**Saturday Market**

**Marketplace • Community • Celebration**

**September 8th, 2018**

*Bring in your Elves! Elf Game is fun for everyone.*

*Be a M.V.P. • Member/Volunteer/Partner.*

*Committee Schedules, Stage Line Up, UnClassifieds and MORE!*

*Community Corner is back with new, fun events!*

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**M.V.P. Message**

**Member/Volunteer/Partner.**

Going through our archives in preparation for our 50th season, I came across some nylon banners that were sewn by Michele Harden, who used to be the Veggie Heaven booth. They were worn by kids around the nearby blocks to attract customers to the market in days when we tried a lot of simple solutions due to our lack of funds to advertise. Market kids were very proud to wear them, and they still look perfectly sturdy and bright.

Most times in the history, we haven’t had the funds to implement all of our dreams. Some times we daren’t hold onto for fear of not being able to attract members as well. We never seemed to have a shortage of volunteers, though. Having a member-owned organization was always seen as something precious that needed lots of participation to thrive. Our limited funds were used to pay a few overworked staff members, but volunteers pitched in to set up and maintain equipment, distribute posters or flyers, and to make, by hand, the items the market needed. People enjoyed their special jobs.

Woodworkers built the information booth, benches and tables. If you made clothing, you often were asked to make banners, and at minimum, your material cost was covered. I painted signs, so made many wooden signs with the basket in full color, saying “No Dogs” or “Keep off the grass” or whatever we needed to convey. Posters were designed by members and sometimes printed by hand, even mimeographed at the beginning, before Xerox. When we did fundraisers, our chefs cooked, our artisans served, and we all worked together to clean up. Generally, none of us got paid. We didn’t care about personal gain, as our common good was served, and we all worked together to clean up.

It’s easier when you face a crisis like the time an arsonist burnt all of our equipment one May night. When you find out you are running way in the red, people are willing to make cookbooks or hold pizza and beer parties. Whenever times were hard, we all worked harder.

It’s a challenge to regain that commitment when times are good. There is always stock to make or other jobs to do that don’t include volunteering for our organization. When we have outstanding staff that work so well, and we all want to do, it’s easy to think that everything is covered.

We all know that we could dream bigger. When we work together, we can attempt things that seem out of our reach, some of the ambitious wild ideas we’ve had to hold onto for five decades. You just might be the one person needed to bring the energy to the level of action. Think about what more you can do. Your special skills are always needed. That’s what really brings prosperity and fun for everyone. That’s what got us here, and that’s the handmade thread that still weaves our market fabric.

Diane McWhorter

Space #120

If you would like to submit an article for the M.V.P. Message column, please submit it via email to info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org by noon each Wednesday.

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**Community Corner**

Good Morning! School has started, and downtown is still hopping! Don’t miss these upcoming events:

**Narrowly Mended: A Craftivism Event, Saturday, Sept. 8th, 1pm-4pm:** We invite the public of Eugene to make fabric patches in the spirit of protest and visibility. We will assemble these patches to gether into a community quilt. Sewing and crafts have a history and tradition in activism.

**Free!**

**Be SEEN, Be Safe; Bike Light Giveaway:** Thursday, September 13th, 11am-2pm, Kesey Square:

**Kesey Square:** Come enjoy your lunch while some favorite local artists and musicians create art onsite and perform live in Kesey Square! Free!

**Kesey Birthday Celebration, Monday, Sept. 17th, 6pm-10pm, Kesey Square:** It’s Ken Kesey’s Birthday! Come downtown and celebrate with fellow Kesey fans. Speakers, live music and street performance. Free!

**Would you like to sell your products downtown during the week?** There is a permit that will allow you to sell in the downtown core. The cost is $25, and your permit is valid for a year. Please contact me for additional information at info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org.

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**Harmonic Labs: Artist Showcase #2, Thursday, Sept. 13th, 11am-2pm, Kesey Square:**

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**Bring out your Elves!** We are ready to take pictures and showcase your awesome elves! Opening weekend (Nov. 17-18) of Holiday Market brings the Elf Game to our visitors. It’s now time to start getting your elves made and in to the office.

**Color an Elf!** We have ornaments that need coloring. You can pick up a bag of ornaments to color at home. We keep a stack of ornaments on the conference table the office too. You can color them while you are in a meeting or waiting for a meeting to begin.

**Create an Elf!** Make an elf and consider donating it as a prize. Your elf can be a drawing, a doll, a puppet, crocheted, glazed on pottery, wooden, pretty much anything. Display your elf at the Holiday Market booth to bring in shoppers. Then, you can either donate or keep your elf. Please bring your elves in to the office by Sept. 15th for pictures or email pictures of your elf to Vanessa at vanessa.saroy@eugenesaturdaymarket.org.

