**Today's Highlights: December 5th, 2020**

- **Board Election is Today! Last Day to win the Beautiful Booth Contest!**
- **Be a M.V.P. - Member/Volunteer/Partner.**
- **Weather, Birthdays, UnClassifieds and more on the back page!**

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**Holiday Market**

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**Beautiful Booth Contest**

We have had a wonderful time so far. Three more Saturdays remain. Let's keep up the good energy and decorate your booths nicely.

Make your booth stand out with lights and decorations so you can win the Beautiful Booth Contest! The most beautifully decorated booth will win $100 in Saturday Market gift certificates. These gift certificates are just like cash. You can use them to shop for your own holiday gifts or pay your booth fees.

The winner will be chosen at the end of the day on Dec. 5th. We will print the winner in the Dec. 12th newsletter and boast about them on social media.

We encourage all members to decorate their booths. Battery lights or garland or any 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 keep on doing all we can to set this as a fantastic Holiday Market.

**Kareng Fund Events**

Usually, the Kareng Fund sets up a raffle at Holiday Market to help raise funds. It's a lot of fun and important for providing grants throughout the winter months. This year, they are not able to hold the raffle. They also can't have their annual, super duper fun Pottery Smash that also generates a large portion of their funds for the winter months.

We did see a good amount of donations to the Kareng Fund during Saturday Market. Consider making a monetary donation at the Info Booth or on their website at www.karengfund.org.

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**Check The Website**

We have added some pretty cool resources on our website to help our higher risk shoppers and members. The Artisan Directory is a great way connect with shoppers outside of Holiday Market. We don't have a shopping cart, but you can add your contact information to rain checks and post them throughout the winter months. Also, we are encouraging people to use the website to pre-shop before they head down to the Park Blocks.

If you haven't already done so, then you should create your login for our Member Portal. The Portal allows you to update your contact information, add links, add images, add a business description and logo, and you can see all your paid and unpaid orders. The Owings tab will show what you have paid which will help you keep track of your sales. It'll also be handy for tax time.

We are happy to help you get started so call the office at 541-686-8885 if you run into any issues. Here's a link: https://eugenetasaturdaymarket.org/tn-mms/

We have a Weekly Live Map too. This map shows where you are today plus where you will be every week of Holiday Market. Customers can search with keywords or by names. The map shows where your booth is located by dropping a pin on the booth space. It will also take them to your profile in the Artisan Directory. There are maps from past Markets too. Shoppers can go back in time to find you through the website to place an order or contact you with questions.

https://eugenetasaturdaymarket.org/real-time-map.php

In addition to the Artisan Directory, we have the Facebook group. It's called Eugene Saturday Market's Online Marketplace. All current members can post products and contact information to take orders off-site. This group will stay up during the winter months. You can find it easily by searching Facebook or by using this link: https://www.facebook.com/groups/eugensaturdaymarketmakerpage/

We ask that you promote your online sales to support your Saturday Market. Use these online resources until we open again in April, 2021.

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**From Kirsten**

Good Morning Holiday Marketers!

It's election time! Please take a moment to cast a ballot for the December 2020 Board of Directors election. All votes must be dropped into the ballot box by 3:30pm today. There are instructions on the inside of the guidebook, then we will either extend voting or count. All ballots must be sealed on the ballot that must be followed for your vote to count.

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

Results will be tallied on December 9th at the market offices. Results will be posted shortly thereafter.

We are conducting a member survey of Reserve Members, so if you are a Reserve Member, please respond to the email. We want to know your experience with declaring your attendance each week this year. This is an advisory survey for the Board of Directors. They are considering making Reserve Members declare their attendance every week by Thursday a permanent policy effective January 1st, 2021.

If we don't have enough people interested in the market offices. Results will be posted shortly thereafter.

**Saturday Market Guidebook**

We are going move ahead with a Saturday Market 2021 guidebook. Pick up an ad form at the Info Booth. Payments are due by Feb. 19th, 2021 and ads are due by March 5th, 2021.

If we don't have enough people interested in the guidebook, then we will either extend the deadline or refund any insertion fees. We will send an email with an update in February.

**Happy Selling, Kirsten**

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**Holiday Market Info Booth**

The Information Booth hours during Holiday Market will be 8am-3:30pm. We will run credit card transactions, make change and cash checks. If we cash a check made out to you from one of your customers, then you are responsible for the funds if the check bounce plus a returned check fee.

Call us at 541-686-8885 for help or with questions during the Market day.

