege gained by diligent attendance that got you your points. With a reserve booth, you can take days off without losing ground picking a spot in the morning. You can come before 8:30am and set up on your own schedule as long as you move your car. Your customers can find you in the same place over and over again, and you can plan and perfect your set up because the layout stays the same. You can get to know your neighbors and work together to make your area a sweet place to be. Did I say your customers can find you every time? It's a huge advantage worth paying extra for. So there's that. Another change you will see in 2024 is the "Ready, Willing, and Able" membership campaign. You will see this line on your membership renewal postcard at the beginning of the year:

"You have the voluntary option to pay more than the minimum requirement for membership. Paying more than the minimum financially supports the marketplace that supports you! All members have equal access to the same benefits, rights, and services" Ready: \$60__ Willing: \$75__ Able: \$100__

"Ready" is the regular \$60 annual membership we always pay, no problem, done and dusted. "Willing" is for those of us who are willing to chip in a little more because we can, and because we make a significant portion of our income at Market. "Able" is the next option, for those of us who are able to give back to the Market at that level. It is entirely voluntary to participate beyond being "Ready."

And it could really help boost our budget to cover the cost of things like more security on the Park Blocks at the end of the day, maintaining and replacing our food court tents, and IT support for the office.

Please expect these changes for the 2024 season, and may all your selling days be happy days.

In Gratitude,
Nome May
Board Chair

The Earth, and the Market, Need You

The Sustainability Committee is currently meeting monthly and taking action to bring back our durable forks (reusable metal forks, replacing single-use plastic in the food court) and garbage sorting program (trash/recycling/compost). The goal is to have these programs in place by opening day in 2024.

The committee meets every third Tuesday of the month at 4pm, and our next meeting is September 19th. You can attend at the market office or via Zoom. The meetings usually last only an hour, and our small group shares a passion for sustainability. I personally love being on this team! Just email me at: goosehillgifts@gmail.com if you have any questions or need the Zoom link. Until then, let's keep the conversation going with these eco-friendly shopping tips:

- Whether wild caught or farm raised, look for seafood from sustainability-certified fisheries. Also, tuna that are dolphin-safe are lower in mercury due to the fact that they are line-caught. Line-caught tuna are younger and therefore have less mercury accumulated in their body.
- Look for products that are packaged with materials that can be recycled, composted or reused.
- Minimize food waste by organizing food in the refrigerator and freezer so nothing gets overlooked and forgotten. Look for sales on items approaching their use-by dates. Plan a menu to incorporate left-overs and to reduce overbuying.
- Look for the Fair Trade Certified logo to help support the people and communities who harvest our food.
- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle plastic bags. Many grocery stores will take single-use plastic bags and these other plastics: outer package wrapping, shipping envelopes, bubble wrap, deflated air pillows, case stretch wrap, newspaper sleeves and bags, resealable zipper bags, produce bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags and plastic cereal box liners. Don't forget your reusable bags to skip the plastic all together.

Hope to see you at the meeting next week!

Brigitte McBride
Space #115

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The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy Birthday to all our Virgo friends! Happy Birthday to James the cultery artist and Josh the barefoot tie-dye artist who celebrated last Sunday, September 10th. Last Monday, September 11th, Heather of Immortal Bath & Body celebrated her birth. Dave Welch celebrated the anniversary of landing on Earth last Tuesday, September 12th. This past Wednesday, September 13th Ryan of Boho Boto.

A very happy birthday to you all! We hope this is your best year yet!

If we forget your birthday, let us know! We'll be sure to include it in the following newsletter.

Food Court Specials!

NICE RICE- The Breakfast Omelette is back! Happy Hour is from 10-11AM, and will include an omlete and a cup of coffee for \$10, swing by in space #F09

KITCHARI4ALL - Special vendor discounts! \$1 off bags of kitchari, \$2 off bottles of spices and \$2 off bottles of vinegar. Get more details, and come buy some in space #343.

