From Kirsten

Good Morning Saturday Marketers!

We have another lovely day in store for us. Members are reporting strong sales this season, so I hope you have an amazing sales day today!

Our fundraising efforts are going well. Please consider donating to the Saturday Market. Every penny counts towards keeping us running. We have created a Fundraising Committee that will take on special projects and they are looking for member volunteers to participate. Please contact the office if you would like to join this very important committee.

In addition to fundraising for the Saturday Market, I want to encourage the membership to donate to the Kareng Fund. Consider rounding up your fees every week to give to this worthy non-profit, i.e. if you owe $18 for the day, round it up to $20. If you or someone you know is in need, the Saturday Market has information at the office of services available. This information was made available by the office on Thursday or Friday at 541-686-8885 or email us at info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org. We will share the remote meeting details with anyone that’s interested. Everyone is welcome.

You can join the meeting as a guest if you are not ready to contribute to the committee right away. This is a time where your ideas and suggestions are most helpful.

Happy Selling!
Kirsten

Local Events
September 5 - Saturday Market - Odds
September 12 - Saturday Market - Events
September 19 - Saturday Market - Odds
September 26 - Saturday Market - Events
October 3 - Saturday Market - Odds
October 10 - Saturday Market - Events
October 17 - Saturday Market - Odds
October 24 - Saturday Market - Events
October 31 - Saturday Market - Odds
November 7 - Saturday Market - Events
November 14 - Saturday Market - Odds

Maybe something else will happen. Maybe.

Today’s Highlights: August 29th, 2020

* Update on the Fundraising Committee plus a Mask Reminder.
* Be a M.V.P. - Member.Volunteer.Partner.
* Weather, Birthdays, UnClassifieds and more on the back page!

Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee met on Thursday. We are a small group of three people at this time. We can really use some more volunteers to help us raise the funds we need to reopen strong in 2021.

The committee has formed a good plan including direct fundraising by contacting potential donors, refining our current online fundraisers through Paypal and GoFundMe and events that will safely help us raise some money.

We hope that you will consider joining us at our next virtual meeting on September 16th at 11am. This meeting will not be held in person at the office. Anyone that would like to join this meeting should call the office on Thursday or Friday at 541-686-8885 or email us at info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org. We will share the remote meeting details with anyone that’s interested. Everyone is welcome.

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Sell at Tuesday Market!

All Saturday Market members can sell at the Tuesday Farmers Market. Email us at info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org by Thursday to be included. If you are selling on Tuesday, you can declare your attendance for the following Tuesday as well. We do not have an Info Booth on site for change or credit card processing.

We have about 10 spaces available every week that are assigned in Tuesday Market points order. Meet us on the East Park Block by 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday to get your space and set up.

The daily fee is $5 plus 10%, all booths are 8x8. Hours are 10am-3pm. We pick up your envelopes at 2-4pm.

There is no free parking on Tuesdays.
Tuesday Market has a separate point system that is not related to Saturday Market or Holiday Market points.
Tuesday Market is open every Tuesday until October 31st.

Let’s Talk About Masks

Effective July 25th, Governor Brown mandated that face masks or face shields must be worn in all public spaces by everyone over the age of 3 years old if 6’ of social distancing cannot be reliably maintained. This includes outdoor spaces. That means everyone at Saturday Market must wear a mask even though we have taken measures to create space.

Members are required to wear a face mask/shield all day in your booths. This includes setting up and tearing down. You can take the mask off while you eat or drink. If you need a mask break, then please leave your booth or at least do it discreetly. So far, you all have been doing a great job of wearing your masks. Keep up the good work!

You are allowed to ask customers to wear a mask before they approach your booth. Ask your customer if they have a mask with them. If they do not, then suggest that they buy a mask from one of the many makers at the Market. You can send them to the Info Booth to help locate a mask maker.

If a person refuses to put on a mask, then you can refuse to sell to them. You can call the Info Booth and we will send security over to help you if needed. Here is the direct quote from OSHA regarding the refusal of masks for any non-medical related reason:

“If an individual indicates that they do not have a relevant medical condition or disability (or refuses to answer) but refuses to wear a mask, face shield or face covering, Oregon OSHA recommends that they should be politely told that the organization cannot serve them and that they need to leave the premises. Under no circumstances should the business, organization or their representatives attempt to physically block an individual from entering or physically remove an individual from the premises. If an individual refuses to leave, the organization should follow whatever procedures would normally be used if an individual refuses to leave the establishment when asked to do so.”

If someone indicates that they cannot wear a mask or face shield due to a medical condition, you should NOT ask questions or request documentation. You can ask the person about how we might accommodate their needs while protecting the health and safety of other customers, members and staff in a respectful and non-confrontational manner. You can ask them to maintain 6’ distance and not touch your products if they claim a medical condition. If you are unsure of how to proceed, then please call the Info Booth for help.

We have found that most people have masks and will wear them when asked. Please help us by simply asking your customers to put on their masks. Many people assume they don’t have to wear them outside. It’s important that we all know and understand that we are allowed to ask them to put on a mask and that we are allowed to refuse service if they decline.
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, & 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 Thursday. Call the office if you would like to pick up your check. We will also send out a Guidebook or two. Again, please feel 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. Help us spread the word about our amazing Saturday Market by handing out a Guidebook or two. Again, we have quite a lot of them available.

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

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 on a postcard or e-mail it to us at info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org with “NEWSLETTER” in the subject.

Grassy Cow and Swallowtail Distillery are launching a Saturday Farmer’s Market in Springfield starting Aug 30th. Call Erica Forman to confirm your spot or if you have any questions at 541-357-3951. She can be reached at 3pm on Thurs., Fri., or Sat. on her cell phone 541-221-2125 x22.

I would like to hire someone to help me with my household chores. Non-smoker. Kitty friendly. Lives in South Eugene. Call Susan at 541-606-3940 (8/8)

Looking for a few good makers, to join us at: 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 with products made in the U.S.A. by small businesses, independently owned by women. Please check our website to learn more or email me at meetthemakerbox@gmail.com. Meet the Makers and Make a Difference! (7/18)

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 not 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, so they can make 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. Help us spread the word about our amazing Saturday Market by handing out a Guidebook or two. Again, we have quite a lot of them available.

Weather

It’s going to be a simply stunning day to be outside. The high is only 81 degrees with a 10% chance of rain. Winds NNW at 10-15 mph. We are getting close to those lovely fall days when we can wear sweaters and matching masks and drink warm beverages. Until then, show off your face tan lines!

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Committee Meetings

Board Meeting

Weds., Sept. 2nd - 5:15 PM: 7:15 PM

Holiday Market Committee Meeting

Thurs., Sept. 10th - 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Fundraising Committee Meeting

Weds., Sept. 16th - 11:00 AM-12:00PM

Board Meeting

Weds., Sept. 7th - 5:15 PM-7:15 PM

All meetings take place at the Market Office and virtually with GoToMeeting. All are welcome!

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/EugeneSatur-dayMarket

Twitter / Instagram: @SaturdayMarket

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