

Today's Highlights:

- * Saturday Market's 56th Season
- * News From the Board of Directors
- * Protest Today!
- * Birthdays, Weather, Unclassified Ads, Info Booth Reminders & More on the Back

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- *National Dandelion Day*
- *International Pillow Fight Day*
- *Bell Bottoms Day*
- *National Deep Dish Pizza Day*



Saturday Market Newsletter

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Greetings Artisans!

Welcome to the 56th Season of the Eugene Saturday Market. I do hope everyone is refreshed and excited to brave a new exciting season. Some new things, some old things, and some reminders:

NEW THINGS

- The S.L.U.G. Queens will be coronating their new Queen, Sitara T. Slugshine on the Market Stage at 12:30pm! Please celebrate our Queens who bring joy and slime to every occasion!
- Please notice the improvements made to the Park Blocks during the off season: the canopies have been removed on both raised platforms and tripping hazards have been shaved, filled or concrete replaced.
- Sustainability plates are coming.
- New City garbage cans have been strategically installed, new water fountains with water bottle filling stations and dog bowls (for service dogs), the electrical has been serviced and we are continuing to work on some of the lingering issues, AND finally, the trees have all been evaluated for health and pruned. Two trees were removed on the West Block, one was diseased, and the other was an invasive species.

OLD THINGS

- Members need to check-in by 8:15am sharp on Saturday. Market Staff will begin roll call at 8:30 am. If you are late, do not disrupt roll call, you are now at the back of the line.

REMINDERS

- Your Envelope is your transaction record with the Saturday Market. It MUST be completed (don't forget your name) then turned in as policy dictates. **TURN IN YOUR ENVELOPE ON SATURDAY, AT THE INFO BOOTH BETWEEN 4:00-4:30 PM.** If you cannot do this, you must turn in your envelope by the following Wednesday. You will only receive your point for the day once your envelope has been processed.
- Late fees occur, please check your balance.

The envelope collection is very important to your business as well as the smooth functioning of the Organization.

- **Unloading/Loading:** The most important reminder regarding unloading and loading in the morning and afternoon is... **COURTESY.** We are a community known for supporting each other, many of us are like family. So please be kind, unloading / loading is 20 mins. Do NOT park! Please be in and out so your neighbor can do the same.
- **Fire Safety:** Have your fire extinguishers in your booth, tagged and accessible. The Fire Marshal will be inspecting the whole Market today for our Fire Permit.
- **Canopy regulations** state you must have 25lbs weighted on each leg of your 8x8. Your canopy walls and tops should be of fire-retardant material or sufficiently sprayed with appropriate protective spray (please bring your spray on the 1st day).

On a personal note, I am proud to be a part of this wonderful community and honored to be your General Manager. Please feel free to chat with me if you have any questions, concerns or compliments (I like a well thought out compliment).

- Shannon Lee-Hutson, GM

News from the Board!

As you may have heard, there has been a lot of action behind the scenes over the last 2 weeks. On March 26th, a few Members of the Board voted to terminate the General Manager. There were only 6 sitting Directors at the time due to three recent resignations, so it only took a few votes. That decision was reversed on April 1st and the membership was notified at the Board meeting the next day that Shannon Lee-Hutson is still our General Manager. Because it involves Personnel, the Board is bound by confidentiality to not discuss the details of these decisions.

I'd like to apologize that the membership was not immediately notified of the personnel changes. Our system for sending mass emails is flawed: it takes several days to send a single email to the entire membership. Because the staff was up-ended by this personnel decision, we were left with no official way to notify the membership until the meeting on April 2nd. This incident brought to light the urgency with which we need to prioritize updating our email system and making sure we have a method for equitable communication.

As a bit of a silver lining to this disruptive news, the recent meeting on April 2nd was one of the most well-attended in Market history. It was wonderful to see the membership come together and raise their voices; everyone who wanted to speak was given the chance to do so. Though such a large crowd might have devolved into chaos, everyone in attendance conducted themselves with respect and care and the overwhelming sentiment was hope for a more positive, unified Market.

At the meeting, the Board voted to remove one Director. Another Director (the acting Chair) resigned due to time constraints. These actions left four seated Directors and five vacancies. After discussing the best way forward, the Board decided to appoint new Directors to fill those spots. Congratulations to Doug Robertson, Lisa Todd, Sue Theolass, Haven Sundstrom and Kyle Reallon. They will fill the Board vacancies for a period of two months until the next election in June.

The Board would like to thank all volunteers past and present for their dedicated service, as well as all the members and Staff who showed up this week to participate. I encourage everyone interested in learning what's happening at the Market to attend meetings (or read the minutes), make your voice heard and keep getting involved - it's up to all of us to create the Market magic.

