December 22nd-24th, 2023

*Last Weekend, We Made It! Final Load-Out Dec. 27th (10AM-6PM)

★ Committee Schedules, Stage Line Up, UnClassifieds and MORE!

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SATURDAY MARKET NEWSLETTER
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Thank You for a Wonderful Holiday Season!

Greetings Artisans!

Well, here we are... the last weekend! What a magical season it has been! I am absolutely in awe of the wonderful Holiday Season we have enjoyed thus far. Overall average booking was 94% and the Holiday Hall has been full and thriving! Evergreen Hall had some small changes but was bustling with excitement and prosperity.

So, I heard a rumor... Let me clarify. The Fire Marshal's office enforced some of the new fire regulations this year as we all are aware. We had many discussions and negotiations regarding these changes. The changes to the Holiday Hall were completely approved as we had already applied the new regulations last year. Evergreen Hall was a longer discussion. We agreed to alter the Food Court to create a 5' fire lane between the food booths and the crafter booths. The Food Court had to make some alterations to their cooking stations as well. We had 1 area in the crafting booths that needed a small alteration, so we tried our best to accommodate those that were affected. As far as the Holiday Market map changes... They have been implemented, approved, and final. The rumor of reformatting the Evergreen Hall was NEVER a real solution. Your staff, Board, and Committees work hard to make our Holiday Market special, observe our traditions, and honor our members. The rumor is false.

Now, the Park Block footprint for Saturday Market 2024 has been modified due to the construction last season. Several booth spaces have been removed, altered, or now are unavailable. Therefore, we will be putting together a Downtown Park Blocks Map Task Force to address the changes and refresh our Park Block map. This should NOT affect most of the Membership. Those reserve members that are affected have been made aware and we are working hard to make appropriate individual solutions for each. AGAIN, less than 10% of the membership will be impacted by these changes.

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I hope I have put to rest any concerns regarding any Map alterations that have been made or will be made. Change is hard for everyone. We are always available to answer any questions and address any concerns. Sometimes it is best to ask questions to the appropriate person rather than feed a rumor. I am always available, email me or let's set an appointment in the office.

We have a wonderful weekend of music,

We have a wonderful weekend of music, performances and activities planned. Enjoy and close out the show with joy. On Evergreen Stage, Man of Words Theater Company presents "A Christmas Carol" on December 24th at 12:00 pm. This has always been a special treat for my family, please invite your family to come by for this truly amazing performance. Have a great Holiday!

Thank you,

Shannon Lee-Hutson General Manager gm@eugenesaturdaymarket.org

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 a Bird Seed Ornament Workshop (while supplies last) starting at 3PM in Holiday Hall n Friday. Then we will have a Snowflake Competition beginning at 3PM in Holiday Hall on Saturday.
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 Please donate shelf stable goods at the green Food for Lane County Barrels. This year we are hoping to fill at least 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 <u>eugenesaturdaymarket</u>. <u>org</u> or <u>holidaymarket.org</u>. There are also QR codes and Guidebooks 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 firstserve basis in the front lobby. Buskers must sign-up at the busking stations.

Load-In/Load-Out

This week we load-in Dec. 21st from 2-7PM. You can also load-in Dec. 22nd from 8-10AM. The building closes at 7pm on Dec 22nd and on Dec 23nd, and 8pm on Dec 24th for load-out. Final load-out will occur on Wednesday, Dec. 27th from 10am until 6pm. If you need, please pick up a schedule in Member Services.

Election Results for the Board of Directors

The ballots have been counted and three Board Directors have been elected. Bekah Zeimetz, Candice Westberg Ambrose, and Gary Spetzler.

Gary Spetzler.

Thanks to all of them for running and accepting the responsibility of guiding the Market. A special thanks to Leta Harvill for running as well, and our Ballot counting volunteers. Thanks so much to all who voted!

See Something, Say Something

At Market (Saturdays and Holidays) our office phone number (541) 686-8885 will ring to a staff member. At Holiday Market this means that when you call the office on a Saturday, it will reach someone in Member Services. So if you see of hear of something odd, something that shouldn't be happening, or you need Site-Crew or Security please do not hesitate to call us. We will help ASAP.

Stock Must Be Removed

Remember that all stock must be removed from your booth by 8PM this Sunday. You may load-out Dec. 24th until 8PM, and final load-out will occur Dec. 27th (10AM-6PM).

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. Do not park in yellow zones, the fire lane, or in alter-abled member spaces. Please park appropriately.

Last Weekend

Remember to let your customers know that this week will be the end of the 2023 Holiday Market. 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 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. The service fee for this service is 6%.

Work Tasks

Don't forget to sign-in and sign-out of your Work Task in Member Services. If you have hung posters as your Work Task, email your poster locations to

renee@eugenesaturdaymarket.org.

