


Today's Highlights:

- * Confessions of an 84-Year-Old Author
- * A Member's Opinion
- * Selling at Tuesday Market
- * Birthdays, Weather, Unclassified Ads and More on the Back Page!

September 21, 2024

- National Batman Day 
- International Eat an Apple Day
- National Clean Up Day
- International Red Panda Day
- National Dance Day

Greetings Artisans!

A Love letter to Eugene Saturday Market and it's wonderful people.

So, I read a book the other day, "The Saturday Market Challenge: Confessions of an 84-year-old Author" by our own Author in residence, Joe R. Blakely (20 consecutive year member).

This book had me giggling, outright belly laughing and in a few moments, drying my tear-streaked cheeks. I must confess; I might be a bit smitten by our now 85-year-old author, Joe. His ability to capture the colors, sounds and flavors of our Saturday Market Community and regular cast of characters is delightfully accurate.

If you love the Eugene Saturday Market, love our community, you will love this snapshot of an incredible year of challenges and the indomitable spirit of our 54-year strong Market. Go see Joe, today (Space #106) and get your copy (\$15.00). Tick Tock...

The clock keeps ticking...

- Shannon Lee-Hutson

Market Member's Opinion to GM's Supplemental Article

Hells yes Shannon with that supplemental. TBH I was not expecting much from this market when I started this May but have been pleasantly thrilled with the unique configuration of low booth fees, point system, low membership cost, and sharing 10 percent of my sales, should they occur. So if I have lower sales, it's fine because I don't lose my shirt.

At this market I feel like I have a bit of a safe sandbox to play in and come up with something new without a lot of pressure to sell, sell, sell to make my tent fee. I've been in a lot of markets in several states and the ability pay a \$60 membership fee and pitch a tent downtown on a busy Saturday for \$8-15 is unreal. I've paid for similar setups that ran anywhere from \$100-\$650 per day and that

doesn't even guarantee people will show up. Those other markets are heavily populated with makers that have lots of disposable income or are willing to delve into startup debt to survive the harsh tent rental cycles until they can get off the ground. And then, in those more expensive markets, they are heavily dependent on whatever sells to make up their tent fee, which is a guaranteed recipe for boring. And don't even get me started on people who "curate" items and outsource everything and don't actually make the things they sell. I was at Whiteaker, briefly, in Eugene and got earfuls from other vendors who didn't meet the standards of the Saturday Market because they didn't make their own work, but I politely disengaged because that is exactly what I LOVE about the Saturday Market. Even some of the more reputable markets I've been in let non-makers in to fill tents and it is a total bummer.

I thought when I moved here from LA that I'd have to hightail it to Portland, Seattle, and possibly San Francisco 6-8 times a year to make what I did pre-pandemic at markets, but so far coming to the Park Blocks weekly from May to September I've sold as much work as I used to in one season of big shows. But now I get to keep a lot more of that money. I don't even want to go to Portland or Seattle this X-Mas when the Holiday Market is in my backyard.

My apologies if this comes off as unsympathetic to those that have been here the longest and have seen negative change over time and yes things are much more expensive these days, but honestly I am so grateful that this market exists. It is an outlier, a unicorn and the fees/charges imho are totally worth it. I feel like at the Saturday Market I have freedom in my work and I don't have to suck up to the current trends so I can be invited back by a finicky jury, or sell things I am totally over with conceptually just

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to stay afloat. I can take whatever risk I want with my work. If it doesn't sell, so what? I tried. But with this market I can afford to come back next week and try again.

If I may swear a little here but some of you folks make some f-ing awesomely strange things that I would never have thought there was a market for, but have been totally amazed and inspired by the fact that a lot of the people here have had a chance to incubate and hone their craft without being pressured by a jury or priced out because of tent fees.

I'm sorry I'm new and recently from California (again, sorry) so maybe my bar is lower than those of you who have been here longer and have seen change for the worse, but OMG, you have no idea how good it still is here and how awesome this market is. I've never seen anything like it.

Never. 

- Allison Zimmer Guiliotis

Selling at Tuesday Market

Tuesday Market is an extension of the Farmer's Market. It runs every Tuesday from May to October 29th.

The Farmer's Market has extended an invitation to our membership and I'd love to see more of you participating. It can be a much calmer market and it only runs from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

If you are interested in selling there, please meet me at the Farmer's Market Pavilion on Tuesday at 7:50 am and I will explain how it works. I will be assigning spaces by 8:00 am.

Hope to see you there!

- Sonia Ostendorf

Special Notice – New Policy

Effective Immediately, the outside door to the Saturday Market Building will be kept locked **24/7**. This measure is being taken to address safety concerns and to provide a secure environment for all tenants. Ring the doorbell or call the office to enter. - Eugene Mindworks

Holiday Market Non-Reserve Booking

I am working down my Holiday Market booking list. I will be going through 11-4 this week. Invoices should be going out this week as well. There was a set back with all the technical issues, so they will be a little late. Apologies!

- Sonia Ostendorf



Happy Birthday to all the Virgos who are celebrating their special day this week! We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Cameron Mitchell, Jim Gland, Jalyssa Escobedo, Chris Pender, Steven Stillwell, Julynel Kerzner, Terry Cunningham, Cada Johnson and David Ricklef.