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**Reserve Members Declare their Attendance Each Week This Year**

This should be a big weekend for sales so let's keep on doing all we can to set this as a fantastic Holiday Market.

Happy Selling,

Kirsten
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 at any time, just specify your donation amount 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, rent, or other expenses due to the pandemic. For more information, visit www.karengfund.org or contact info@karengfund.org.

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.

Vista cards are made on Thursday afternoon for the amount of the sale less 5% for bank charges. All checks will be MAILED on Thursday. Call the office if you would like to pick up your check.

Reminder: You cannot change your customers’ fees or increase the cost of your product by a dollar or more. If you would like to increase the fee for your product, please contact the office at 541-870-2952.

Board Meeting
Wed., Dec. 16th: 5:15 PM-7:15 PM
No Board meeting in February

Board Meeting
Wed., March 3rd: 5:15 PM-7:15 PM

All meetings take place at the Market Office and are open to the public. Please join us to learn more about the work of the Saturday Market and how you can help support it.

Saturday Market Social Life!
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: @SaturdayMarket
We’re also on Pinterest, Yelp, TripAdvisor, Google Business, YouTube, Flickr, & more.

The Saturday Market Board of Directors and Officers
Chairperson - Rachell Cox Vice Chairperson - Anna Lawrence Secretary - Diane McWhorter Treasurer - Tym Mazet Vice Chairperson - Anna Lawrence Secretary - Diane McWhorter Treasurer - Tym Mazet

The Market Corner
Wishing a Happy December Birthday to jewelry artist Veronica Freckall today, ceramic artist Gary Becker tomorrow, porcelain artist Katie Swenson and pottery artist Jon King on Monday, tarot artist Ruby Matthews and woodworker David Hansen on Wednesday, photographer Graham Smith, glass artist Nancy Barry, fairy garden artist Crystal Miller and fiber artist Monica Kranzlet on Thursday!

A very happy birthday to you all. We hope this is your birthday, then please let us know so we can make sure it’s in our database.

If you don’t see your birthday on your calendar, then please let us know so we can make sure it’s in our database.

UnClassified
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 market@eugenessaturdaymarket.org with "NEWSLETTER" in the subject.

Gourmet Food Business for sale by Susanne Liberty. Call for more details including price and inventory. Also, oil and vinegar from Susanne is half price to members. She can deliver your order to the Market. Call 541-870-6761 to place an order or for more details about buying her business. (12/5)

Sue Thoel’s canny mice are available at Dro Marchbank’s booth #334. This is a Kareng Fund fundraiser, all the proceeds will go to the Kareng Fund. Thank you for your support. (11/28)

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, thats it, and I think. I’m in 116 but it could be 118, but its not 117! so if you can’t find us, try Willy (11/21)

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

Saturday Market Artist Seeking Room to Rent ASAP Single woman, non-smoker, non-drinker, no pets. Price range $300-400 preferred. Please leave a message for Paula Eaton at 541-514-2952. Thanks! (11/7)

Selling booth, photography equipment, and displays. Booth is 8’ x 10’ metal pole structure w/ peak (for rain deflection). Can be modified to different sizes or setup w/o peak $80 Photography light box with 3 professional light stands and bulbs and backgrounds. Box HWL is 20” Wide for online sales and juried applications - $140 Handmade wooden and cloth display stand. 48” x 18”. Collapsible triangular legs give height of 6” on one end and 1” on other for angled showing. Beige cloth drapes filled with cotton-$30 Call Nicole 541-324-8175. Thanks. (10/31)

Consignment shop dedicated to offering exclusively local and handmade items! ISO artists, crafters, & creators. Our focus is housewares, but all types of items are welcome. Visit us or contact Scott for more info. Hap-Hap Creation, 31 Main St. Springfield, OR 97471 541-720-2160, haphaphandcraftc1@gmail.com (10/10)


Weather
Happy Holiday Market Saturday! Well, what can I say, our luck with dry days may be running out. There’s a 40% chance of rain that may or may not hold off until we are packed up. At least it’ll be warmer, so there’s that. Total street cred given for braving the rain and the cold at the same time. Some people are calling us heros, but those people also push when they are supposed to pull, so be happy it’s a short day. The high is 51 degrees with a light wind from the NE at 3mph. Sunrise is at 7:32am and sunset is at 4:34pm. Hey, that’s 2 minutes earlier than last week. It’s like the days are getting shorter. Weird.

Ancient Market Incantation (Nov 3, 1973)
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