Today's Highlights: April 24th, 2021

★ Great MVP About Rainy Days Plus a New Opportunity to Sell Downtown

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

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SATURDAY MARKET NEWSLETTER
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From Kirsten

Good Morning Saturday Marketers!

It's going to be a typical Spring Saturday – a little rainy but still beautiful. Thanks for coming out and making it a great day at the Park Blocks.

We have been selling out of 8x8s the last couple of weeks. Although this is a sign of our return to normal, we don't like it when we can't fit everyone in. This is our new challenge - how to have a successful market without turning members away. We need our members to show up every Saturday in order to have a successful Market - rain or shine. What we are going to do is to stop new member orientations for the time being. We had hoped to be able to grow to 75% capacity soon, which would have solved this, but now that we are back in the high risk category, it looks like it will be a couple of months before we can grow. Please don't let our capacity limit your interest in showing up every Saturday. You will get a point for trying.

I want to remind you that the parking meters start charging at 10 a.m. City Parking Services regularly shows up at 10 a.m. sharp to check the meters and will issue tickets for any meter that is expired. They cannot differentiate between Saturday Market members and the public. If you think you are going to run past 10 a.m. on a meter during load-in, put a quarter or two in the meter. It's better than a \$16 ticket.

Thought for the day...

"It's impossible," said pride.

"It's risky," said experience.

"It's pointless," said reason.

"Give it a try," whispered the heart.

- Unknown

Happy Selling, Kirsten

Night Market Task Force

Thanks for answering the survey question about your interest in Night Markets. From the responses to our survey, the results are 63% in favor of Night Markets. That's enough members to move ahead with the plans.

We are in the process of asking volunteers to joing a task force to organize Saturday Night Markets. We would like to have three Night Markets this summer that are held from 6pm-9pm. There will be one per month in June, July and August.

We have a couple of volunteers so far, but we need more! Volunteer your time to organize how these Markets will operate. We will start holding meetings in May.

This task force will be tasked with answering the questions you sent in with your survey responses. We will announce those plans as they are made.

Email us at info@eugenesaturdaymarket. org or call the office at 541-686-8885 to be on the Night Market Task Force.

M.V.P. Message

Member. Volunteer. Partner.

I Remember My First Rainy Day

I started in October and sales had been good but this was going to be my first rainy day challenge.

So as an old Boy Scout I was going to "Be Prepared."

I had an old wooden booth with a top tarp but no sides. So off I went to Creative Awnings and bought some tarps and lots of bungees

I set up my booth during the week and I cut the tarps to size and I put bungees everywhere.

This thing was airtight - I was so proud. Saturday arrived and I got a space on the West Blocks right on 8th Street facing south. I set up my booth hoping to impress all the older vendors.

The first gust of wind blew my booth half-way on to 8th Street.

And I realized I had just made a very large box kite.

I spent the rest of the afternoon slowly taking off all the bungees and sides.

But I learned two good lessons:

1) You cannot fight wind - let it flow.

2) When I check the weather report I always check the wind speed and wind direction.

Chris Pender The Game of Real Life Space #322

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

Streatery Opportunity

Last summer the City of Eugene began a program to help downtown restaurants serve their customers in an open-air setting. It's called The Streatery. The city closes Broadway St. to traffic between Willamette St. and Olive St. Restaurants put their seating in the parking areas and a little bit into the streets. They had a few nights with live music last year, but it's uncertain if they will have music this year. Mostly they found that the bars and restaurants needed the space to expand if they wanted to offer dine-in services during the pandemic.

The city has asked if Saturday Market members would like to sell at the Streatery this year. They will have about 3-4 8x8 spaces on the sidewalk available on the corner of Broadway and Olive near The Horsehead. If this program is successful, then they may open up more space.

The selling days and hours are currently being discussed. The days will likely be weekdays - no Saturdays or Tuesdays since those days conflict with Markets. The selling hours are likely to be 11am-3pm since the lunch time brings the most people into the space.

The Market won't collect fees from these sellers. We don't know if sales will be good or not until we try it; therefore, it's free for anyone that would like to take the chance.

We won't have any services on site for making change or processing credit cards. Dowtown Ambassadors and Red Hats will be on site for security. You can use the restroom at the office. Parking during the week is not free although right now the parking garages are wide open.

Email us at info@eugenesaturdaymarket. org or call the office at 541-686-8885 if you are interested in selling at the Streatery.





Wishing a Happy April birthday today to jewelry artist Becca Clark and pottery artist Richard Sanchez, sticker artist Yensy Melendez on Monday, t-shirt artist Andres Scott and site crew member Mike Clark on Tuesday and t-shirt artist Aisha McDonough on Friday!

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

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. Remember to use only the member's name-not business name.

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.

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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.

Traditional wooden Saturday Market booth sized to fit 4 x 4 space. \$5. See David Winship in space 141 or email davew@winshipdesigns. <u>com</u>. (541) 912-7089 (4/24)

For sale – 1997 Subaru Legacy wagon, 235,000 miles, green, good condition, lots of bumper stickers. \$300. Call Bill at 541-556-4429 (4/10) Free fabric! I have a wide variety of fabric for anyone who can use it. Lots of different things, woven and knit, fancy and plain, scraps, small pieces and some bigger. I will be bringing a tub full to market each week until I can clear enough space in my attic to do some electrical work. Come by and see if there's anything you can use! Maia with the bird shirts, probably in space 188/189. (4/3).

Consider Running for the **Board of Directors!**

It's time to consider running for the Market's Board of Directors. Election day is June 5th. Three eighteen month positions will be open. The deadline for candidate statements and your picture is Thursday, May 20th. You must attend one Board meeting within the last 12 months before the election. The next Board Meeting are May and June 2nd at 5:15-7:15 p.m. at the Market Office or you can attend remotely with Zoom.

Please email us at info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org if you plan on attending the May meeting. We will share the remote login information with you. We have a limited amount of space in the room; therefore, please plan on attending remotely.

All board meetings are open to anyone to attend. We ask that you declare attendance in advance so we can share the login info and set up the room for social distancing.

Into Booth Services:

Making Change: The Market will make change for our members, up to \$60, each Saturday.

Member Check Cashing: Available at the Info Booth. There is a \$5 charge for a returned check. We do not cash checks for customers.

Lost & Found: Please turn in found items to the Info Booth and tell customers to go to the Info Booth for lost & found items. They can also call the office at 541-686-8885 during the week. Saturday Market is not responsible for lost or stolen items

Weather

What a wonderful time to bring out that RAIN OR SHINE attitude! The high is 55 degrees with winds from SSW at 13mph. There's a 70% chance of rain. Expect a nice light drizzle to pop in and out all day. I know that a lot of you put your orders in for sun today, but those orders have been delayed in shipping due to the pandemic. Thank you for your patience.



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Ancient Market incantation (Nov 3, 1973)

Committee Meetings

Board Meeting Weds., May 5th - 5:15 PM-7:15 PM

Board Meeting Weds., June 2nd - 5:15 PM-7:15 PM

Board Meeting Weds., July 7th - 5:15 PM-7:15 PM

Holiday Market Committee Meeting Weds., July 14th - 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

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

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/EugeneSaturday-Market

Twitter / Instagram: @SaturdayMarket

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

THE SATURDAY MARKET **BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

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