Today's Highlights: July 11th, 2020

★ It's Oregon Country Fair (That Wasn't There) Weekend!

★Be a M.V.P. - Member.Volunteer.Partner.



From Kirsten

Good Morning Saturday Marketers! What a great day for a Market! The weather is going to be beautiful.

Thank you to everyone that completed the third Holiday Market survey. The Holiday Market Committee is meeting on Tuesday, July 14th, and will use your responses to develop a plan to present to the Board on August 5th.

Some major decisions were made this week based on the Market's revenue. Since we have only half-sized markets, our revenue is half of what it used to be. Because of this we have to reduce our office hours to Thursday and Friday 10am-4pm, reduced AJ and JJ's hours to Saturdays only, reduced Vanessa and I to 20 hours per week, reduced Site Crew to 4 staff members and 7 hours each per Saturday, and canceled 2 portable toilets each Saturday – one on each block.
This pattern will continue for the

remainder of the season, or until we can operate at full capacity again. These changes do not reflect the viability of the Market. We just need to adjust to the new level of revenue by adjusting our expenses. By taking these steps we are ensuring that the Market will survive the pandemic and be in a position to open next season.

We have created a Paypal fundraising initiative to generate additional revenue. There is a link on the main page of our website at https://eugenesaturdaymarket.org/index.html. There are posts on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram that you can share. Please help us get the word out that we need

the community's finanical support.

Thought for the day..."Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you." - L. R. Knost

Happy Selling,

OCF In The Clouds

The Oregon Country Fair is holding their virtual fair this weekend. They have invited Saturday Market members to take part in the virtual fair. They also plan to send shoppers to Saturday Market today. I'll be including OCF vendors in my social media posts to help them cross-promote their virtual event. Feel free to flag me down if you would like to get a picture or a video of yourself to share with OCF on Saturday.

Market Meeting Calendar

All Saturday Market meetings and milestones are on the website. The calenstones are on the website. der is updated with the board and committee meetings plus Odd and Even Market days. Market meetings are in red. Market days are in green. Deadlines for applications are in dark blue. Take a look: https://eugenesaturdaymarket.org/committee-meeting-and-event-calendar.html

M.V.P. Message

Member. Volunteer. Partner.

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By the time my husband and I joined the market in 1974 it was pretty well established. You showed up at about 3:30 to 4 am in the morning, because at that point there were no such thing as a reserve space it was first come first serve. You put stuff on a spot and it was yours, but you had to keep an eye on it because people had a tendency to move stuff off of a good spot and put their stuff on it.

At about 8:30 or so the manager and assistant manager showed up. They weren't full-time employees, we had no office and they only worked on a Saturday. They gathered up 10 to 20 people, the more the better, to go to the lower level of the butterfly and bring up the info booth.

I don't know how many of you have ever seen pictures of or remember the old info Booth but it was an octagonal wooden Gypsy type of structure. It had big giant metal wheels on the sides but the actual way it rolled was on 4 metal casters, that had a tendency to go whatever direction they really wanted to. And let me tell you it took a lot of effort to get that thing to roll up the ramp onto the Butterfly. Rolling it down at the end of the day took even more people because you had to keep it from running rampant down the hill.

At this time we had no site staff, no office staff just Market members. We were just a bunch of people with a single goal in mind, make Saturday Market the best we could. There was no money in the budget for anything. If you felt the market needed something you made it. Tables and benches for the food booths were made by a member, Bob Waldon. My husband made a small stage, it was only a 4-foot square and only 3 1/2inches tall but it designated a place for music. Everyone that could sew made flags to fly around the edges of the market.

The real reason for all of the reminiscing is to remind everyone that we are a family. While we now have staff that takes care of setup and teardown there are many other ways that we can help our Market family. Volunteering is a great way to help, either on a committee, running for the board, or just calling the office and offering to stick labels on Saturday mornings envelopes.

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And one last thing, please remember to thank our staff. A quick thank you when you see them putting out signs and garbage containers or a "good morning" when you pick up your envelope or sign in is much appreciated. A "good job" to Kirsten and Courtney when they walk around checking for booth weights. And a "ME ME take my picture" to Vanessa as she's advertising our amazing Market. We can do this together.

Teresa Pitzer Space #126

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

Saturday Market Guidebooks

We have quite a lot of guidebooks to hand out. The guidebook was created by the Street Team as a way to promote the Market and the members. While we started late and the map is the usual map, we have the guidebooks at the Info Booth for anyone to hand out at every Saturday Market.

