

Today's Highlights: April 13th, 2024

- ★ Happy Spring!
- ★ Let's Make a Holiday Market Guidebook, Beware Counterfeit Money
- ★ Weather, Birthdays, UnClassifieds and more on the back page!

SATURDAY MARKET NEWSLETTER
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Saturday Market



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From the Office: Budget & More

Greetings Artisans,

We had a successful Opening Day last weekend and kept dry for most of the day. Today may offer more Spring sprinkles, but we are Oregonians and do NOT melt in the rain.

The Hult Center has a performance today, therefore parking in the Parade Garage is not free today, however the Overpark is still free.

Fun Announcements:

- Forks are back! Please let your customers know and celebrate the return of the Saturday Market Sustainability Program!

- Many new bike racks have been added along the perimeter of the Park Blocks.

- Volunteering is fun and a great way to strengthen ties in the community! Consider running for the Board in June. We also have numerous committees that need new members.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, May 4th, is a great opportunity to bring out your inner nerd! May the fourth be with you... dress as your favorite Ewok, Droid, or Jedi Master!

- Mother's Day Giveaway is scheduled for May 11th, 2024. (If you are participating, please turn in donations for the Mothers Day baskets to the Info Booth or in the office now!) For more information call the office.

The Saturday Market's fiscal year runs from April-March. The proposed budget for each year is approved by the Board of Directors before April 1st, this year it was accepted during the March 27th, special session. This special Board Meeting is solely for the purpose of reviewing the recommended Budget developed by the budget committee and the General Manager. Once approved by the Board the Budget is available in hard copy at the office. I am available by appointment to review the documents or offer any information to members. If you are interested in joining the Budget Committee, please let me know!

I am sad to report, a Saturday Market Member, William Wright passed Thursday evening, 4/11/24. William and his wife Cathy Coulson-Keegan were long time members of the Eugene Saturday Market (1988-2023). There will be a memorial booth set up on April 20th, 2024. Those that would like to bring photos or share memories of Bill and Cathy, please bring to the office during the week Tuesday - Friday 10am-4pm.

Thank You,
Shannon Lee-Hutson
General Manager

Beware of Counterfeit Money

We handle a lot of cash at Saturday Market. We had counterfeit bills at last week's market. You should always be on the lookout for fake money. Here are some tips:

1. **Hold the bill up to the light.** Check for a holograph of the face on the bill plus the thin vertical strip (which is also visible with a UV flashlight) containing the denomination. Also, make sure the watermark can be seen on both sides of the bill. There is a security thread embedded from top to bottom on the face of the bill.

2. **Color-shifting ink:** If you hold the new series bill (except 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.

Feel free to ask your neighbors or come to the South Park Info Booth if you are given a questionable bill. Also, fellow member Kevin Tisserand (3D printer/artist) has some extra (limited supply) color-shifting pens available for \$2.

Let's Make a Holiday Market Guidebook

The Guidebook Team is seeking interested members to assist with Guidebook ideas, ads, and distribution. Our next meeting will be in the office (in-person or via Zoom) on 4/18 from 4:00-6:00PM. To learn more about Holiday Market Guidebook cost, and/or when the Guidebook Team meets, please feel free to go to the Info Booth, office or email Renee at: renee@eugenesaturdaymarket.org



Envelope Art by: Luna Sansone

Welcome New Assistant Manager: Veronica!

Hello, my name is Veronica Gutierrez and I am the new Assistant Manager working at Eugene Saturday Market. I am a California transplant, however, since moving to Eugene 2 1/2 years ago, I now consider myself a lifelong Oregonian. I can not see myself ever moving back.

In my previous "work lives", I worked 32 years in the construction industry, a brief stint at the DVM and approximately 8 months at Lane County as a Records Officer. I have enjoyed Saturday Market as a customer and patron and now I am looking forward to my first season as an employee. I am excited to work with the wonderful staff at Saturday Market.

Meet The Staff!

Site Crew (Set-up/Take Down):

David Welch - Operations Supervisor
Spaz Welch-Cook - Member Liaison

Jae Shields - Site Crew
Kavika Debilzan - Site Crew
Sunny Riazati - Site Crew
Josh McGoldrick - Site Crew
Chris Cavallucci - Site Crew
V Robertson - Site Crew
Morris Shuey - Lead Recycler
Christopher Kritch - Recycler
Dave Swanston - Stage

Info Booth:

Sandy Gonzalez
Erich Boekelheide

Composting & Durables Return

We are excited to have you join us this year, as we bring back two of our favorite sustainability programs: durable utensils in the Food Court, and composting of our trash.

This is not something new to our Park Blocks - we had been using durables in the Food Court and washing them between Saturdays from the middle of 2009 through 2020, when concerns about the COVID-19 virus led us to halt the program. The sorting of the trash into compostables, recyclables and landfill items became part of the program as an attempt to limit the loss of durables to mis-sorting of the items by our customers, as well as reducing our impact on the local landfill. The members of the Sustainability Committee, our Board of Directors and the Market Manager have been discussing the return of the program for the past year.

