

Today's Highlights: April 6th, 2024

- ★ Happy Opening Day!
- ★ Composting & Durables Return
- ★ 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: Happy 55th!

We are returning to the Park Blocks with an updated footprint after all the construction last year. New 4x4's on the Wells Fargo sidewalk across the street from the West Block, and some new added spaces figured into our new Park Block Map. WELCOME BACK SATURDAY MARKET!

And now, new things, old things, and some reminders:

NEW THINGS

- Please welcome our new Assistant Market Manager, Veronica Gutierrez! I will be walking around with Veronica all day showing her the magic of market and introducing her to you all. She is a spit-fire and already a great addition to the team!

- SUSTAINABILITY IS BACK! We have brought back our beloved sustainability program to this season after COVID. Food court should have our forks back and the recycling/composting team will be hard at work (they are part of the Site-Crew team in the green shirts). Morris Shuey has been promoted as our Lead Recycler. Let him know how much we appreciate all his hard work!

- Rain Gardens Filtration, please be careful and report right away if anything should occur in the giant holes.

OLD THINGS

- LOADING/ UNLOADING...As I look back on newsletters from decades ago, this seems like the most egregious issue Eugene Saturday Market must contend with. There is NO parking on the Park Blocks for Members! You may unload your vehicle in unloading zones (max 20 min), go park your vehicle, return to the Park Blocks and THEN set up your booth. Same in reverse for loading, pack up your booth, go get your vehicle, and load it (max 20 min).

- Safety: have your fire extinguishers properly serviced, tagged and ready for inspection. Canopy walls and tops should be of fire-retardant material or sufficiently sprayed with appropriate protective spray. Booths must be properly weighted (25lbs per leg for 8x8).

- If you see a Shannon Cow Stamp on your envelope, please call the office. The office is now open Tues.-Fri. from 10AM until 4PM. You can also email us as well at info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org.



REMINDERS

- Pick up envelope, fill it out, turn in envelope by 4:30pm. If you forget, please turn it into the office by that Wednesday to receive your point. Points are not received without an envelope and proper payment.

- Members must check in by 8:15am (at the latest), roll call begins at 8:30am. If you do not check in by 8:15, you will wait until roll call is finished and check in.

- Be kind to one another, our community is only as wonderful as it's members and the care and loyalty we express to each other.

Can't wait to see you ALL this season!

'And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it.' - Roald Dahl

Thank You,
Shannon Lee-Hutson
General Manager

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.

Make Sure Your Info is Up-to-Date

If you haven't already, log-in to the Member Portal and make sure that everything is up-to-date and correct.

The office uses public information to give to customers who are looking for you. If you do not want your phone number or email to be public, then please log-on to Member Portal and make sure the Public box is unchecked.

Be sure to add your social media information and a website if you have one. However, only add these links to your Member Portal if they are active. Websites and social media links are also a fixed to your profile online in our Weekly Live Map and Artisan Directory.

If you have any questions, or problems, while updating information or accessing the Member Portal you can always call the office and we can help you out.

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
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 opening day!
Denise Gosar



The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy Birthday to all our Aries friends! Happy birthday to Denise of Karmadilo Ceramics, who celebrated on March 31st. Last Monday, April 1st Terrie from All Around the Yard celebrated birth. Happy birthday to Zoe the toy maker and Shari the bead artist, who celebrated April 3rd. Last Thursday, April 4th Julia artist and recycler extraordinaire celebrated her birthday. Yesterday, Jae from Site-Crew, Kirk the jeweler, Kimberly the web artist, and Marielena of Nice Rice partied it up! Today we celebrate Kayla Carlile the artist, Tim of Colorful Sign Language, as well as Vanessa and McKayla of Mirror Twins Studio.

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

Reminder that moving forward we If we forget your birthday, let us know! We'll be sure to include it in the following newsletter.

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.

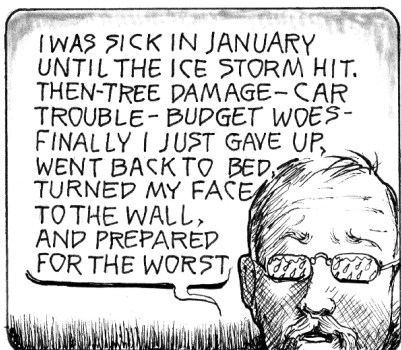
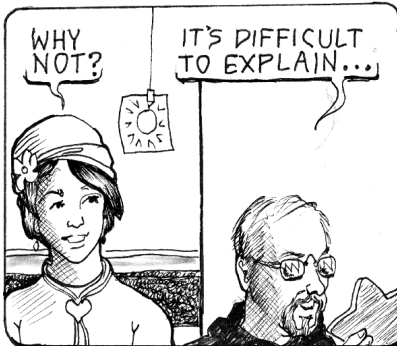
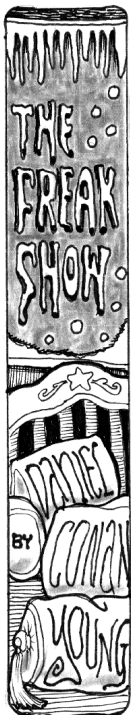
Saturday Market Social Life!

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@eugenesaturdaymarket.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.

Points, Points, Glorious Points

Welcome back to the blocks! This year I want to work on clarifying points and how they work with the membership. If you can tell me the difference between Wishlist and Waitlist points and go over briefly how they work, without reading off a cheat sheet, I might have a surprise for you. For bonus points, at what year of consecutive membership will you have 8 member points? Can't wait for all your answers and happy selling! - Sonia

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!

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.

Weather

Happy Opening Day! Today is expected to have showers, with an approximately 81% chance of raindrops. The high is expected to be near 49°F, with a low of 41°F. There is an expected 10-15mph wind from the south southwest. Humidity will be at 82%. Remember that spring in Oregon favors those who are most adaptable to change (bring layers!)



Sales, O sales, sales I hope!

Ancient Market incantation (Nov 3, 1973)

On the Market Stage

10:00 AM **Aaron Brouillette**

Contemporary, Folk-Americana

11:00 AM **Gary Pleskow**

Pop, Rock, Standards and some Jazz

12:00 PM **Boxcar Figaro**

Americana

1:00 PM **Lucid Penguin**

Rock, Blues, Folk

2:30 PM **Never Ever Band**

Folk

Committee Meetings

Sustainability Committee Meeting
Weds., April 10th - 4:15 PM - 6:15 PM

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

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

All are welcome!

The Saturday Market

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