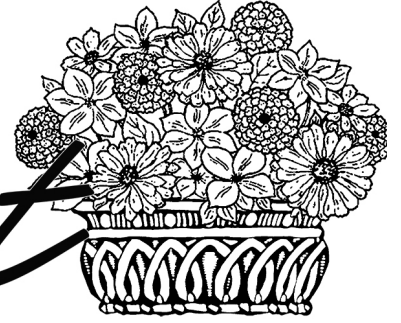


Today's Highlights: April 27th, 2024

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Saturday Market



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From the Office: May Event Days!

Greetings Artisans!

This is our last weekend in April, time certainly passes quickly these days... There was rain and some wind, but as Oregonians, we can weather any storm.

The month of May is shaping up to be a fun one! Our first weekend is "May the Fourth (be with you)." I hope to see a lot of members paying homage to their favorite Star Wars/SciFi character, so anything from Princess Leia to Frankenfurter! I know I want to see what dress Cortney Fellet (Steel Web) wears that day!

The second weekend in May is our wonderfully popular "Mother's Day Giveaway." If you still want to participate or donate, please ask Renee or anyone at the Info Booth for more information. Don't forget to attach a business card too with your donations.

On the third weekend in May, we are celebrating "Founder's Day." So, we thought it would be amazing to dress in the spirit of the seventies... don those groovy bell bottoms and let the chest hair fly free! I want to feel the disco in the way that you use your walk!

We truly are blessed in our community and have so many reasons to celebrate everyday, make each day special. Make it a truly magical Market day by remembering good parking manners and to not stay parked for more than 20 minutes.

Thank You,
Shannon Lee-Hutson
General Manager

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.

Being Featured Online & Social Media Info

Follow along with The Saturday Market on the website and through social media! Things are always changing and being added. Share your content to get included and reach a new audience! This can be done by tagging our official pages or emailing Renee. Members interested in being featured on the official Saturday Market pages should check-in with Info Booth Staff or Renee. We love to celebrate new items, new artisans, anniversaries, holidays and special occasions too!

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

Twitter / Instagram: @SaturdayMarket

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

Should We Open in March?

The Board is considering opening in March, instead of April, starting next year in 2025. We would like to know what you think! Here are some reasons why we are talking about it:

As the climate continues to change, there will increasingly be summer and fall days when the heat and/or smoke limits our ability to attract customers. Opening in March would give us more opportunities. March is the new April!

Farmer's Market is already out there in March. They open in February now, since they got their new pavilion. The vendors on the Free Speech Plaza (courthouse block) are also out there in March, which makes customers think that THEY are Saturday Market. Customers are on the Park Blocks, and we could be there too.

Portland Saturday Market opens in March, and has for many years. It works for them, so it could work for us.

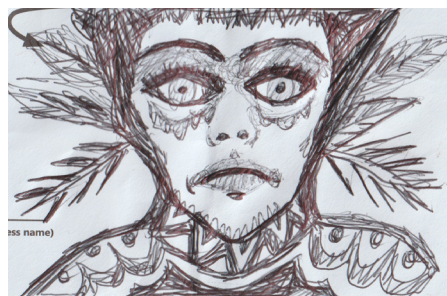
Sonia (our amazing Membership Coordinator) has been getting frequent calls during March from customers wondering when we will open, and trying to get contact info for their favorite vendors.

If we opened in March, we could talk about finishing the outdoor season at the end of October. Outdoor Market days in November are poorly attended, because many vendors want to stay home and get ready for Holiday Market. Getting the word out would be simpler if we could say we are open outdoors "March through October" instead of "April through mid-November" (which is a little vague).

But what about the weather? There's no doubt we have some chilly and rainy days in March. But that hasn't stopped us from being open in October and November. And there is one more hour of daylight in March than in October.

So what do you think? Please let us know. Talk to any board member (listed on the back of the newsletter), or send an email to Sonia sonia@eugenesaturdaymarket.org and she will collect responses for discussion at our next board meeting. We want to hear from as many people as possible. Thank you!

Maia Bowers, Board Member
and Bird Shirt Artisan in space U1



Envelope Art by: Caroline Dunn

Join Our Board of Directors!

Our Market magically appears on the Park Blocks every Saturday. This magical event is maintained by the behind-the-scenes efforts of many, many fairies and elves. There are elves in their workshops throughout the week, making wonderful things. And there are fairies that volunteer on Committees and serve on the Board of Directors. (I'm not sure where our wonderful staff fits into this fanciful analogy - Angels? Wizards? But you get the idea...)

Do you want to do something positive, and give some love to our Market? Run for the election to the Eugene Saturday Market Board! Our next election is in June, and the only two requirements for being a candidate: 1. turn in a candidate statement and picture to the office by May 23rd and 2. attend one Board meeting before the election. You don't need experience with being on a Board of Directors. Your helpful friends and neighbors who have served or are currently serving can show you how we do!

If you are new to Market, if you have been for a while, if you wonder how we make the magic, if you are board-curious, come join us at a Board meeting by Zoom or in-person on May 1st at 5:15pm. We meet in-person in a really nice conference room above the Market office. Or you can call the office for a Zoom link and attend from the comfort of your own home.

This is the first step in considering joining the Eugene Saturday Market Board. The only requirements are submitting a candidate statement and picture before May 23rd to the office, and needing to attend one Board meeting in the past year. The Board meeting on June 5th is the last meeting before elections.

