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SATURDAY MARKET NEWSLETTER
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Saturday Market



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Market and Outside Groups

Greetings Artisans,

Last week was hard on the Market Community during the morning protest demonstration. We have a known group out of Roseburg (I prefer not to name them so they receive NO credit or publicity), who enjoy coming to Saturday Market to incite violence and preach hate. We get a lot of questions, concerns, and complaints regarding this group. We have compiled an information packet for members and/or patrons who would like to know who they can contact to answer these questions, address these concerns, and lodging complaints. Please pick up a packet at the Info Booth or come by the office Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm.

I would like to talk about the Saturday Market and our commitment to maintaining balance in our inclusivity and reverence for our 1st amendment rights. We invite all manner of groups to visit our Market and participate in our celebration of community. It is important NOT to lose sight of the fact that we are a collection of small businesses conducting business, many of whom, this is their primary source of income with which they support their livelihood and feed their families. Therefore, included in this invitation to gather, protest, observe, and demonstrate is the request to honor our simple rules.

1. NO amplification. Your voice is sufficient to engage in conversation, or to speak your convictions.

2. Move to different spaces. Respect the small business members and move throughout different marked and mapped areas every 20 minutes (we have maps at the info booth). The Market members selling cannot move their booths, and your presence can impact their ability to sell.

3. Be respectful. This is a family friendly community experience and a special event for Eugene. Please do not have derogatory, indecent, or obscene materials (posters, literature) that promote violence or hate.

4. Work as a community partner. If asked to move to a different space, please be compliant and we can continue a relationship of fellowship and respect.

Saturday Market will continue to uphold our legacy of inclusiveness. We will continue to strive for understanding, patience and community with all members, patrons and public.

The group that was here last weekend occupying all four corners and disrupting our commerce and peace, were invited to participate with the Saturday Market rules... they declined our offer. They are no longer welcome but come

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now to promote hate and instill violence. Our response should be to disengage with them and engage in a legal and binding way to remove this particular group from further harassing our community. Please participate in our efforts. Every voice should be heard and every experience valid. Please share your experiences via email or letter. Together we can show how strong the Market community is.

Stay Groovy,
Shannon Lee-Hutson
General Manager

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

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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.
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

Local Events

May 24 - Asian Night Market

May 25 - Prefontaine Classic

@Hayward Field

May 25 - 22nd Eugene Scottish Festival

May 25 - ART4ALL Art at the Park

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

Office Closed 5/28, Tuesday Market Still On!

Hello Members,

This upcoming Tuesday Market, on 5/28/24, lands on an office holiday (Memorial Day Observed). Regardless, the Tuesday Market show must go on!

Someone will be in the office to open and close Tuesday Market, but it would be helpful to get a headcount of how many people we will expect. Please send us an e-mail (send to info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org) with your intention to sell at Tuesday Market 5/28/24. For matters outside of Tuesday Market, connect with us on 5/29. Thanks!

If you are interested in selling at Tuesday Market this season, be sure to talk to Sonia in the office or at the Info Booth or feel free to send her an e-mail with your Tuesday Market questions.



The Market Corner

Happy Birthday to all our Gemini friends! Happy birthday to Eric of Cascadia Longboards who celebrates on May 28th. Happiest of days to Ambriel Leilani and Dru Marchbanks who will be celebrating on May 30th. This upcoming Friday, May 31st we celebrate the birth Bob of Applegate Pottery.

A very happy birthday to you all!

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



Envelope Art by: JoAnn McKown

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!

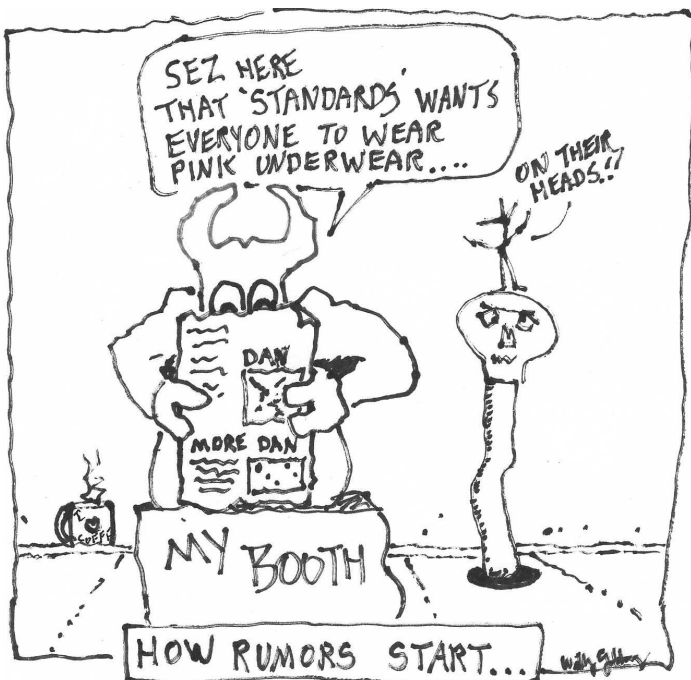
As the climate continues to change, there will increasingly be summer and fall days when the heat and/or smoke limits our ability to attract customers. Opening in March would give us more opportunities. March is the new April!

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 hours 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



Cowtoon by: Willy Gibboney

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.

Need Bags? Ask Rudi Rudolf!

Small, zip-close plastic bags from about 1" x 1" to about 4" x 6". Most have a sticker on them. Most suited for storing small items. Take one or all! I hate to throw them out. See Rudi in space #103 or call/text (541)461-2897 to make other plans.

FOR SALE: 2009 Toyota Carola

One 4-door Toyota Corola available for sale. Unique shade of green, great shape about 109,000 miles for \$6,000. For more information call Sharon at (541) 510-8442.

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 30th, 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

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 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. If you'd like to create some fair magic together, contact me at: 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 (541)525-2802 ~ mfwolik.com or come see me in my reserve spot #380. Much peace ~ Michael

Weather

So we will have some rain in the morning today, and a 37% chance of it. The high will be around 64°F, and the low will be around 41°F. I am hoping that the clouds will stay and that the rain will go away for a nice calm afternoon (weather experts agree). Humidity will be at 61%, and there will be a 5-10mph wind from the West.



Sales, O sales, sales I hope!

Ancient Market incantation (Nov 3, 1973)

On the Market Stage

10:00 AM Harlan

Americana

11:00 AM Gregarious

Americana/Folk

12:00 PM Big Sue Band

Suegrass, Bluegrass, Swing, Country & Jazz

1:00 PM The Loose Ends

2:30 PM Ramblin' Roberts & the McKenzie Drifters

Originals, Rock, Bluegrass & Motown

Committee Meetings

Holiday Market Committee Meeting
Fri., May 31st - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Orientation and Screenings

Wed., June 5th - 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM

- New Member Orientation @ 3:15 PM

- Product Screening @ 4:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting

Wed., June 5th - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Sustainability Committee Meeting

Wed., June 12th - 4:15 PM - 6:15 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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