Today's Highlights: September 14th, 2019

* Office Closing at 1pm for training on Thursday, Sept. 19th.

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

* Committee Schedules, Stage Line Up, UnClassifieds and more on the back page!

Compliments of the Eugene Public Library. Special thanks to the Eugene Public Library Foundation.

Friday: Kirsten Good Morning Saturday Marketers!

Today, I want to take a moment to remind you of an important date and the need to fill the Reading Room of the Eugene Public Library with your art.

The Reading Room of the Eugene Public Library is a space dedicated to showcasing the work of local artists. It is a place for people to come and see the art of our community, and it is a way for us to support local artists and bring art into our public spaces.

This month, we have a special event scheduled in the Reading Room: an exhibition of work by local ceramic artists. This exhibition is part of a larger project called Off-Center Ceramics, which is a community-based art project that involves artists from all walks of life. The goal of the project is to create a space for people to come together and share their work, and to bring art into our public spaces.

I encourage you to come and see the work of these local artists, and to consider participating in this project yourself. It is a great way to connect with other artists, and to bring art into our community.

Thank you for your support of the Eugene Public Library, and of the arts in our community.

M.V.P. Message

Popping the Question

I was out of my booth at Silverton, stretching my legs, but I could have heard it at any art fair, anywhere.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask.

Please, artists, don't do this. I know, you want to engage with browsers, but don't want them to make you feel, well, pressured. So you toss out this phrase, and wait for them to make the next move.

Nine times out of ten, they won't. Why should they? It's not their job to make your job—selling your art—easy. And even the ones who might have a question, might not ask it for fear of sounding stupid. If you want to make up when you don't know enough to formulate a sensible question.

So what should you do? Well, say hello, first. Ask how they're doing. If they answer in more than monosyllables, they probably aren't averse to having a conversation, so start one, Volunteer Information. Tell how your art is made, or tell what inspires you, or tell what got you into the medium in the first place. It doesn't have to be a monologue—their first sentences are plenty. Then give them one a chance to respond.

I'll feel awkward, at first. You should probably prepare a list of talking points before the show, but just meet them so you don't feel like you're giving the same speech over and over. Though it probably doesn't matter if you do. They'll only hear it once, even if you (and your neighbor) hear it ad nauseum. And the neighbor probably has their own speech prepared, that you'll learn so well that you can pitch it for them while they're on a bathroom break. (This is a bad thing.)

Some of mine:

“I make everything on the potter's wheel, and paint it all freehand. No stencils, no decals, no shortcuts.”

“Everything is individually hand-painted; even the things I do in multiples are one-of-a-kind.”

“The clay is stoneware, fired in a 50 cubic foot gas kiln. The floor of the kiln and door roll out on tracks for loading, back in to fire.”

Over time, I try out new turns of phrase. I dropped “thrown on the wheel”, because it doesn’t work so well that you can pitch it for them while they’re on a bathroom break. (This is a bad thing.)

Frank Gosar
Off-Center Ceramics
SM Space #349/IM Space #197

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

JJ’s Community Corner

Happy September everyone. I hope you get to enjoy the weather. The temperature is perfect, and the September climate is wonderful.

Emergency Preparedness Event: Wednesday the 18th, from 11am-2pm on the West Park Block you can come down and learn how to prepare yourself and your home for multiple emergencies. Free to the public.

Global Climate Strike: Friday on the West Block from 5pm-8pm. A rally for climate justice. Free to the public.

ArtCity, BEAM: Friday on the East Block from 5-7pm. A showcase of local artists, this event incorporates light with an outdoor pop-up gallery. Food and beverages will be available. Free to the public.

Cameron McCarthy will be on the plaza from 5-7pm to answer questions about the final Park Block design.

More women artists needed! Please email me at info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org

Enjoy the day!

Holiday Market Update

We are currently booking members with 11 points. Please call to speak with AJ during office hours if you have any questions.

Reminder:

1. Make sure we have current contact info including a daytime phone number and an email address. When you receive your call from AJ to book your space, you must respond quickly.

2. We call members using Holiday Market points in order of your payment history. We communicate with you via email about the booking process, including what points we are booking for. Please be patient.

3. When making a Holiday Market payment at the Info Booth, please ask for a receipt. You need to formulate a sensible question.

4. Pick up a map and keep it handy. We have maps on the website here: https://eugenesaturdaymarket.org/Map.pdf. When you get the call to book your space, you will need the map to help guide your decision.