TIA MARIA PIZZERIA- We are featuring our Oregon Duck Pizza as well as the Hawaiian Pizza to celebrate the gameday! The Oregon Duck Pizza is topped with Organic Spinach, Mushrooms, Sweet Corn, Greek Feta, and a drizzle of housemade Organic Pesto! Get a slice in booth #F13.

Any food booth or pre-packaged food member can advertise monthly or weekly specials in this section by emailing Renee at renee@eugenesaturdaymarket.org by Wednesday at 2pm.

Social Media Challenge!

For those of you that have been participating in our social media challenges, don't hesitate to tag us, @saturdaymarket, or send us your posts (either through social media or email).

This week, we'll challenge you to make a post with your booth neighbor! Either take turns helping each other make posts/videos, or do a collaborative post that shows both of your work. Remember that you can share as much (or as little) as you like. :)

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. — —

PLEASE LOOK AT DAVE

If you read the Birthday section, then you know that it was Dave Welch's birth day this last week. In order to wish him a happy year, let's all give him our goofiest, funniest face. And when he asks why, explain nothing. Feel free to throw in a funny sound effect too!

8x8 Canopy for Sale:

New 8x8 ABC canopy, easy pop-up, with white top. No sides. Proce is \$100. All interested parties should contact Nancy at nancyalmand@gmail.com. Thank you.

FOR SALE:

One 8-foot booth with tarp. Booth newly painted (blue). Tarp is 10ft x 16ft (\$85 new!). \$125 firm for both. See pictures on the Eugene Saturday Market's Online Marketplace page on Facebook. For more info, phone: (541) 337-2440 or email artinocycle@yahoo.com.

We Want Your Tables

The Sustainability Committee is asking for table donations, to be used in our efforts to make Saturday Market more sustainable. If you have an 8ft heavy duty, non-porous plastic folding table, we would love to take it off your hands! Cosco brand tables appreciated. Those interested in donating should call the office at (541)686-8885.

Award-Winning Pickles and Jam For Sale!

Due to some financial difficulties, I've decided to sell most of the pickles and jams I usually bring to Market for trade to have a little extra cash on hand. Contact me at noelanius@aol.com, for a list of what I have and prices, I can bring them to Market, or arrange some other time to meet.

Eggs for Sale!

Julia Garretson is back with her Happy Hen Eggs! \$6 for a dozen eggs, grab them before they are gone.

I Want Your Apples

Do you, or someone you know have apple trees and don't know what to do with all the apples? Call 503-319-3723! We'll turn those apples into Humdinger Apple Cider Vinegar. Have a Happy! Tom

Weather

Today is expected to be a bright sunny day! The high is expected to be near 88°F, with a low of 53°F. There is a wind of 3-8 mph expected from the west. Humidity will be around 51%. Don't forget to still be drinking liquids and using sun protection (umbrellas, hats, and sun screen).



Sales, O sales, sales I hope!

Ancient Market incantation (Nov 3, 1973)

On the Market Stage

10:00 AM **Karl Smiley**

Singer/Songwriter

11:00 AM **John Shipe**

Americana

12:00 PM **Carolans Consort**

Harp and Hammered Dulcimer

History Music Europe

1:00 PM **Ramblin' Roberts and the McKenzie Drifters**

Originals, Classic Rock, Motown, & Bluegrass

2:30 PM **KEF**

Balkan Dance Music

Committee Meetings

Sustainability Meeting

Tues., September 19th - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

New Member Orientation & Pre-screen

Weds., September 20th - 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM

- New Member Orientation @ 3:15 PM

- Product Screening @ 4:00 PM

Standards Committee Meeting

Weds., September 20th - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Holiday Market Orientation

Weds., September 27th - 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

All meetings take place at the Market Office and on Zoom. Request a Zoom link by emailing info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org.

All are welcome!

The Saturday Market

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