

# **Candidate Statements for the Board of Directors Election, December 10-11, 2016**

*Four candidates, three Board positions are open, terms are 18 months.*

## **Sheila Pointer, Shes Beads, booth #378**

Hi folks. I am Sheila Pointer. I'm a vendor at Saturday and Holiday Markets. I make and sell jewelry made with beads, pearls, polymer clay, and other materials. I am in space # 378 at Saturday Market and at space # 67 for Holiday Market.

Since I became a market member and vendor it has been an intense time with lots of exposure to all of the workings of this market. This has been a time of uncertainty with city and county issues and it has been a time of change for our market with many challenges that have arrived and more on the way.

I serve on the Standards Committee, I attend all of the Board meetings, I follow the meetings of the Holiday Market Committee, I talk with many, many market vendors and hear their concerns and issues. I am very interested in serving on our Saturday Market Board.

I listen when you talk. All members both new and long term need to be listened to.

I support serious consideration to close our market at 4 pm to better match public and Lane Farmers Market activity and other issues such as:

Allowing early closing for individuals on hot days

City of Eugene and Lane County down town planning and changes

Cooperation with Lane County Farmers Market

Public relation efforts to improve perception of our market by the public

Free Speech Plaza issues

Thank you for your vote December 10th and 11th.

## **Maria Moule, Maria's Pearl Creations, booth #187**

I am running for a second term as your representative on the Market's Board of Directors. My first term was an incredible learning experience as the Board worked through many difficult and important challenges and changes. I attended our monthly meetings, worked on the Budget Committee, the Leave of Absence Task Force, and contributed some to the Survey Committee. I listened to many of your concerns and brought them before the board for discussion and review.

As a Board member I learned of the many facets of the market's operation and how the various market committees function to keep things running smoothly. I also made new friends, a big plus for me.

I am running for a second term so that I can apply my new skills and experience to concerns as they arise for the Market and to continue to work on unfinished business from my last term. Our Market is a vital part of the Eugene community. It will continue to grow and evolve. I would like to be a part of the discussion as this happens always keeping your needs as a top priority.

## **Willa Bauman, Dana's Cheesecake Bakery, booth #F16**

My name is Willa Bauman and my family owns Dana's Cheesecake Bakery. For the past year, I have served on the Food Committee and Sustainability Committee. As a member of the Food Committee, I helped coordinate the Featured Local Food Producer Program, which hosted six start-up local businesses in its pilot season.

Growing up as a market kid, Saturday Market was our weekly celebration--our chance to work together, catch up on stories on the bench, and rejoice in our community. Since serving on committees, I've learned to appreciate a new side of market: the work that goes on behind the scenes, in meetings, over emails, and in the office. As a board member, I would continue to pitch in where I can to keep Saturday Market a strong, vibrant, and welcoming organization in our community. Thank you for your consideration for a position on the Saturday Market Board of Directors.

## **Celeste Wong, Celeste Watch Co., booth #43**

As a member of your board, I can bring a fresh perspective to enhancing our image, building community, increasing our sales and solving problems. Standing upon the platform that we are already the oldest weekly outdoor craft market in the United States and that buying local gives back to our community, I want to see the market attract more artists and residents to its offerings and unique position in the community. I also want to find more ways to feel that we are all one big family and in this together. I represent a modern way of creating art. I'm an engineer and entrepreneur by training, and a "Maker" in my heart. I enjoy using the latest technology to create my art, displays, and promotional items, and also to empower my ideas. As a board member, I can bring this energy and focus to discussions and perhaps contribute a different viewpoint or solution that will benefit all market and potential market members.