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

On the Market Stage

- 10:00 am – Lizzie Cable
- 11:00 am – Well Rounded Edges
- 12:00 pm – Mike & Carleen McCronack
- 1:00 pm – Not Done Yet
- 2:30 pm – Anya Lecuyer and Friends



Local Events

- September 21st** – Garlic Fest, Down to Earth, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
- September 21st** – Oktoberfest Celebration, The Beergarden, 11:30 am - 11:00 pm
- September 22nd** – BINGO, Drop Bear Brewery, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
- September 22nd** – Idit Shner Jazz, The Wildcraft, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- September 23rd** – Quality Trivia, Oakshire Public House, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- September 24th** – Salsa Dancing, The Big Dirty, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- September 25th** – It's (Still) A Magical World, Hobbes, Ol' Buddy, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art at U of O, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
- September 26th** – Healthy Moves Karaoke Contest, Falling Sky Brewing, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- September 26th** – The Rite of Spring, The Hult Center, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Unclassified

To place your free unclassified ad, please bring it to the Info Booth by the end of the day or to the office by Thursday at Noon.

You can also email it to us at: info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org with "Newsletter" in the subject line.

Superhero Capes & Masks Business for Sale

I am selling all my things to make superhero capes and masks. I am also selling the stuff to make flax-seed bags that go in the microwave and freezer. I have lots of patterns. I have three bolts of felt blue, grey and black. A big bag of flaxseed, a big bag of lavender and material for the bags. I am willing to teach and help you how to make everything.

I'm asking \$200.00 for all of it or make me an offer. Kathy Harris (541-221-4189) or email me at togetherwecan74@yahoo.com

Non-Profit Wrapping Station

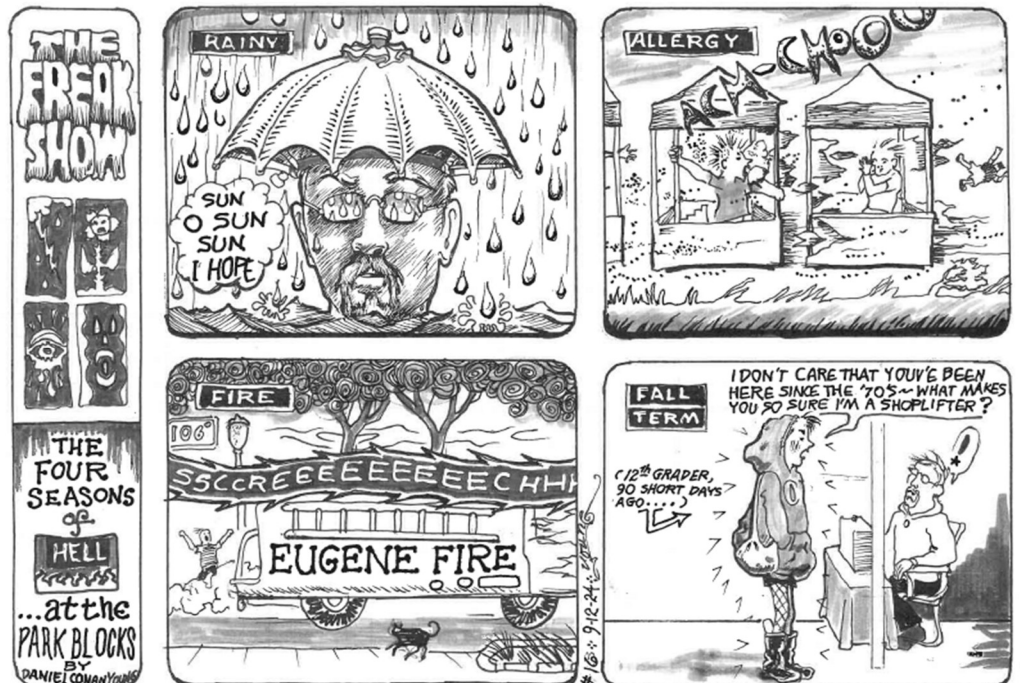
Hope and Safety Alliance is a non-profit organization who will be having a wrapping station at Holiday Market. If you have any wrapping paper, bows or boxes that you would like to donate, please let us know.

Committee Meetings

- Food Court Meeting
Wed, Sept 25th 5:15 pm – 7:15 pm
- Holiday Market Meeting
Fri, Sept 27th 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Board of Directors Meeting
Wed, Oct 2nd 5:15 pm – 7:15 pm
- Sustainability Committee Meeting
Wed, Oct 9th 4:15 pm – 5:15 pm
- Standards Committee Meeting
Wed, Oct 15th 5:15 pm – 7:15 pm

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

Envelope & Comic Art:



3-Day Forecast

If you only walk on sunny days, you'll never reach your destination!



- Saturday – Mostly Sunny, 73° - 76°
- Sunday – Partly Cloudy, 76° - 79°
- Monday – Mostly Cloudy, 78° - 81°

Saturday Market Social Life!

Follow the Saturday Market on the website and through our Social Media outlets. Share your content to get included and reach a new audience!

Facebook:

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

Twitter / Instagram:

@SaturdayMarket

We are also on Pinterest, Yelp, TripAdvisor, Google Business, YouTube, Flickr and more.

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- Vice Chairperson – Bekah Zeimetz
- Treasurer – Heather Robbins-Hinton
- Candice Westberg, Maia Bowers, Julia Garretson, Jennifer Hoberg, Gary Spetzler, Dani Marks-Fife-Ito, Doug Robertson

Committee Chairs

- Standards Committee Co-Chairs: Candice Westberg | Anna Lawrence
- Food Court Co-Chairs: Casey Marks-Fife Ito | Richard Harnsongkram
- Holiday Market Committee Co-Chairs: Dara Robertson | Doug Robertson
- Sustainability Committee Co-Chair: Brigitte McBride | Julia Garretson
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