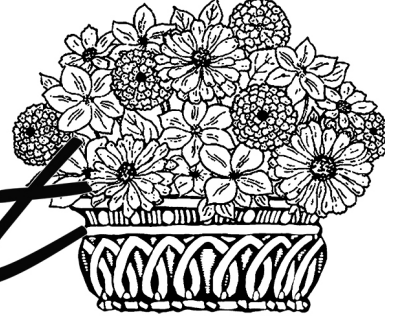


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# Saturday Market



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## Thank You Market Founders!

Happy Founders' Market Artisans!

If you put on your 1970's best for Founders' Day, don't forget to let Renee or Rachael take your picture. We also have some special Founders' Day treats at the Info Booth (limited supplies). For those that have not, consider reading our Market History section on our website ([www.eugenesaturdaymarket.org](http://www.eugenesaturdaymarket.org)). We have a lovely video and article going over some of our earliest history. Thank you Founders for starting this amazing weekly celebration of art and community.

Time is running out to submit your candidate statement for the next Board election. Want to be a vital force contributing to Saturday Market's future landscape? Join the Board of Directors. All candidate statements/photos must be received by Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. You must also attend 1 Board meeting to be eligible. The next Board meeting will be held Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Contact the office for more information.

If joining the Board is not something to consider now, consider joining a Committee or Work Group instead. Members can attend any meeting they like, or even send emails. If you really want to help Market, but would rather use your creative talents consider applying to our Call to Artists. Forms are available online and at the Info Booth, and are due by June 1st. Remember to be kind, and I hope we all have a great day today!

Stay Groovy,

Shannon Lee-Hutson  
General Manager

## Local Events

May 16 - 18 - OSAA State Track & Field Championship

May 18 - UO Public Surplus Sale

May 18 - Fairy Portals by the Fairie Market & Pixie Panic @Wildcraft Cider Works

Find more local events by visiting local event calendars online like: the Eugene Weekly, KLCC, Lane Events Center & More

## 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 5/23 from 4:00-5:30PM. To learn more about Guidebook cost, and/or when the Team meets, please feel free to go to the Info Booth, office or email Renee at:

[renee@eugenesaturdaymarket.org](mailto:renee@eugenesaturdaymarket.org)

## M.V.P. Message:

### Thank You Market! By Joe Blakely

At 84 years of age, and as a self published author, writing only about Oregon, including local, regional, and state stories, I sold 2212 books last year.

Make no mistake, my achievement would not have happened without Eugene's Saturday and Holiday Markets. Board Members and staff offered me encouragement every step of the way in reaching my goal of trying to sell 2023 books last year.

The Saturday Market Board of Directors and its managers have steered the Market through lean and good years. It's a miracle the market still exists. Take the Covid-19 years for example. While other businesses and not-for-profits crashed, Saturday Market survived. One reason might be the veracity of our leaders who have been responsible and caring, not only to staff, and vendors, but also to the community at large.

Sometimes I get the feeling that Saturday Market is underrated and unappreciated. In my own case I know that I took the market for granted when I first started twenty years ago. "Oh, it has always been here hasn't it?" I thought flippantly. Market managers, in league with the nine member voluntary Board of Directors have overcome many hardships in order to provide me a space where I can promote my books. Now, respectfully I applaud their dedication.

Literally thousands of people have passed by my booth and seen my books on display— thousands have bought them. There is absolutely no other way I could have sold and displayed them like this had it not been for Saturday Market. The cost for me to have this opportunity has been minimal. I get instant feedback from readers, I get to talk with my customers, I get to be around other crafters who make their own— pottery, jewelry, leather craft, sculpturing, poetry or heck just some crackpot invention. I'm inspired by these folks. Now, after months of researching the Market's history, I'm awestruck, and indebted.

I'm glad I am a vendor for a not-for-profit corporation, run by a Board of Directors who not only direct but serve, and a staff, that fervently believe in these principals.

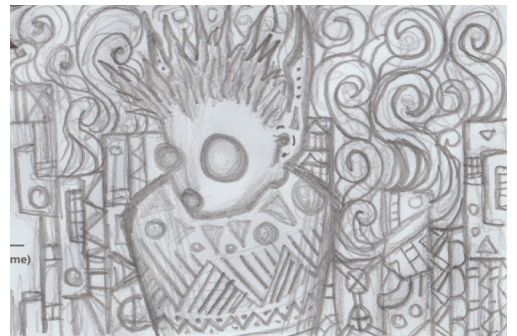
The Mission Statement of the Saturday Market is:

1. To promote the public appreciation and advance the awareness of local art and artisans.

## M.V.P. Message: Continued...

2. To promote and advance the growth and development of new business and successful local artisans.
3. To promote and advance the arts and sciences.
4. To promote community education and networking.
5. To promote the social welfare of the community by encouraging the interaction and cross-cultural exposure of diverse components of the community including their food and customs, and thereby eliminating prejudice and discrimination based on social class, age, race, sexual orientation, disability, and cultural orientation.

