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SATURDAY MARKET NEWSLETTER
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Saturday Market



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From the Office: New Things

Greetings Artisans,

I would like begin by addressing the Saturday Market rumor mill. Our community is vibrant and filled with amazing volunteers that work so hard to keep our Market's traditions and standards while evolving into the future. Your staff is driven to provide member services and assistance to members and the community. Members only have to ask questions at the Info Booth, Office Staff, to a Board or Committee Member, or call me during business hours during the week Tuesday through Friday 10am-4pm. I make time for any member that has concerns. Misinformation, clouded conjecture, and rumors breed and spread fear and negativity. Those are two concepts diametrically oppose this Community. Please, listen critically to the information you hear, let it ignite your curiosity and question a direct source. Now that I have purged.... Big things on the Horizon.

• **Do you want a Holiday Guidebook for HM24?** We have had 2 HM Guidebook meetings with 0 attendance. Without a Holiday Market Guidebook Team there will be no Guidebook. Interested parties, please confirm and commit with your Marketing Manager, Renee Thompson.

• **Loading/unloading along 8th Street** is even more precarious. We do hold the Right of Way permit for loading/unloading in the morning from 6-10am and in the evening from 4-10pm, however, you still may not park in the street. You may pull your vehicle OFF the asphalt and onto the concrete to unload. Be aware of the traffic and be considerate of your neighbors.

• **Park Block Renovation project** has been something that has been discussed and planned for years. I am assembling a work group to help improve and revitalize our Park Blocks. Please submit letters of interest to the office. There are numerous safety concerns: uneven concrete, sinkhole, tripping hazards, etc. There are infinite possibilities for improved facilities. **This project will not impact us this year**, and we will relay all progress as we go along. Therefore this work group will be employing reasonable goals that impact the Market and membership in the least way possible. Serious inquiries only, please.

• **HOLIDAY MARKET REDESIGN.** (I promised the entire membership during HM23 that there would be no map changes for HM24... I am 100% keeping my promise) However, the current redesign plan is moving forward for HM25.

The Fire Marshall is requiring us to

FTO: New Things Continued....

change the layout for Evergreen Hall in 2025, we are getting ahead of this change by exploring all options for new HM layouts. **NOTHING has been decided yet, and NOTHING will change this year.** At the last board meeting there was a first viewing of changes to come; it was amazing and frightening at the same time! A key piece of information is that reserve booths will continue to exist in as-close-as-possible location in the new map. We are very excited for positive possibilities a change like this could offer for the future. We want your input before anything is decided, so in June we will have a town hall style meeting to present the options. Stay tuned, and know you will have time to make your voice heard before anything is final. We did this 20 years ago when the LEC events building was remodeled, and we can do it again. Let's collectively get over the fear of change and embrace this amazing opportunity for improvement!

Thank You,
Shannon Lee-Hutson
General Manager

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.

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 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.!

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 5th 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

Should We Open in March?

The Board is considering opening in March, instead of April, starting in 2026. 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 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



Envelope Art by: David Prince



The Market Corner

Happy Birthday to all our Taurus friends! Happy Day to Michael of the Tenth Muse, who celebrates this Sunday, May 5th. On Monday, May 6th, we celebrate the birth of Pam the Wild Tulip Designer and Alma the Creative Prismatic. Happy birthday to Carol Nelson, David Winship and Ashleigh Marie, who celebrate on Tuesday, May 7th. Happy birth to Samantha of Mystical Shiva's Craft, Greg of Trident Glass, and Malena of Malena's Magical Mushroom Emporium celebrate on May 8th. On Thursday, May 9th we will also be celebrating the birth of Caroline Dunn of Celtic Fantasy/Well Dunn Illustrations.

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.

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

Twitter / Instagram: @SaturdayMarket

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

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.

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.

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 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

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

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.

Weather

Listen, Renee has a lot of skills and talents, but making it not rain is unfortunately not one of them. Prepare for rain (a lot of it), mainly before 3PM. Approx. 94% chance of the drip-drops. The high will be around 50°F with the low expected to be 42°F. Humidity to be around 87%, and a wind of 8mph is expected to blow from the Southwest. Don't forget to drink water, and maybe consider investing in a waterproof poncho (they are the best).



Sales, O sales, sales I hope!

Ancient Market incantation (Nov 3, 1973)

On the Market Stage

10:00 AM **Brandon Craig**

Americana

11:00 AM **John Shipe**

Americana

12:00 PM **Carolans Consort**

Harp & Hammered Dulcimer,

History Music Europe

1:00 PM **Red Pajamas**

Americana

2:30 PM **El Borko iSurf!**

Classic and Original Surf Music

Committee Meetings

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

Orientation and Screenings
Wed., May 15th - 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM

- New Member Orientation @ 3:15 PM

- Product Screening @ 4:00 PM

Standards Committee Meeting
Wed., May 15th - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Food Court Committee Meeting
Wed., May 22nd - 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

Chairperson - Nome May
Vice Chairperson - Bekah Zeimetz
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Sarah Bast, Candice Westberg, Maia Bowers, Julia Garretson, Jennifer Hoberg, Gary Spetzler

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Volunteer Coordinators:
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