

Today's Highlights: May 29th, 2021

- ★ Office is Closed on Tuesday for Memorial Day. Season Reserve Balance is Due.
- ★ Be a M.V.P. - Member.Volunteer.Partner.
- ★ Weather, Birthdays, UnClassifieds and more on the back page!

SATURDAY MARKET NEWSLETTER
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Saturday Market



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From Kirsten

Good Morning Saturday Marketers!
Welcome back for another fabulous Saturday Market. June is just around the corner and the summer season will be underway. This is the time when Saturday Market hits its stride.

Next weekend is the Board Election! There are three seats opening up and you have four candidates running. Please read the Candidate Statements and reach out to the candidates. These are the future voices of the membership, so make sure you get to know these individuals before voting. Candidate Statements are available at the Information Booth. You can absentee vote if you know you won't be at the June 5th market.

We are getting a lot of member questions about when we will be able to expand our booth footprint. What I can tell you is that once the County achieves a 65% vaccination rate we will be permanently moved into the low risk category and we will be able to expand to 75% capacity. Once the County hits 70% vaccination the entire risk metric system will be removed and we may be able to go back to our full capacity. I anticipate that sometime in June we will be moved into the low risk category and hopefully sometime in July-August we will be able to get back to our normal operations, including music and recycling.

We are always looking for MVP Message submissions and would love to hear from you. Please consider writing an article that you think would benefit the membership. It can be anything from words of wisdom to marketing tools and techniques. There is a lot of market experience out there and we would love to have you share it with everyone!

Thought for the day... "Today you have a choice. You can choose between anger and love, division and unity, frustration and hope, selfishness and giving, turning away and showing up. Choose kindness and the choice is simple. It's hard to regret being kind." -Unknown

Happy Selling,
Kirsten

Season Reserve Due

Season reserve fees must be paid in full by May 31st. If you do not pay the balance of your season reserve by the deadline, then the payment schedule will revert to the monthly payment of \$20 per month, and late fees will apply. You can call or bring in your payment to the office until May 31st.

Contact AJ in the office from Tues-Fri, 10am-4pm, for your current reserve payment owings. Monthly reserve payments are due on the last Saturday of the month for the upcoming month.

Memorial Day - Office Closed

The Saturday Market office will be closed on Tuesday, June 1st to observe Memorial Day. We will be back in the office on Wednesday, June 2nd from 10am-4pm.

M.V.P. Message

Member. Volunteer. Partner.

The Good Ol' Days

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 was 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 8:30am 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 1/2 inches 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.

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" when they walk around or a "take my picture" to Vanessa as she's advertising our amazing Market. We can do this together.

Teresa Pitzer
Teresa's Phantasmagoria
Space #126

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

Twilight Market Booking

AJ started to book spaces for the Twilight Market on Friday. He will be calling people in point order to choose a space using the Odd Booth Space Map.

Here's a reminder of a few key facts:

- The hours are 6pm-9pm
- Load Out for Saturday Market is 4pm-5pm and Load In for Twilight Market is 5pm-6pm
- The cost is a flat fee of \$5
- Reserve members can stay in their space into the Twilight Market
- You will receive one Saturday Market attendance point

Pick up a map from the Info Booth today and keep it handy. When AJ calls you to choose your space, then you can have the map ready.

If you are not a reserve member and selling at the Saturday Market that day, then do your best to get a space near your Twilight Market space. AJ will help you with this task during booking and on the morning of the Market.

We have booked the Portland Trail Blazer's DJ O.G.ONE to get people up and dancing. This is going to be fun!

Board Election!

It's time to vote! Your ballots for the Board of Directors election are due by June 5th. Three 18 month positions are currently open. We have four candidate statements from Chris Pender, Vincent LaRochelle, Sarah Bast, and Shannon Lee-Hutson.

You can pick up a copy of their candidate statements at the Info Booth. Ask for the ballot and statements along with an blank envelope when you check in. You can also find them online here:

<https://tinyurl.com/3vp9tkv7>

Remember to write your name on the outside of the envelope when you bring it to the Info Booth. Absentee ballots will be included in the count.

Envelope Art!

by Alexandra Gilbert
Floral Attractions
Booth 137





The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy belated May birthday to fiber artist Candie Dagle. Happy late May birthday to tarot reader Ambriel Leilani and jewelry artist Dru Marchbanks tomorrow and to pottery artist Bob Haley on Monday. Happy June birthday to Afghani Cuisine's Abdul Waheed Wahed on Wednesday!

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

Please tell us if you don't see your birthday on your birthday.

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.

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.

Jo Ann Siner has buttons that say "I'm Fully Vaccinated" for \$2 each. She will be in space #140 on even weekends. You can call to place a large order to pick up. 541-687-1105 (5/29)
Housing needed: Thirty-one year old woman, with two indoor, well-trained support kitties who are friendly with other animals, seeks a room in a house or studio in Eugene. Not more than \$600 rent plus my share of utilities. I am a considerate, responsible housemate, I keep mostly to myself but am not a total introvert. Thank you for considering. emmara-ven@gmail.com (5/22)

Afghani Cuisine is looking to hire an employee. Hours are Monday-Friday 11a.m.-2:30p.m. and Saturdays 11a.m.-5p.m. Please call 541-554-5581, if interested. (5/22)

I will have small but sturdy tomato starts, beginning this week. All appropriate to our climate and tasty. I also have delicious duck eggs only \$6.00 dozen. Linda Williams - Call 541-246-5313 or ask for my booth location at the Info Booth (5/8)

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, small pieces and some bigger. I have a lot of fancy/shiny/costume-y fabrics. Come by and talk to me at Market - Maia with the bird shirts, probably in space 188/189. Or text 541-232-9105. (Updated 5/8).

Info 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.

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!

Weather

Well whadayaknow, it's a beautiful day! Sun with a bit of clouds, great for a hammock or blanket in the grass. But that's not us, we are tents on concrete people. Expect a mix of sun and clouds with a high of 79 degrees and NNW winds at 5-10mph. Also expect a lot of shoppers that leave behind their sunglasses in your booth or on benches. Sunglasses love living in lost & found. They make babies in there, or at least it seems like it.



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Ancient Market incantation (Nov 3, 1973)

Committee Meetings

Board Meeting

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

Night Market Task Force

Thurs., July 1st - 1:00 PM-3:00 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

Board Meeting

Weds., August 4th - 5:15 PM-7:15 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/EugeneSaturdayMarket

Twitter / Instagram: @SaturdayMarket

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

THE SATURDAY MARKET BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Chairperson - Rachell Coe
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