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From The Office

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We made another important announcement this week regarding Holiday Market. Your Board of Directors voted to require face masks, 6’ social distance and hand washing in the public, but will not require proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test for entry from the public.

Today is Market Wide Sale Day! A few of you let Vanessa know about your sales in advance. She will be walking around as always. Please flag her down to take pictures if you are offering a discount on any of your products. She will promote your sale on social media.

Our Annual Meeting has been scheduled for December 12th at 9am at the Lane Events Center in the Performance Hall. All Members are welcome to attend. We won’t have a potluck this year.

Speaking of potlucks, we are not having the annual Holiday Market potluck this year. A gathering of that sort isn’t a good idea during a pandemic. Members are welcome to bring food to share with each other, but please do not congregate at the food court tables to eat without masks. Think of foods that are individually wrapped or portioned to share. You don’t have to bring anything to share, but please plan on having a lunch, snack or dinner available for the first weekend. It’s important to stay wired during set-up to prevent the hangries.

Consider running for the Board of Directors. We are accepting candidate statements now. Email your candidate statement to info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org along with a picture. Here is your quote for the day:

“Once the storm is over, you won’t remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won’t even be sure, whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won’t be the same person who walked in. That’s what this storm’s all about.”

- Haruki Murakami

May The Force Be With You

Port Orchard Cedar Wood Available

Unforeseen circumstances have made Eugene’s Urban Forestry Team has determined that the Port Orchard Cedar in the East Park Block is dead and needs to be removed for safety reasons.

The contractor has agreed to help make the wood available to interested Market Members. The logs will be approximately 4 feet long. They cannot be custom cut.

Interested parties need to be available in the afternoon of November 3rd. They will be given a time to show up with a truck or trailer to have the logs loaded into their vehicle by the contractor. Please email Eric Brown, Downtown Manager, at ebrown@eugene-or.gov to express interest.

The quantity of wood available will depend on the level of interest and the quantity of healthy wood available.

M.V.P. Message

Have you used the Artisan Directory yet? I’ve used it for everything from helping customers find members to doing my personal shopping in person & online during the pandemic. It is an exceptional resource and super easy for customers and members to use, and it links to the weekly live sales. That’s a lot of wins!

Whether you have an online shop, social media sites or rely only on Market sales, the directory is for all of us & our customers. Whether you just haven’t had the time or need some help setting it up, I am your person and want to help you get set up!

I would like to set a goal of having at least one photo and social media links in the Artisan Directory for every member who will be set up at Holiday Market. I would like to challenge all of you to help me meet that goal by either setting up your page in the directory before 20th November, when Holiday Market opens, or contacting me for help. And, if you don’t have photos, we can help you with that. If you are having trouble accessing the Member Portal, please reach out to Vanessa Roy in the office. She is also super happy to help you with your login and getting set up.

This is going to be gratifying & profitable for you and helpful to our customers. Let’s do this thing!

With Enthusiasm,

Heather Robbins-Hinton

Earnest Efforts & Two Bossy Britches

SM Booth #150

earnestefforts@msn.com

If you would like to submit an article for the M.V.P. Message column, please submit it via email to eugenesaturdaymarket.org by noon each Thursday.

Today’s Highlights: October 16th 2021

* It’s Annual Market Wide Sale Day! Signs are available at the Info Booth.
* Be a M.V.P. - Member.Volunteer.Partner.
* Weather, Birthdays, UnClassifieds and more on the back page!

Holiday Market Booking

We are currently booking members with 0 points!

That’s right, it’s time for the Members that joined in 2020 and 2021 to book a space!

We have plenty of spaces available for you. Thank you for your patience, now’s your chance to scoop up great spaces in the Performance Hall. The deadline to cancel your booking and receive a refund was Fri., October 15th. Going forward, we will not issue refunds unless your space is resold or you receive approval from the Board.

The next Holiday Market statement goes out next week. There isn’t a set amount for payments because your total will vary based on your booking. Make your payments based on what you can afford to have the full balance paid by Dec. 15th. The next payment is due October 30th.

Reminders about booking:

1. Make sure we have current contact information on file for you including a daytime phone number and an email address. When you receive your call from AJ to book your space, you must respond quickly.

2. We call members using Holiday Market 2019 points to assign spaces. We will have updates on the booking process, including what points we are booking, in the newsletter every week up until we run out of spaces. Keep an eye on those updates so you know when to expect your call based on your Holiday Market points.

3. When making a final payment at the Info Booth, please ask for a receipt. We depend on your receipts if there is an issue with your payment history.

4. Pick up a map and directory here. We have maps on the website here: https://tinyurl.com/pnvs62dp. When you get the call to book your space, you will need the map to guide your decision.

Non-Profit Space

This Saturday we have two wonderful organizations in our non-profit spaces.

Home Share Oregon

Their mission is to disrupt the housing crisis in Oregon by encouraging and incentivizing homeowners to become a valuable part of the solution. By putting to work underutilized housing inventory, i.e. spare bedrooms, Home Share Oregon intends to expand access to affordable housing one spare bedroom at a time.

Birthing Center

The Oregon Birth and Wellness Center is a new birth center opening in the beginning of 2022 in Springfield, near Riverbend.

Their mission is to provide inclusive community-based birth and wellness services to families in Oregon. They provide information and access to safe and empowering healthcare options in order to decrease racial and economic disparities and to improve outcomes in perinatal care.

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The Kareng Fund

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She always had a cloth napkin and silverware in her purse so she wouldn’t use either a plastic fork or a paper napkin. She loved to find bargains at second hand stores and a plastic fork or a paper napkin. She loved to find supplies or paying fees. Here is a link: http://www.karengfund.org/

The Fund participates in the Amazon Smile program. Just go to smile.amazon.com and search for “Kareng Fund.” Once you select it, all of your purchases will help your fellow artisans in need.

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Thank you all for your generosity and continuing compassion for your neighbors and friends in the artisan community.

Weather

Today is delightful. The high is 70 degrees with light winds at 3mph and an 8% chance of rain. I bet trees love this weather. They can relax, feel the humidity seep into their bark, drop some unsightly leaf weight and not stress about birds pooping on them so much.

On the Market Stage

10:00 AM-10:45 AM
Linda Yapas
The Lemondrop Fairy
11:00 AM-11:45 AM
Dn’A
Celtic/Americana String Duo
12:00 PM-12:45 PM
NeverEver Band
Folk Rock
1:00 PM-2:30 PM
Rusty Still Trio
American Music
2:30 PM-4:00 PM
Dennis Smith and the Hillbilly Fools
Original Folk Rock

Committee Meetings

New Member Orientation Weds., Oct. 20th 3:30 PM-5:00 PM By Appointment Only
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Fees & Late Fees Reminder

You must pay for your Market day by Wednesday to get your point in time for the next Saturday. After 30 days a $5 late fee is added for a total of $10.

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.

Vendors who feel discriminated by the vaccination requirement, please contact me at: https://whatsupwithmilk@gmail.com (10/9)

Wanted: Booth Share Partner for corner booth #115 at Holiday Market. Each person will have one full table. Call Michi at 541-344-1441 or see me at Saturday Market in space #204 on the Northwest side of the West block. (10/9)

For Sale: 12 Propanel display walls, charcoal grey, 6 foot by 38 inches, with telescoping legs that can be adjusted to 7 foot in very good condition. They cost $150 new, plus shipping. we will sell one or all for $75 each. We can be contacted at 541-915-9069 (10/9)

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