New market members will be called later in the process. If you are new this year, then be patient. We have space!

Bring Out Your Elves!

It’s the last day to bring me your elves for our outstanding and super popular I Spy Elves game. This year, we will have our elves out and about for the first weekend AND the last 2 days of Holiday Market! Bring your elf to the Info Booth today or email me a picture of your elf at vanessa@eugenesaturdaymarket.org. Vanessa can reuse your elf if you let her know during the week. Shoppers love the Elf Game. Bring them into your space with an Elf!

We still have a Bigh stack of elf ornaments that need to be colored too.

Office Closing Early

The office will close at 1pm on Thursday, Sept. 19th for staff training.

Local Events

Sept. 14 - Ducks vs. Montana @7:30pm
Sept. 21 - Stanford vs. Ducks @ 4pm
Oct. 5 - Market Wide Sale!
Oct. 5 - Ducks vs. Cal Bears
The Kareng Fund

The Kareng Fund is an emergency relief fund set up to help low income, self-employed artisans and their families who experience a serious career-threatening crisis. You can make a donation anytime, just specify your donation on the front of your payment envelope. You can contribute through Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com and search for “Kareng Fund”. From that point forward, every purchase you make through Amazon will benefit the Kareng Fund, helping artisans in need. Brochures are available at the Info Booth or on their website at karengfund.org.

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 it to us at info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org with “NEWSLETTER” in the subject.

Need someone to do your Holiday Market work task? I’ll do your work task for $30, leaving you up $10. The Market will get the job it needs done, and you can focus on your business! If you’ve already signed up for your work task, that’s great! I can still be a proxy for you. (Payment due when task is completed and signed off). If you’re interested, contact Esther at tarotbyesther@gmail.com or TEXT me at 732-261-8351 (9/14).

Canning tomatoes, slicing tomatoes, small sugar pie pumpkins $1.00/LB. To order speak with Kristine in booth #162 on the west park block, or call 541-852-9993. (9/7)

Looking for someone to share your booth space at the holiday market? I have a small (4x4) set up and am happy to split booth fees. Contact: addflowercandles@gmail.com (9/7).

Huichol woman’s embroidered clothes: blouse, skirt, poncho & bag $40. Navajo rug - Two Grey Hills - $400. Navarro saddle blanket $150 Please call 541-852-9993 (8/31)

Gourmet vinegar and oil business for sale. Inquire by email at susannasliberty@gmail.com or call 541-870-6761 (8/17)

Metal pole booth for sale, 8’-8” to 8’-10.5” 541-870-6761 (8/17)

Ave has an 8x10 pop up that I would like to trade for an 8x8 pop up or sell. It’s never, never used. There are 8x10 spaces at Holiday Market. Please call Yvonne at 541-968-8551 (8/17)

Need a Guidebook ad, business cards, a new brand, product photos and the like? Kim Still (for Market promo manager) can make it happen for you! Tons of experience, affordable rates, quick turnaround. 541-521-7125 or kim@kirstiedesigns.com (8/3)

The Market Calendar

All Saturday Market meetings and milestones are on the website. The calendar is updated with the board, committee, and task force meetings. The calendar also has permitted events around downtown. Take a look: https://eugenesaturdaymarket.org/committee-meeting-and-event-calendar.html

Weather

It’s going to be another overcast day, but it’s not going to be rainy. (fingers crossed). Today has a high of 79 degrees and a 10% chance of rain. Winds NW at 7mph.

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Ancient Market incantation (Nov, 1973)

On the Market Stage

10:00 AM Caveman Dave
11:00 AM Effingjay
12:00 PM Robert Meade
4:00 PM The Muddy Souls

Committee Meetings

Standards Screenings Weds., September 8th - 4:15 PM - New Member Orientation @ 3:30 PM
Standards Committee Meeting Weds., September 8th - 5:00 PM - Agenda: TBA
Sustainability Committee Meeting Tues., September 24th - 12:00 PM
Board Meeting Wed., October 2nd - 5:15-7:15PM
Holiday Market Committee Meeting Tues., October 8th - 5:00-5:00PM

All meetings take place at the Market Office. All are welcome! Saturday Market Social Life!

Fleeting Few

Follow along with The Saturday Market on the website and through social media. Share your content to get included and reach a new audience!

Facebook: facebook.com/EugeneSaturdayMarket
Twitter / Instagram: @SaturayMarket

We’re also on Pinterest, Yelp, Trip Advisor, Google Business, YouTube, Flickr, & more.

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