

- ★ Happy First December Weekend!
- ★ Committee Schedules, Stage Line Up, UnClassifieds and MORE!
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Holiday Market

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News from Shannon

Greetings Artisans!
Welcome to December! I can barely believe how quickly this year passed... It has had its challenges, but we have had some wonderful changes too. As of this month we have 662 current Eugene Saturday Market Members. We are so excited to usher in exciting new Vendors, welcome to the Market Family.
I would like to remind everyone about the Load in/Load out schedule (you can pick up a paper copy at Member Services or view it online www.eugen Saturdaymarket.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/HM23-calendar.png). On Fridays, from 2pm-7pm, is load in for the weekend show. If you merely need to load in stock, you can come from 8-10 in the morning on Saturdays. These time slots are not suggestions, they are agreed upon times negotiated and contracted with the Lane Events Center. Some vendors have been coming outside of these times and demanding entrance into the building. This is unacceptable. If you have an emergency, please contact the office and we will try our best to accommodate you, otherwise please respect the open and closed times of the building.
Another issue is an oldy but not goodie: DO NOT PACK UP BEFORE CLOSING TIME. Many vendors have been seen packing up their booths well before 6pm. You may not agree with this closing time, or you may be "bored" that your sales have slowed, but you have signed an agreement to be open and selling until 6pm (even when you have no sales at that time). I have heard people say, "well, I am done and it is a waste of my time to be here when I have no sales after 5 or 5:30". To those vendors, please remember we are a collective and your actions affect the whole Market. Your neighbors are losing sales because of your packing and leaving early. THERE IS NO LEAVING EARLY! Closing time is 6pm and Xmas Eve, 4pm. If you sell out on noon Sunday, consider the next 6 hours as advertising, make a to do list, do your taxes, address Christmas cards to family, but engage warmly with customers and encourage them to visit you next weekend or online, etc. "Boredom exists in the uninterested mind. Those engaged with the world artistically express the wonder in every day, do not waste time being bored." Get involved, engaged, and appreciate where you are at this very moment and enjoy.
Please fill out 1 survey per weekend, turn them into Member Services, we do not read them, they are turned over to a special Holiday Market Survey Task Force.
Take a deep breath, 1st weekend of December is upon us, Happy Vending! (Smile, tis the season to flash those pearly whites.)
Choose to be kind (it feels great!),
Shannon Lee-Hutson
General Manager

Load-In/Load-Out

This week we load-in Dec. 1st from 2-7PM. You can also load-in Dec. 2nd from 8-10AM. The building closes at 7pm on Dec 2nd, and 8pm on Dec 3rd for load-out. If you need, please pick up a schedule in Member Services.

Frequently Asked Customer Questions

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

- This weekend we will have Intro to L.A.R.P. with Battle Lands Play on Dec. 2nd from 3-6pm and a Cornhole Competition on Dec. 3rd from 4:30-6pm in Holiday Hall.
- Please donate shelf stable goods at the green Food for Lane County Barrels. This year we are hoping to fill six barrels. Remind customers and members of this time to make a difference this Holiday season.
- We do not have printed directories. Please send customers to the Weekly Live Map or the Info Booth. Find the online map at eugen Saturdaymarket.org or holidaymarket.org. There are also QR codes at the entrances too.
- That member that is in this space usually may be in another space. Send them to the website or Info Booth.
- Bigger acts are now on the stage in the new Holiday Hall/Performance Hall.
- Masks are not required, but recommended for vulnerable populations. Remember if you feel sick, don't come. Call us instead.
- Busking is allowed on a first-come first-serve basis in the front lobby. Buskers must sign-up at the busking stations.

Be a Part of Market Traditions!