It is rewarding, it is intellectually challenging, and it is a good feeling knowing you are serving a community 54+ years in the making. It looks good on your resume, it impresses your family and friends. It only lasts 18 months per term with a two term limit. We meet once a month for 2 to 2 1/2 hours. It is a chance to learn our history and be part of our legacy. Do think about giving it a go!

In Gratitude,
Nome May, ESM Board Chairperson

Donations Needed!

Consider donating to the Saturday Market Mothers Day Giveaway! 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.



The Market Corner

Happy Birthday to Denise of Pulp Romances who celebrated on April 26th! Tomorrow, Sunday April 28th Corinne celebrates another trip around the sun. Happiest of days to Aisha with North Train Designs who celebrates on Tuesday, April 30th. Happy Birthday to Loren of The Lemonade Gourmet, who will be celebrating on Wednesday, May 1st. A very Happy Birthday to Dale with Stone Valley Creations who will also be celebrating on May 1st. Happy Birthday to Dani of Moon Jelly Jewelry who celebrates on Saturday, May 4th. Last but not least, Happy Birthday to Sierah of SEW Fresh who also celebrates Saturday, May 4th!

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.

Be a Eugene Saturday Market Statement!

The more we promote each other, the more we will all attract buyers. The way we present ourselves has the opportunity to influence our community for the better.

What we wear and how we decorate our booths matters! When selling at Market (or anytime you leave the house, really), whatever you wear, choose Eugene Saturday Market handmade items to rock your look. Jewelry? Check. Shirt? Check. Hoodie? Check! The more we wear our fellow members wares, the more confidence we give our customers to make similar purchases. The same goes for your booth- what infrastructure do you use that another member makes? Do you use a pillow on your chair? Use a Market made pillow. Use a dish for your business cards? Make it a Market-made dish. Jewelers and face painters, do you offer a hand mirror for your customers? Use a hand mirror made at Market. Look around your booth- what else could you be using that is handmade at our Market?

As a friend's mother once said to me when I described Eugene Saturday Market, "so you get together and sell things to each other?" Well... yes! And also the community comes to us to take home some lovingly made items. The more we live the handmade lifestyle, the better our Market is!

In Gratitude,
Nome May, ESM Board Chairperson

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. — —

I Have SCOBYs Ready for Adoption

My SCOBY Hotel is once again at full capacity! If you have ever wanted to brew your own kombucha or kombucha vinegar this is a great way to get started! Each adoption comes with a few healthy layers of freshly fed SCOBY, and its own Hotel (large Mason Jar). Asking \$20.00 adoption fee (cash or trade) per jar. Interested in being a SCOBY parent? Just ask Renee, renee@eugen Saturdaymarket.org.

Willy Says You Should Go to Bi-Mart!

Willy Gibboney, as well as some other members encourage you to go to Bi-Mart if you are in need of an 8x8 canopy. Bi-Mart is currently running a promotion where the 8x8 Caravan Canopy is only \$39.99. For more details, check in at your local Bi-Mart.

Seeking A Roommate!

I have a room with a private bath open to rent for a responsible, mature individual in the River Road area. Room is fully furnished and ready for move-in upon approval from the landlord. Nice, quiet neighborhood, plenty of storage and space to work in, and a lovely little backyard garden. Introduce yourself to Audra Blake at the Market or contact her at noelanius@aol.com if interested. \$900 per month, all inclusive.

Counterfeit Pens Available

If you are in need of a way to test the authenticity of your currency, visit Kevin Tisserand (booth location changes). Pens will be about \$2.00. Available while supply lasts.

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.



Envelope Art by: Alexandra Burtle

Weather

Unfortunately rain is also expected today, AGAIN! Approx. 41% chance of the drip-drops. But, they should stick to the morning and afternoon time. The high will be around 55°F with the low expected to be 47°F. Humidity to be around 81%, and a wind of 9mph is expected to blow from the South Southwest.



Sales, O sales, sales I hope!

Ancient Market incantation (Nov 3, 1973)

On the Market Stage

10:00 AM **Gordon Kaswell**

Blues, Finger-Style, Swing and Rock

11:00 AM **Jeff Roberts**

Acoustic Fingerstyle Guitar

12:00 PM **The New Folksters**

60's Folk, Ragtime and

Contemporary Folk

1:00 PM **Not Done Yet**

Classic Rock

2:30 PM **The Huckleberrys**

Blues to Bluegrass

Committee Meetings

Orientation and Screenings

Wed., May 1st - 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM

- New Member Orientation @ 3:15 PM

- Product Screening @ 4:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting

Wed., May 1st - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Sustainability Committee Meeting

Wed., May 8th - 4:15 PM - 6:15 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

Chairperson - Nome May

Vice Chairperson - Bekah Zeimetz

Secretary - Diane McWhorter

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Sarah Bast, Candice Westberg, Maia Bowers, Julia Garretson, Jennifer Hoberg, Gary Spetzler

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Candice Westberg, Anna Lawrence

Food Committee Co-Chairs:

Casey Marks-Fife-Ito, Richard Harnsongkram

Holiday Market Committee Co-Chairs:

Dara Robertson, Doug Robertson

Sustainability Committee Chair:

Brigitte McBride, Julia Garretson

Volunteer Coordinators:

Kevin Levy, Willy Gibboney

Staff

General Manager - Shannon Lee-Hutson

Assistant Manager - Veronica Gutierrez

Membership Coordinator - Sonia Ostendorf

Marketing Manager - Renee Thompson

Marketing Assistant - Rachael Bolton

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