The Guidebook is an amazing way to promote our Market. Grab a handful of Guidebooks from the Info Booth on Saturday morning to give to your customers. Customers love free things and the Guidebook is a wonderful souvenir & tool for enjoying Saturday Market. Open it up and show them where they're at - Your Booth! It's a fabulous way to help them remember where they saw you earlier in the day, something free to give and an opening into conversation with your customers. Put your business card into every Guidebook you hand out. Please feel free to take Guidebooks to your favorite hangouts and places you visit out of town. Help us spread the word about our amazing Market.





Wishing a Happy July birthday to milliner Julie Stoike and candle maker Desiree Turpin today, info booth guy Erich Boekelheide and t-shirt artist Rowena Jackson tomorrow, pottery artist Tara Hanby, jewelry artist Cortney Fellet, and fiber artist Kallie Greatwood on Monday, stage manager Jimmy Haggard, glass artist Cheka Simonton, and wood artist Dave Blanchette on Thursday and fiber artist Kristine Levin on Friday!

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

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!

The Kareng Fund is offering \$250 grants to any member that needs help paying membership fees, reserve fees or booth fees. They will also help with Holiday Market booth fees this year. 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

Brownsville Junk Art Show

The Brownsville Art Center is hosting it's annual Junk Art Show on August 5 through September 25th. They cordially invite you to join in the fun of making art out of Junk. You can enter up to three pieces for this show. They will accept pieces on July 30, 31, and August 1, 2020.

Find more information and fill out a registration form on their website at http:// brownsvilleart.org/?p=4625.

Attention 4x4 Booth Folks

If you are planning on selling in a 4x4, please wait until you have your space assigned before putting your booth and product in. You must move your car after you have unloaded your booth. Do not place your chairs in the street. Thanks!

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.

HOUSING WANTED: My granddaughter and her boyfriend + service dog are looking to rent a small house or apt. (1 bedroom, 1bath) for under \$1200. Call me Willy Gibboney 541.729.4530, or Jordan at 541.517.8326. Booth 117 (7/11).

ISO: room/granny flat/yurt/tent/closet/ pantry/doghouse!!! 30 year old market "kid" I've been living in Salem because my gf is there, but I miss Eugene/ Springfield sooo much, and I'd really like to come back. I have transportation so out of town a ways is ok too...I have income, despite the pandemic. I wear a mask around people.(I work for my family in the art/craft business) 400.\$ per month would be perfect but less would be even more perfect! I'm quiet, flexible, fairly neat and tidy, no drugs, no pets, no allergies, not fussy.I don't party, but I'm social. Thanks! Please call or text Evan 412 -551 -7848 (7/4)

There are 7 battery operated fans available for sale from the Market. They are \$5 each and all have batteries that are currently working. Pick them up at the Info Booth.

Egg shells available for crafts - large, thick, white duck eggs, big hole in one end. A raven keeps eating them, leaving the shells. Could be used for window ornaments. Free or trade for empty egg cartons. I have a dozen or so. Levanna Appletree #124, 541-935-0130, Veneta (6/27)

Skutt kiln KM-1027, computerized, 8 years old. Working very well. Sold as is. Need a new base stand. \$1200. Learn more at <u>bluff</u>cove@gmail.com (6/13)

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.

NEW: Your check for the amount of the sale less 5% for bank charges will be MAILED on Wednesday. Call the office if you would like to pick up your check. We will not put Visa checks into Reserve members' envelopes.

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

Weather

Happy Fair that Isn't there Weekend! Today is going to be another perfect sunny summer day, warm without being too hot. The high is 79 degrees with a 10% chance of rain. Winds W at 5-10mph. It's going to be a nice day to virtually attend OCF while wearing masks.



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Ancient Market incantation (Nov 3, 1973)

Committee Meetings

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Board Meeting

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All meetings take place at the Market Office and Virtually with GoToMeeting.

All are welcome! Saturday Market Social Life!

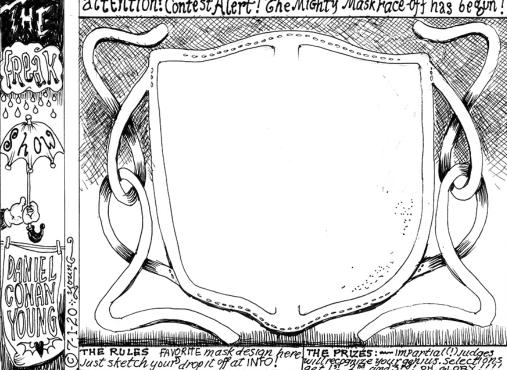
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