Hello Market colleagues! I am writing to invite you all to two of our yearly traditions, the Family Picture and the Annual Meeting.
The Family Photo takes place this Sunday, December 3rd, in Holiday hall at 9:30AM. I used to think it was a bit silly, but now, when I see all the pictures from past seasons on the wall in the Market office, I get a warm nostalgic feeling. It is energizing to see all the familiar faces – some gone, some still here. If you are new, please come join a tradition that is ongoing. We want to see new faces, to document this truly special community as it continues and grows. So please come be a part of the market portrait on Sunday at 9:30AM in Holiday Hall.
Next, I invite us all to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 10th at 9 AM in Holiday Hall. Holding an Annual Meeting is part of our founding policies, and is required in our bylaws. We have many such historic policies, and many volunteers that participate on our committees that keep our procedures current and our Market going. At the annual meeting, member volunteers will share a bit about what the Market Committees have done this year. The General Manager and the Board Chair will also give overviews of the year. It is a simple way to learn about how Market happens, and to show our appreciation for the many volunteers and staff who dedicate so much time throughout the year. We are giving future generations of craftspeople the unique opportunity longtime members have had, to make a living making things. So please come be a part of the Annual Meeting!
In Gratitude,
Nome May
Board Chair

Stock Must Be Removed

Remember that all stock must be removed from your booth by 8pm on Sunday night. If you are selling the next weekend, your booth structure and furniture may stay.

Important Parking Info

Park your vehicle in the parking lot behind the building. The front parking lot is for customers. Don't leave anything in your car, as thefts do happen.

Here Only This Weekend?

Remember to let your customers know if this is your only weekend selling, or if you are not coming back until the last two days. Many folks assume that everyone is here all the time, and will come looking for you later, so capture those sales today!
You can also tag us on social media, as we try hard to share as many artisans' posts/stories as possible. If you have questions about social media, feel free to ask Renee in Member Services.

Credit Card Transactions

We are pleased to provide the service of credit card transactions. We take Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover. There are Visa slips for your use in the Member Services. Complete the form with your full first and last name, NOT your business name or your boothsitter's name. We are not color coding the slips anymore so take any color you like or use white. Keep your slips each day to confirm that your check is correct.

Fire Inspection

Please be prepared to show the Fire Marshals your properly tagged fire extinguisher, proof of fire retardant, electrical connections and answer any questions they may have. Your electrical cord configuration is very important. Please be in your booth, and be cooperative. They will be returning to check in on our progress.

3-6PM Activities & Dates

Dec. 2 - Battle Lands Play Intro to L.A.R.P., from 3-6pm
Dec. 3 - Cornhole Competition, in Holiday Hall from 3-6pm
Dec. 9 - Fiber Arts Craft Circle in Holiday Hall from 3-6pm
Dec. 10 - Tell Your Story: Zine Making Workshop in Holiday Hall from 3-6pm
Dec. 16- Thrill the World Flash Mob Class in Holiday Hall from 4:30-5:30pm
Dec. 17 - Belly Dance Eugene (Class) in Holiday Hall from 4:30-6:00pm
If you have questions, please ask Member Services



The Market Corner

This upcoming week we celebrate Paul the woodworker on Dec. 4th. Next Tuesday, Dec. 5th we celebrate Karen of Chickadee Skincare and Vicki the talented jeweler and artist. On Wednesday, Dec. 6th we'll wish a happy birthday to Gary Becker. Next Thursday, Dec. 7th, Jon King and Katie of Handfashioned Porcelain will be celebrating birth. Next Saturday, Dec. 9th we celebrate Bayla the artist and David the woodworker.

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

Please tell us if you don't see your birthday on your birthday.

Committee Meetings

- Sustainability Meeting*
Sat., Dec. 9th - 9:00 AM-9:45 AM
in Evergreen Hall (Tia Maria Pizzeria)
- Annual Meeting*
Sun., Dec. 10th - 9:00 AM-9:45 AM
in Holiday Hall (the Performance Hall)
- Board of Directors Meeting
Weds., January 10th, 5:15-7:15PM
*These meetings will be held in-person.

All are welcome!

Office/Market Schedule

Our office hours are Wed-Fri from 10am-4pm. Member Services will be open on Holiday Market days from 8:30am-7pm.

Our office will be closed on Christmas, December 25th. After Holiday Market is over and put away, the office will be closed until Feb. 1st, 2024.

Shine Bright this Holiday Market

I know it can be a tough ask sometimes, sitting under fluorescent lights, maybe you aren't feeling your most confident, but a good attitude and a simple smile go a long way.

While on Facebook I saw this comment, "It's such a turn-off when you're shopping and the vendors don't make eye contact or say hello. When people appear unfriendly or unsociable, I basically just keep on to the next booth." Customers often make buying decisions over subtle details like customer service, and general energy/vibes.