Please send comments or inquiries to bod@eugenesaturdaymarket.org
- Dani Marks Fife Ito, Board Vice-Chair

In Loving Memory

Joseph Jay Schwartz, Jaguar Art Glass, passed away on February 18, 2025, after an 18-month battle with pancreatic cancer.



Jay is survived by his loving wife, Ann Schwartz and family. Ann describes Jay as “wickedly witty with an infectious laugh”.

A celebration of life, to honor Jay, will take place in mid-to-late June.

Nicholas Matthew Lohanick

passed away suddenly on February 28, 2025.



“Nick was loved by everyone he met. We will miss his presence in the world very much. May his memory be eternal!” – Jessica (his Mother) and Laryssa Doohovskoy (his Sister).

He was laid to rest on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 11:00 am in the Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Methuen, Massachusetts.

Robert Leonard Duncan,

Douglas County Tie Dye, passed away on March 16, 2025, of a sudden cardiac arrest.



Robert is survived by his partner, Shellana Moller, his two sons and family. Services were held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 3:00 pm at the Wilson’s Chapel of the Roses, Roseburg, Oregon.

Leta Harvill, passed away on April 1, 2025, from her battle of Small Cell Carcinoma Lung Cancer.



Leta is survived by her daughter, Sara Harville. Sara describes her mother as a strong fiercely independent woman.



Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their special day this week!

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to **Julia Garretson, Kaya Deters, Shari Smith, Kirk Houser, Marielena Malagon, Vanessa Volk, McKayla Volk, Robert (Tim) Durham, Katherine Kvederis, Brandi Crye, Kayla Carlile, Steven Tucker, Sharon Jakeways and Kimberly Gladen.**

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 – Young Jim Carr

11:30 am – Mike & Carleen McCornack and the Garden Variety Band

12:30 pm – Slug Queen Coronation

1:00 pm – Basin St Band

2:30 pm – The Joe Goodwin Project

Info Booth Services

First Aid – Supplies, AED and menstrual products are available.

Making Change – The Market will make change for our Members, up to \$60.00, each Saturday.

Lost & Found – Please turn in found items. Customers can come to the Info Booth or call (541) 686-8885.

Credit Cards – We can assist with credit card transactions. We accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover & American Express. Your check for the amount of the sale, less 6% for bank charges, will be mailed to you on Wednesdays.

Maps & Promo Material – Maps, business cards, stickers and posters are available.

Saturday Market Social Life!

Follow us, like our page and stay connected.

Eugene Saturday Market Webpage: www.eugenesaturdaymarket.org

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

BlueSky: @SaturdayMarket.bsky.social

Instagram: @SaturdayMarket

TikTok: @EugeneSaturdayMarket

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

4-Day Forecast



...and the dandelion does not stop growing because it is told it is a weed. The dandelion does not care what others see.

Its says, “One day, they’ll be making wishes upon me”.

Friday – Sunny, 64° - 67°

Saturday – Mostly Sunny, 69° - 72°

Sunday – Cloudy, Rain, 56° - 59°

Monday – Cloudy, Rain, 54° - 57°



Committee Meetings

Board of Directors Meeting

Wed, April 2nd, 5:15 pm – 7:15 pm

Sustainability Committee Meeting

Wed, April 9th, 4:15 pm – 5:15 pm

Guidebook Meeting

Friday, April 11th, 11:00 am – 1 pm

Standards Committee Meeting

Wed, April 16th, 5:15 pm – 7:15 pm

Food Court Meeting

Wed, April 23rd, 5:15 pm – 7:15 pm

Holiday Market Meeting

Fri, April 25th, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

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

The Saturday Market

Board of Directors and Officers

Chairperson – Doug Robertson
Vice Chairperson – Dani Marks Fife Ito
Treasurer – Kyle Reallon
Secretary – Maia Bowers
Ram Shucart, Shellana Moller, Lisa Todd, Haven Sundstrom, Sue Theolass

Committee Chairs

Standards Committee Chair:
Candice Westberg / Shellana Moller
Food Court Co-Chairs:
Casey Marks-Fife Ito / Richard Harnsongkram
Holiday Market Committee Co-Chairs:
Dara Robertson / Ray Bafaro
Sustainability Committee Chair:
Julia Garretson

Volunteer Coordinator:

Kevin Levy

Staff

General Manager – Shannon Lee-Hutson
Assistant Manager – Veronica Gutierrez
Membership Coordinator – Sonia Ostendorf
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