Today's Highlights: November 21st, 2020

* Holiday Market’s Opening Day! Info Booth Hours are 9am-3:30pm.
* Be a M.V.P. - Member.Volunteer.Partner.
* Weather, Birthdays, UnClassifieds and more on the back page!

From Kirsten

Good Morning Holiday Marketers!

Welcome to Opening Day – we are expecting a nice fall day. We are having the office staff work remotely as much as possible and limiting access to the office during the freeze.

As a reminder, all booths must have a 2A BC (5 pound) fire extinguisher in their booth every Saturday. Staff will be doing inspections for these and heater installation compliance.

The Board of Director Candidate Statements are in and you will have 4 candidates to choose from. They are:

Anna Lawrence, 541-228-5398
Gary Becker, Booth #116
Willy Gibboney, Booth #118
Dennis Westfall, Booth #110

Please take a moment to meet these individuals before voting. The election is Dec. 5th. If you are unable to vote that weekend, you can absentee vote by picking up a ballot beginning Nov. 21st at the Information Booth or printing it off our website and mailing it in. All ballots must be received by Dec. 5th at 3:30pm.

To start your Holiday Market I wanted to share a prose poem that I hope you will enjoy. Desiderata (Latin “desired things”) – by Max Ehrmann, 1920

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all adversity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And yes, in spite of it all, it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

Happy Selling, Kirsten

Holiday Market Info Booth

The Information Booth hours during Holiday Market will be 9am-3:30pm. Pick up Visa slips and send your customers to us for credit card transactions like usual. Checks will be mailed the following Thursday. We will make change and cash checks until we run out of cash. Call us at 541-686-8885 for help or with questions throughout the day.

Beautiful Holiday Market Booth Contest

This Saturday is the beginning of Holiday Market on the Park Blocks! We have been working hard on decorations for the trees and the Information Booth. Even though the City of Eugene cannot decorate the Park Blocks and light up the trees like usual, we still plan on making a gorgeous outdoor winter wonderland experience. It’s important that we make the Park Blocks as pretty as we can in order to entice the community to brave the elements and shop with us instead of going to the mall or online.

In order to help motivate you all to bring your A game, we are having a contest for the most beautifully decorated booth at Holiday Market. The winner will receive $100 in Saturday Market gift certificates. These gift certificates are just like cash to Market members. You can use them to shop for your own holiday gifts for your families and friends.

The winner will be announced at Holiday Market the end of the day on Decemb 5th. We will also print the winner in the December 12th newsletter and boast about them on social media.

We encourage all members selling at Holiday Market to decorate their booths. Battery lights or garland or any kind of pretty accents that you can work into your display will definitely be helpful and appreciated. Also, decorate yourselves! Make this the year that you play along with Dress Up Days. Let’s do all we can to make this a fantastic Holiday Market.

State Wide Freeze Info

We have had a lot of calls and emails about the statewide freeze that went into effect on Nov 18th and expires on Dec 2nd. We know that there is a lot of confusion about this since we are staying open. Let’s clear that up.

We have been operating at 50% capacity as an open-air retail outlet all year. All meals from the food court are packed to go. We are not an event since we don’t have live music. Retail is allowed to be open at 75% capacity; therefore, we are in compliance with the state using our current safety guidelines.

You can do your part by asking your shoppers to put on their masks. Call for security if you need help. We have a lot of hand sanitizer at the info booth and mask makers everywhere. Set up your space to keep you 6’ away from your shoppers. Together, we can stay open and safe.
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 any time, just specify your donation on the front of your payment envelope. You can “round up” your fees to easily donate a little each week. You can also help the Kareng Fund every time you purchase something from Amazon!

To 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 www.karengfund.org.

The Kareng Fund is offering $250 COVID-19 grants to any member that needs help paying membership fees, retail booth or online sales fees, or Covid-19 grants to any member that needs help paying membership fees, retail booth or on their website at www.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.

CLOSEOUT SALE! White Raven Art Works is closing out all the Native style t-shirts 20% off. I will not be making more.

BOOTH 116. That is it, and I think I am in 116 but it could be 118, but its not 117! so if you can great! thank you, Willy (11/21)

Selling my 8x8 pop up tent. I no longer sell it at Saturday Market and it’s taking up space. I’m looking to get around $100, but that’s negotiable! Phone number is 541-359-6306. (11/14)

Mailed on Thursday. Call the office if you would like to pick up your check. (12/20)

Credit Card Sales

Saturday Market accepts Visa, Mastercard, Discover, & American Express. Send your customer to the South Park Info Booth with a properly filled out credit card slip.

Visa checks are made on Thursday afternoon for 95% of the sale and the remaining 5% for bank charges. All checks will be MAILED on Thursday. Call the office if you would like to pick up your check. We will not put Visa checks into Reserve member’s envelopes.

Reminder: You cannot charge your customer's fee or increase the cost of your product by a percentage for paying with a credit card. You can offer a cash discount instead.

December 5th: Stripes and Polka Dots

November 21st: Hats, Ties and Tiaras

November 28th: Mad for Plaid or Dress Up Days!

December 5th: Stripes and Polka Dots

December 12th: Winter Wonderland or Elf Day

December 19th: Pajama or Uggy Sweater Day

Weather

Happy Holiday Market on the Park Blocks Opening Day! We have been gifted with a rain free day to get this party started right. It’s going to be chilly with a high of 48 degrees and a mild breeze from the N at 3mph. Sunrise is at 7:16am and sunset is at 4:40pm. Plenty of time to get your frosty tushies in gear to decorate and stock up for the stampede of holiday shoppers. Keep your masks up and your hands squeaky clean and battle Covid fatigue with insulin spiking levels of sugary sweetness.