-Joe Blakely - Author



Envelope Art by: Mark Puente

## Seriously Consider Joining Our Board of Directors!

Our next election is in June, and the only two requirements for being candidate: 1. Turn in a candidate statement and picture to the office by May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 2. Attend one Board meeting before the election. You don't need experience with being on a Board of Directors.!

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 June 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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





## The Market Corner

Happy Birthday to all our Taurus friends! Happy Birthday to Angela of Knitwits and Daniel of Walling and Sons, who celebrate birth on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Happiest of days to Eldridge the woodworker who celebrates his birthday on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Happy birthday to Tree the jeweler and Spaz our talented Site-Crew Member Liason. This Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> we celebrate Erick the artist. Next Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Kathleen of Sage Bear Henna.

*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.

## Should We Open in March? We Want Your Opinions!

The Board is considering opening in March, instead of April, starting in 2026. We would like to know what you think!

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!

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@eugen Saturdaymarket.org](mailto:sonia@eugen Saturdaymarket.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

## 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](mailto:info@eugen Saturdaymarket.org) with "NEWSLETTER" in the subject. — —

### Fresh Eggs from Happy Hens

Fresh eggs, holistically raised by Julia in booth #172. One dozen eggs for \$7.00.

### You're Invited to Ambriel's Birthday Bash

Ambriel Lelani is inviting you to her birthday party on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Held this year at Green Waters Park in Oakridge from noon until dark. Party, potluck, BBQ bring something to share. :) Ambriel - (541) 782-2427

### Needing a Booth Buddy for OCF (MUST Have a Booth!)

I am a ceramics artist who is on the hunt for someone to share their OCF booth with me and my ceramic creations. I am currently on the share/waitlist, and would love to share with someone who has a booth. I play well with others, enjoy having fun, and can show previous examples of my work and booth layout from the past two Fairs. Let's chat! - Candice [artbycandice@live.com](mailto:artbycandice@live.com) or (541) 514-2865.

### Seeking a Booth Share for OCF!

Hi friends! I'm a wildlife painter seeking a booth share for OCF. I'm a professional artist with a local following, flexible with spaces, and lovely to work with! You can check out my work at [bekahzeimetz.com](http://bekahzeimetz.com). If you'd like to create some fair magic together, contact me at:

[bekahzeimetz@gmail.com](mailto:bekahzeimetz@gmail.com) or call/text (641)204-1575.

Warmly, Bekah Zeimetz

### In Need of an OCF Booth Rep!

MF Wolik Photography (Nature's Reflection) is looking for a booth rep to share the magic with at Oregon Country Fair this year! Is it you? I create reflection portals with Nature and Space. My ideal partner creates something handheld. pls reach out! [mfwolik@gmail.com](mailto:mfwolik@gmail.com) (541)525-2802 ~ [mfwolik.com](http://mfwolik.com) or come see me in my reserve spot #380.

Much peace ~ Michael

### Lost Wax Casting Equipment For Sale

Complete Vacuum Lost Wax Casting Shop. Vic 12 casting machine. Electro melt melting furnace. Dual control mold vulcanizer, Wax injector. Electric dual heat wax pen. Matt gun. Wax bench. LOTS of wax, spare parts and accessories. Email phone # for details. [joyfulcrow@comcast.net](mailto:joyfulcrow@comcast.net)

## Weather

It's time to start drinking water and putting on that sunscreen! The high will be around 71°F, and I am excited for a nice sunny day with intervals of clouds (and a low of 42°F). Humidity expected to be at 56%, with a 12mph wind from the North Northwest. Only a 7% chance of rain!



*Sales, O sales, sales I hope!*

*Ancient Market incantation (Nov 3, 1973)*

## On the Market Stage

10:00 AM Young Jim Carr

Americana

11:00 AM Eli Oestreich

Folk, Singer/Songwriter

12:00 PM Well Rounded Edges

Rock, Folk, Blues

1:00 PM The Joe Goodwin Project

Rock

2:30 PM Gypsy Moon

Mediterranean, Latin, World

## Committee Meetings

Food Court Committee Meeting

Wed., May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Guidebook Team Meeting

Thurs., May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Holiday Market Committee Meeting

Fri., May 31<sup>st</sup> - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting

Wed., June 5<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto:info@eugen Saturdaymarket.org).

**All are welcome!**

### The Saturday Market

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

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