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**Be an Elf Station!** Be in need of an Elf Station in the Main Hall to take in the game cards and give out ornaments. We will help you organize your Elf Station if you would like to volunteer.
The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy September Birthday to artist Nancy Bright today, fiber artist Alice MacDONald and author Joe Blakely tomorrow, tie dye artist Josh WoJek on Monday, jewelry artist Amy Pollicino and body care artist Carmen Dutton on Tuesday, bank artist Joel Literisky and site crew member Dave Welch on Wednesday, clothing artist Diana Gardener and body care artist Ryan O’Connor Wolik on Thursday.

A very happy birthday to you all. We hope this is your best year yet.

Food Court Specials!

RENAISSANCE PIZZA’S September special is their Tomato, Rosemary and Garlic Pizza! This Summer special features fresh organic garden tomatoes, fresh organic rosemary leaves, minced organic garlic and a drizzle of organic extra virgin olive oil!

BANGKOK GRILL’S Back by popular demand, Pa Ram Long Song (Swimming Prince)! Available with either chicken or tofu.

RITTA’S BURRITOS’ Starting Sept. 8th, our new Cheesecake Flavor! Available with either chicken or tofu.

DANA’S CHEESECAKE BAKERY’S next month’s special is Fire Roasted-Chile Ghin olive oil!

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 e-mail info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org with “NEWSLETTER” in the subject.

Wanted: Space for a gypsy wagon and 2 cats. The place needs to be close to the LTD bus line and not on a street with a lot of traffic. Contact Michi, the sound healer at 541-510-2580 or find her at Saturday Market. (9/8)

Wanted to Hire: Cat trapper for lost, semi-feral cat last seen off Cloverdale Rd, Bear Creek, and as of 8/28, Danstrom Rd/Cresswell area. I have a contact and an address where I believe the cat to be living and eating. 541-505-2628 Reward plus your fee. Thank you, Anne. (9/8)

For Sale: Orgamically grown tomatoes, roasted peppers and sugar pie pumpkins! $1/lb. Call or text to Kristine at an Offer to purchase at 541-214-6545 or come by space #162 on the West Park Block. (9/8)

GIFT SHOW Sunday, Oct. 14 11:00 am - 4:00 pm fundraiser at Spencer Butte Middle School, 500 E. 40th, Eugene. It’s indoors, advertised, and booth spaces are 10’ x 10’. For more info, contact Jill Kelly at jill@kellybearism@hotmail.com or (541) 654-8957. (8/25)

For Sale: 1996 Chrysler Town & Country Van. Runs well. Has belts & whirl issues. $500.00 As Is. Text me at 541-521-6654 or Booth #300 (8/25)

Seeking temporary housing in Eugene area. Mature woman needs a safe, respectful place to stay. I can offer some $$. plus my skills and assistance. Email me: bikewoodyrock@gmail.com. Ref. Pear, Blessings. (8/18)

1999 Chevrolet 3500 Passenger van for sale. This is a workhouse. One ton, 12 passenger with seat belts, power seats, windows, mirrors, running boards, 175,000 miles, $300.00. Call Tim 541-915-9961 (8/18)

Voter Registration cards are available in Booth #158-Anna’s Haute Tops! until Oct 13, the deadline for 2018 mid-term elections. VOTE. It Matters. VOTE. (8/11)

Weather

It’s going to be a lovely, cozier day with partly sunny skies and a high of 77 degrees today. Winds from the WSW at 8 mph with a 10% chance of rain.

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Ancient Market incantation (Nov. 3.1973) On the Market Stage

10:00 AM Gordon Kaswell Acoustic Variety 11:00 AM Robert Meade Energetic Acoustic 12:00 PM Paul Prince Innovative Private Acoustic Guitar 1:00 PM Olen Alves Jazz Trio Latin & Groove Side of Jazz 2:00 PM The Jivemaster Swing Blues 3:30 PM Rock “n” Rewind Rock & Soul - 60’s Covers

Committee Meetings

Holiday Market Committee Meeting Weds., September 12th - 3:00-5:00PM Street Team Meeting Thurs., September 13th - 1:00-3:00PM Standards Screenings Weds., September 19th - 4:15 PM - New Member Orientation @ 3:30 PM Standards Committee Weds., September 19th - 5:00-7:00 PM -Agenda: Member Legacy 50th Anniversary Task Force Thurs., September 20th - 3:00-5:00PM Volunteer Work Group Weds., September 26th - 3:00-5:00PM

All meetings take place at the Market Office.

All are welcome! Saturday Market Social Life!

Local Events

Sept. 8 – Ducks vs. Portland State 11AM Sept. 15 – Ducks vs San Jose State 2PM Sept. 21-22 – Upstream Art Project

Volunteer Work Group

Thurs., September 13 - Agenda: Member Legacy

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