If being social is something you struggle with, try having a craft or task that is easy to put down to work on (crocheting, inventory, or doodling). This time of year can be hard on folks, so if you need advice, a pep talk, or a listening ear see us in Member Services.

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 e-mail it to us at info@eugen Saturdaymarket.org with "NEWSLETTER" in the subject.

Holiday Market Booth Sitter

I want to build a community in Eugene. With over a decade working merchandising tables. Familiar with POS Systems and am a quick learner. Here to help you have a break, some aid at your booth, with set up, break down, and other tasks. Thank you for the part time work. Good Karma and Blessings! Please contact Dorothy at 206-478-1942, Dorothy.F.Simecek@Gmail.com

Help Wanted: Set-Up

Help Wanted: I'm looking for someone to help unload and set up my booth on Friday Dec 8th at 2:00. \$17 for one hour. Please call Diana 541-344-9073. Thanks.

Entire Booth for Sale

Jaguar Art Glass is closing at the end of this season. We have a complete 8" x 10" Holiday Market booth that comes with everything you need for a great selling display (except our etched glass). Come by our booth and take a look, booth #82, and talk with Ann or Jay. We have used this booth for over 25 years and it has been wonderful. We would like to sell the booth in its entirety as a package, not part it out. Depending on your seniority, you may have enough point to choose this space for next year! info@jaguarartglass.com

Small Studio for Rent

Small studio apartment, opening up Dec. 1st in the River Rd area. 7 minute walk to the river, bike path. Looking for a mature responsible person. Single occupancy only, 330 sq feet. Includes own laundry, but not a lot of storage. Contact Terry and introduce yourself, a bit about your personality, your interests, lifestyle and profession. Artists are a plus! Since the apartment is on my property having common interests matter. All inclusive rent \$750. castrataro6@yahoo.com

Display and Items for Sale

Displays used at selling events for sale. Equipment includes over a dozen light clips, table displays for earrings, and a trifold rack perfect for displaying ornaments. All interested should contact Jerry at (541) 260-5995

On the Market Stage

Saturday, Dec. 2

On the Evergreen Stage (Evergreen Hall)

10:00 AM **Art Willey**

Folkish

11:00 AM **M.E. Dunlap**

Singer/Songwriter

12:00 PM **Lucid Penguin**

Rock, Blues, Folk

1:00 PM **Soromundi Lesbian Chorus**

Choir (Varied Genres)

2:30 PM **Boxcar Figaro**

Americana

4:30 PM **Gypsy Moon**

Latin Salsa

On the Holiday Stage (Holiday Hall)

10:00 AM **Tim McLaughlin**

Singer/Songwriter/Looper

11:00 AM **Karl Smiley**

Singer/Songwriter (Organic, Free Range)

12:00 PM **Gary & Eva**

Eclectic - Bossa Nova, Jazz, Beatles, Blues and More

1:00 PM **Faroe Rum**

Celtic/Irish Traditional

2:30 PM **Olem Alves Jazz Trio**

Blues, Jazz, Rock

4:30 PM **Anya Lecuyer and Friends**

Rock, R&B, Soul, Blues, Funk

Sunday, Dec. 3

On the Evergreen Stage (Evergreen Hall)

10:00 AM **Jeremy Pruitt**

Songwriter

11:00 AM **Rob Tobias**

Folk Pop

12:00 PM **Bow & Air-o Trio**

Acoustic Medieval, Renaissance, Celtic

1:00 PM **Thrill the World Eugene**

Flash Mob

2:30 PM **Leo's Jammers**

Traditional Old Time Jazz

4:30 PM **RIFFLE**

Blues, R&B, Rock and More

On the Holiday Stage (Holiday Hall)

10:00 AM **Kelly O'Neill**

Singer/Songwriter

11:00 AM **Seven Devils Road**

12:00 PM **Bootleg Rose**

Alternative Folk/Americana

1:00 PM **Love Note Duo**

Indie Folk

2:30 PM **Alley & the Cats**

Rock

4:30 PM **Cornhole Tournament**

in Holiday Hall

See Full Line-Up - holidaymarket.org

The Saturday Market

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