

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR THE ELECTION ON DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>

Lisa Todd



My name is Lisa Todd. I have lived in Eugene for 10 years and joined the Saturday Market as a craft vendor last year. I've been an artist all my life.

My inspiration to become a board member comes from my desire to be a part of my much-loved local art community that has welcomed me with open arms. I want to give back, and I feel that I can do that by honoring the traditions that so many others have laid down before and maintaining a wonderful atmosphere that the market has while also seeing where change is needed to survive and could benefit us all as whole. I have deep gratitude for our full-time staff, and I'm happy to give back and even be a bridge between staff and vendor when it's needed. I love all the new innovations coming and feel I could be a valuable resource for new ideas during that process.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Allison Guiliotis



I began making pottery in high school, then got my BFA in Ceramics at the Kansas City Art Institute back in 2001. I've taught ceramics and participated in a lot of craft shows in Southern California, including Renegade Craft Fair, Jackalope Art Fair, the Downtown Burbank Arts Festival, and the Patchwork Show. I've spent a large portion of my life in and out of various non-profit art institutions as either a writer, producer, director, or other arts related role at: The Archie Bray Foundation, Craft in America, Exhibits USA/Mid-America Arts Alliance, the Museum of Art and History in Lancaster, Red Star Studios, and the National Football League.

As a newcomer to Eugene, I'm so grateful for the Saturday Market. It allows me to make and sell pottery full-time. The opportunity this market has given me is pretty amazing considering our metropolitan area is comprised of less than a quarter of a million people. It takes a lot of goodwill and communication to keep the spirit of this community going, so I'd like to pitch in as a board member.

In several of my former jobs I primarily functioned as a mediator of ideas. I want to get on the board so I can use my skill to problem solve and adapt to the changes ahead. I'd like to make sure that members and staff are heard and respected during the upcoming transitions, and to ensure that everyone has a chance to participate.

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Jenna Vannest



As a dedicated supporter of mushrooms, slugs, and the vibrant spirit of the market, I am passionate about contributing to its success and growth. I strive to bring a wealth of experience and commitment to the Saturday Market Community, making me an ideal candidate for the board. My extensive management background over the past two decades has equipped me with the skills to handle challenges, make informed decisions, and foster effective communication. A vote for me is a vote for dedication, community, and a bright future for the market. My booth is #179 so please feel free to stop by and say "Hi!

A vote for Jenna is a vote for mushrooms, slugs, hard work and dedication to the Saturday Market Community.

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Vince LaRoche



I have been making and selling jewelry for over 50 years. During that time, I have participated in all kinds of arts and crafts events and fairs. I have seen what works and what does not. We are facing major changes in the coming year and I wish use my experience to help formulate solutions that will be both fair and practical to insure our future. Change is often difficult. We have to adapt to new situations. Holiday market 2025 will be a new market. Please let me help to make that happen.



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Ram Shucart



Hello fellow Saturday Market vendors! My name is Ram Shucart and I am a jeweler. I have been a market member for 25 years. My business is called "It's About Rings" and I sell at the Saturday Market, Holiday Market, and Country Fair. I love what I do!

I run a successful business, and am ready to share my experience, and give back to the community through volunteering as a Saturday Market Board Member. I am currently on the Standards Committee and excited to expand my efforts.

I would be an excellent addition to the Board because I am friendly and approachable, have good communication, problem solving, and mediation skills, and am motivated to give voice to all vendors. I know you all have important thoughts and ideas about how to improve the market, and I want to be a part of implementing positive changes.

I would love to represent you, thank you for your consideration!