One thing we learned during our discussions - we had been diverting about 1.5 cubic yards of materials from the trash stream in 2019, every week of the Park Blocks season. By the end of the season, we will have kept about 50 cubic yards out of the landfill, extending its useful life. By composting these materials we reduce the amount of methane that would be produced in the landfill, which could have impacts on climate change, and at the same time create a substrate useful for growing other plants.

One way we can all make the process of sorting easier for our sorters is to avoid adding plastics, stickers and fishing line from display hangers to the trash containers on the Park Blocks. These items are hard to separate out of a mixed waste stream, and leads to "microtrash" which can contaminate otherwise compostable materials.

We are excited to bring these important programs back and appreciate your participation!

If you have any questions, or want to join the Sustainability Committee, contact Denise Gosar (denisegosar@gmail.com) or Brigitte McBride (goosehillgifts@gmail.com).

Have a wonderful day!
Denise Gosar



The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy Birthday to all our spring time friends! Happy birthday Diana the tie-dye queen of D.D. Smudge who celebrates on Tuesday, April 16th. Happiest of days to Lisa of Vintage Green and Kystal of a Stitch in Time who celebrate being born on Saturday, April 20th.

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.

Fees & Late Fees Reminder

Remember, you must pay for your Market day by Wednesday to get your point in time for the next Saturday. Also remember that after 30 days a \$5 late fee is added to your owing, and after 60 days another \$5 fee is added for a total of \$10.

Credit Card Sales

Saturday Market accepts Visa, Mastercard, Discover, & American Express. Send your customer to the South Park Info Booth with a properly filled out credit card slip.

Your check for the amount of the sale less 6% for bank charges will be MAILED on Wednesday. Call the office if you would like to pick up your check. We will not put Visa checks into Reserve members' envelopes.

Reminder: You cannot charge your customers a fee or increase the cost of your product by a percentage for paying with a credit card. You can offer a cash discount instead.

Donations Needed!

Consider donating some of your work to the Saturday Market Mothers Day Give-away! Last year we were able to give away over 94 items. If you are interested, please bring your item, and a business card, to the Info Booth or office BEFORE 5/11. The Mothers Day Giveaway is scheduled this year for Saturday, May 11th. The Giveaway will last all day, and is a great way to connect with customers in a new way.

Saturday Market Social Life!

Follow along with The Saturday Market on the website and through social media. Share your content to get included and reach a new audience!

Facebook: [facebook.com/EugeneSaturdayMarket](https://www.facebook.com/EugeneSaturdayMarket)

Twitter / Instagram: @SaturdayMarket

We're also on Pinterest, Yelp, TripAdvisor, Google Business, YouTube, Flickr, & more.



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@eugen Saturdaymarket.org with "NEWSLETTER" in the subject. — —

OCF Spring Fling Donations Needed:

Please reach out to vanessa@oregoncountryfair.org by 4/26 if you would like to donate your amazing products for our basket raffle. All proceeds go to support Culture Jam.

Cellphone Charging Available!

If you are a member in need of charging your cell phone Dale from Stone Valley Creations can help! Gratuity greatly appreciated, booth location subject to change.

Info Booth Services

MAKING CHANGE: The market will make change for our members, up to \$60, each Saturday.

LOST & FOUND: Please turn in found items to the South Park Info Booth and tell customers to go to the South Park Info Booth for lost & found items. They can also call the office at 541-686-8885. Saturday Market is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

FIRST AID: Find supplies in case of an injury or emergency, AED, also period products too.

MAPS & PROMO MATERIALS: Maps of the Saturday Market, as well as promotional Saturday Market items like generic business cards, stickers, and posters can be found in the Info Booth. Help us spread the word about our awesome Market!

The Kareng Fund

The Kareng Fund is an emergency relief fund set up to help low-income, self-employed artisans in Oregon who experience a career-threatening crisis. You can make a donation any time in your envelope at the end of the day. Please "round up" your fees or donate in the line provided. You can also donate directly on the website:

<http://www.karengfund.org/>

The website is the best place to file an application for a grant. If you are not in a crisis, try the microloan program at Community Lending Works, which partners with the Kareng Fund to help with building up supplies or paying fees. Here is a link:

<https://communitylendingworks.org/>

Thank you all for your generosity and continuing compassion for your neighbors and friends in the artisan community.

Weather

Today is expected to have chance of showers, with an approximately 68% chance of raindrops. Partly sunny, with some clouds are expected for the majority of the day. The high is expected to be near 65°F, with a low of 46°F. 5 to 10 mph winds are expected from the North West.



Sales, O sales, sales I hope!

Ancient Market incantation (Nov 3, 1973)

On the Market Stage

10:00 AM **Jeremy Douglas Powers**

Singer/Songwriter

11:00 AM **Elroy Jordin**

Folk

12:00 PM **Epiphonic**

Americana

1:00 PM **The Vineyard Collective**

Singer/Songwriter, Folk

2:30 PM **JB & NOTAR**

Americana

Committee Meetings

Orientation and Screenings

Weds., April 17th - 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM

- New Member Orientation @ 3:15 PM

- Product Screening @ 4:00 PM

Standards Committee Meeting

Weds., April 17th - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Guidebook Team Meeting

Thurs., April 18th - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Food Court Committee Meeting

Wed., April 24th - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

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

All are welcome!

The Saturday Market

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

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