Committee Meetings

- Board of Directors Meeting Weds., January 10th, 5:15-7:15PM
- Holiday Market Debrief
 Fri., Feburary 23rd, 11:00AM-1:00PM

All are welcome!

Special Activities & Dates

Dec. 22 - Bird Seed Ornament Workshop in Holiday Hall from 3:00-6:00pm

Dec. 23 - Snowflake Contest

in Holiday Hall from 3:00-6:00pm

Dec. 24 - Man of Words Theatre Company
Presents A Christmas Carol
in Evergreen Hall, 12-2pm

If you have questions, please ask Member Services

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This upcoming week celebrate Jim of Steinbacher Art Glass on December 25th. Then on December 30th, we will celebrate the birth of Cookie Dave from Edible Improv. On Dec. 31st, we will celebrate John the photographer and Lilliane the jeweler.

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.

Ready, Willing, Able Membership

Dear Market Colleagues,

You have the voluntary option to pay more than the minimum requirement for membership next season. 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, "Willing" is for those of us who are willing to chip in a little more, and because we make a significant portion of our income at Market. "Able" is 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."

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 also 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.

These changes 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

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

In Gratitude, Nome May, Board Chair

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@ <u>eugenesaturdaymarket.org</u> with "NEWSLETTER" in the subject.

Member Favorites in Booth #F06

This weekend Tia Maria Pizzeria is bringing as many member favorites as possible! We'll have the classic pizza toppings as well as Hawaiian, Sausage & Four Cheese, Breakfast Pizza, AND the Vegan Pizza (while supplies last!)! The Vegan pizza is topped with organic baby spinach, cashew & roasted red pepper romesco sauce, organic cashew-nutritional yeast crumble, and is finished with organic extra-virgin olive oil! We'll also have desserts too. Thank you all for supporting our return to the Saturday Market this season!

Retirement Sale for Jaguar Art Glass I'm offering a half price sale for vendors

starting Saturday at 4pm and all day Sunday. Come by my booth and get a piece or two before we've finished our run. Booth #82.

One HAUTE Sale!

Anna's Haute Tops in Booth #185 will be having an end of year sale on December 24th only. Prices slashed, cash only.

Free Trees!

There are three trees in the Springfield Community Garden that could use a new home. One 5 ft willow tree, and two 1ft fig trees. Must be dug up. Those interested should contact Mary Flowerday at (541) 741-6945.

Entire Booth for Sale

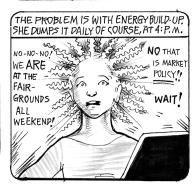
Jaguar Art Glass is closing at the end of this season. We have a complete 8" x 10" Holiday Market booth that comes with everything you need for a great selling display (except our etched glass). Come by our booth and take a look, booth #82, and talk with Ann or Jay. We have used this booth for over 25 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! <u>info@jaguarartglass.com</u>

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 and December 26th. After Holiday Market is over and put away, the office will be closed until Feb. 1st, 2024.









On the Market Stage Friday, Dec. 22

On the Evergreen Stage (Evergeen Hall)

10:00 AM Brian Cutean (QTN)

11:00 AM Kenn Amdahl

Folk, Singer/Songwriter

12:00 PM Amblin Music Looping

1:00 PM Mike & Carleen McCornack

with Dale Bradlev

2:30 PM Wellington Drive

Americana

4:30 PM Robert & the Atmosphere

Blues, Rock, Funk

On the Holiday Stage (Holiday Hall)

10:00 AM Young Jim Carr

Americana

11:00 AM Storm Tipton

Classic Soul, Funk, and Country

12:00 PM River Jam

Americana

1:00 PM Inspirational Sounds Gospel Choir

2:30 PM Marcus Brown & Ghost Town

Country/Americana

4:30 PM Not Done Yet

Classic Rock

Saturday, Dec. 23 On the Evergreen Stage (Evergeen Hall)

10:00 AM Justus Grose

Folk

11:00 AM Gary Pleskow

Pop, Rock, Standards, Jazz, Big Band

12:00 PM Eugene Opera

1:00 PM Laura Kemp Trio

Folk, Singer/Songwriter

2:30 PM Gypsy Moon Latin Salsa

4:30 PM NeverEver Band

On the Holiday Stage (Holiday Hall)

10:00 AM Linda Yapp

11:00 AM Chico Schwall

Variety

12:00 PM Theo & Leslie Celtic Music

1:00 PM Patrick & Anderson

Acoustic Variety, Blues, R&B, Rock, Country

2:30 PM Basin St. Band

Jazz

4:30 PM Ramblin' Roberts and the **McKenzie Drifters**

See Full Line-Up - holidaymarket.org

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