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Saturday Market

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SATURDAY MARKET NEWSLETTER
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Stop with the Naughty Parking

Greetings Artisans!

There are only 7 more Saturdays (including today) left in the SM23 season! It has been a wild season at that. A reminder: **THERE IS NO SATURDAY MARKET ON NOVEMBER 11TH, 2023!** Saturday November 4th is our last Saturday Market, one weekend of preparation for the magic to come and then Holiday Market begins Saturday November 18th. The excitement is palpable!

We are still having loading and unloading issues. This is becoming more of a hassle than it should be, I need **EVERYONE** to follow these simple rules:

1. **THERE IS NO PARKING, ONLY UNLOADING AND LOADING!** The time limit is 20 minutes. This means you must pack your booth, then get your vehicle, **THEN** you may load.

2. There is **NO** double- parking! I thought this would be obvious as our streets have narrowed but I have to remind people every Saturday.

3. There is **NO** packing up and leaving early! You have signed a contract to remain open for business until 4pm (medical/health related reasons excluded). When vendors pack up early it gives the impression to our customers that they need to leave. **STOP.** You are negatively impacting your neighbors and the Market as a whole. There is no fire... you will not melt... the world will keep spinning... please, honor your commitments, your neighbors, your Market.

4. Courtesy goes a long way. We have had several fender benders this season, angry interactions, stress headaches, and a frustrating end to an otherwise beautiful day. Exercise that courtesy muscle!

Some folks have requested that the Market Corner section should list birthdays a week ahead of time instead of the current week's birthdays. Some folks really love being showered in birthday wishes, while others do not. So please let us know your opinion (listing current birthdays or birthdays ahead of time) on you envelope or by email. If you would prefer to not be listed in the Market Corner, simply let us know or remove your birthday from the Member Portal. Now, please, take a cleansing breath, look around at the beauty all around you... today will be amazing! Have a great Market!

Ready for a chunky sweater,
Shannon Lee-Hutson
General Manager

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

Holiday Market: One Year Only Booths

Another week of Holiday Market booking has come and gone, so I have some updates!

A couple spaces have come up for grabs as "one year only booths" (meaning the Booth Holder Of Record has taken an LOA) If you are interested in looking at the map again now that it has settled a little bit, please contact me this week (9/26-9/29) and I will put you on my list in order of points to choose a new booth.

NONE OF THESE BOOTHS ARE: on Holiday Boulevard, "traditional corners", or on Wizard Way

THEY ARE ALONG THE WALL.

I am "Done" booking people who have turned in **BOTH** a deposit and application. If you have turned in both and have not been called yet, please let me know ASAP!

Best,

Sonia
Membership

Local Events

- Sept. 23 - UO vs Colorado
@Autzen Stadium
Sept. 23-24 - Corvallis Fall Festival
Sept. 23 - Florence Festival of Books
Sept. 24 - Veneta Celebration Run

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.

Volunteer Round-Up!

Hello dear Market members. Today we will be introducing a new section to the newsletter: the Volunteer Round-Up! We have lots of different tasks here at Saturday Market that need a talented volunteer like YOU! If you're interested in volunteering with something feel free to email

info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org or get in contact with our Volunteer Coordinator Kevy Levy of Sun Swirl Designs. The tasks listed below are shown in order of time commitment (with tasks that require small time commitments at the top and larger time commitment tasks at the bottom). Remember that Saturday Market would not be possible without our passionate volunteers, so feel free to pitch in however you can.

Tasks That Need Volunteers:

- Light office cleaning (1-2 hrs a month)
- Stuffing Envelopes (1-2 hrs, as needed)
- Videography (2-5 hrs per session)
- *Especially if you have a drone*
- Work on a Committee or Task Force (3-6 hours a month)
- More tasks available! Ask an office staff member or Kevin



The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy Birthday to all our early Fall friends! Happy birthday to David the Troposcope-er, who celebrated last Sunday, September 17th. Last Monday, September 18th, Catherine of Borealis and Joshua of Mazet Studios had a birthday bash. Trinity of Sister Curiosities celebrated birth last Tuesday. Jim the chef partied it up last Wednesday, September 20th. Last Thursday, Jalyssa the Slayyer celebrated birth. Steven of Ripple Hourse Design and Chris from The Game of REAL Life celebrated his birthday yesterday, September 22nd. Today we celebrate the birth of Cada Johnson!

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.

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!

Thank you so much to everyone who has been participating in our social media challenges! It has been so much fun to see, and if you haven't already, be sure to tag us, @saturdaymarket or

#eugenesaturdaymarket so we can see your work. This week, we want to see how much you have grown. Make a post about your first booth or one of your first art projects, and then show us something from your most recent day at Saturday Market or your latest art project. Happy posting!

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.

Wood For Sale

33 Board Feet of 5/4 Sapele rippings. Boards are 1.25" to 2" wide and 8' long. All clear grain and high quality. \$55 OBO - Len 949-292-5579

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 cloudy with a 30% chance of showers and increasing clouds after 3PM. The high is expected to be near 71°F, with a low of 52°F. There will be a wind between 4 to 7 mph from the west. Expect approximately 64% humidity. Be sure to prepare for rain, just in case.



Sales, O sales, sales I hope!

Ancient Market incantation (Nov 3, 1973)

On the Market Stage

10:00 AM **Mattieu Raney**

Classic Rock, many more

11:00 AM **Lizzie Cable**

Folkish

12:00 PM **Echo Fabric**

Ectro-Jazz Chill

1:00 PM **Giantess**

Space Pirate Rock +

90's Alternative Grunge

2:30 PM **Los Cumbiamberos**

Latin Music

Committee Meetings

Holiday Market Orientation

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

Holiday Market Committee Meeting

Fri., September 29th - 11:00 AM - 1:15 PM

New Member Orientation & Pre-screen

Weds., October 4th - 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM

- New Member Orientation @ 3:15 PM

- Product Screening @ 4:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting

Weds., October 4th - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

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

All are welcome!

