**Today's Highlights: July 25th, 2020**

* Updated COVID-19 Safety Rules: Masks for all over 5 years old!
* Be a M.V.P. - Member/Volunteer/Partner.
* Weather, Birthdays, Unclassifieds and more on the back page!

**COVID-19 Safety Updated**

Our new safety measures have been well received and observed by shoppers. There continue to be changes announced by Governor Brown. We are adjusting our rules to stay in compliance with the State of Oregon. We encourage you to pick up signs at the Info Booth for your spaces that will help encourage shoppers to use hand sanitizer, maintain distance, and limit touching. Here’s an updated reminder of the new rules we must follow to stay in compliance with all government mandates as an open air shopping mall:

- Staff and members must wear a mask or a face shield. Members must provide their own masks; however, we have a few for anyone that doesn’t have time to get one by their first market.
- Face coverings are required for all people ages 5 years and up in all public spaces as of 7-24-20. You are allowed to ask shoppers to put on masks before shopping at your booth.
- You are your booth’s Social Distancing Officer. We will give you a sign that says "Please Keep 6’ Social Distance" for your booth. This means you must ask your customers to maintain 6’ distance. Call the Info Booth for help if you have any problems.
- Move products to the front of your booth.
- No booth sharing unless you share with a member of your household. Only one member and one person from your household allowed inside the booth at a time.
- Only 1 customer allowed inside your booth at a time.
- Sidewalls are highly recommended.
- No selling or busking.
- No food samples are allowed.
- No personal services such as massage, face painting or hair services.
- Limit cash transactions. Try to use touchless credit card processing with no signatures required. Sanitize your terminal after each use.
- Have hand sanitizer in your booth. We are providing the sanitizer while supplies last.
- Consider covering products to minimize touching. Sanitize products after they have been handled.
- Offer your customers hand sanitizer before they handle your products.

**Fundraisers for Market**

**From Vanessa**

Good Morning Saturday Marketers! Thanks for coming out to sell today. It's going to be another almost hot kind of summer day. As it heats up, it’s important to remember to bring what you need to stay cool. The city has turned off the water fountains on the Park Blocks. Make sure you bring enough water to get you through the day. A little ice chest or cooler with some cold water will save the day every time.

Kirsten is out of the office for another week. Al and I are in the office on Thursdays. We are returning messages and checking in reserve members on Thursday. Please continue to declare your attendance for Saturdays by Wednesday 5pm, either by email or phone call. You will be contacted on Thursday confirming your attendance for that Saturday. Thank you for your patience.

We are facing challenges as we adjust to the new office schedule. We are doing our best to have everything running smoothly without a lot of time so please be forgiving if we make mistakes. Thank you for your understanding.

In other news, there’s a change shortage. That’s a fun new thing. We have quarters, but not nickels and dimes. Please round to the nearest quarter or dollar when you turn in your envelopes until more Americans cash in their change jars.

Kirsten usually does a "Thought for the Day" in her article. I'm going with a Song of the Day:

"Rise up this mornin' Smiled with the mornin' Sun Shone on little birds Pinch by my doorstep Singin' sweet songs Of melodies pure and true Savin', this is my message to you Singin' don't worry about a thing, oh Worry about a thing, oh Every little thing gonna be alright" — Bob Marley

Stay Cool, Vanessa

**Holiday Market Update**

Your Holiday Market Committee met on Tuesday, July 14th to go over the options for Holiday Market this year. They are working with the Budget Committee on an affordable plan. They have sent their recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board will vote on those recommendations at the August 5th Board Meeting. We will make an announcement after the meeting with an update on the plans.

There are a lot of things to consider before we have a solid plan in place. Rest assured, no one will lose their Booth Holder of Record status. Also, the points you accumulated from 2019 will be used for booking the Lane Events Center in 2021 with our normal map. We know that this year is full of uncertainty; therefore, please don't worry about losing ground on all your hard work.

We understand that everyone wants to know what we are doing this year, but we are asking for patience while we work through all the details. It's important that we cover our costs with every Market. Right now, we are breaking even on our expenses with the revenue coming in from your Saturday Market envelopes. The Holiday Market Committee, Budget Committee, and the Board will be crunching the numbers and making decisions based on what's best financially and your survey answers. Keep responding to those emailed surveys since that is the best way to help this process.

**Local Events**

**July 25 - Saturday Market - Odds**

August 1 - Saturday Market - Evens
August 8 - Saturday Market - Odds
August 15 - Saturday Market - Evens
August 22 - Saturday Market - Odds
August 29 - Saturday Market - Evens
September 5 - Saturday Market - Odds

The BEST thing happening, for sure!
Wishing a Happy belated July birthday (ever so sorry) to Levanna Appletree last Friday (7/24) and to ceramic artist Barbara Haddad on Monday!

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

Looking for a few good makers, to join us at: www.meetthemakerbox.com! Do you have a subscription product or want to create and market one, to create consistent monthly income in these changing times? We are a team of passionate women, creating products from our hearts, in the hopes of making our world a better place. Subscription boxes filled with products made in the U.S.A. by small businesses, independently owned by women. Please check out our website to learn more or Brigitte at: meetthemakerbox@gmail.com. Meet the Makers and Make a Difference! (7/16)

The US Census is hiring. They are looking for an enumerator (door-to-door) and an office clerk. The office clerk pays $18/hour, 40 hours/week, Mon-Fri. The enumerator is higher pay but has a less reliable schedule that might include Saturdays. They have about 8 weeks of work available. You can apply at 2020census.gov/jobs. (7/16)

HOUSING WANTED: My granddaughter and her boyfriend are looking to rent a small house or apt. (1 bedroom, Ithab) for under $1200. Call me: Maggie Calhoun: 541.729.4530, or Jordan at 541.517.8326. Booth 117 (7/11).

ISO: room/ granny flat/ yurt/ 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$s 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. (7/4).

Egg shells available for crafts - large, thick, white duck eggs, big hole in one end. A raw keeper eating them, leaving the shells. (7/4).

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.

Credit Card Sales

Saturday Market accepts Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and 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 automatically deposited 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.

Brownsville Junk Art Show

The Brownsville Art Center is hosting it’s annual Junk Art Show on August 5th 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, August 1, and August 1, 2020. Find more information and fill out a registration form on their website at https://brownsvilleartcenter.com/jjas.