Good Morning Saturday Marketers!

From The Office

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Here is your quote for the day:

“Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul and sings
The tune without the words
And never stops at all.”

-Poet Emily Dickinson

May The Force Be With You

Sign Up for Your Work Tasks

Everyone that sells at Holiday Market is asked to pay a $40 Work Task fee. You will receive a refund after you have completed your work task. Those over the age of 65 and on a committee are exempt. We have sign up sheets for Holiday Market Work Tasks at the Info Booth. The sign up sheets will be at the Market every Saturday. Please ask to sign up for a task and get your refund.

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Corner Flower Planters Update

We have great news! The city is planning to add four planters to the east block of the corner of 8th and Oak Streets, across from the Free Speech Plaza. This corner is where the nogoodnicks with signs and agendas like to pester our members and shoppers. We hope these planters will encourage them to move another location.

Local Events

Sept. 25 - UofO vs. Arizona @ Autzen
Game starts at 7:30pm
Sept. 25 - Corvallis Fall Festival
September 27 - UofO Classes Begin
October 8 - BEAM 2021
October 15 - UofO vs. Bears @ Autzen
October 19 - Off to Race
October 30 - Halloween at Saturday Market
October 30 - UofO vs. Colorado @ Autzen
Nov. 13 - Final Outdoor Saturday Market
Nov. 13 - UofO vs WA State @ Autzen
Nov. 20 - Holiday Market Opening Day
Nov. 27 - Ducks vs. Beavers @ Autzen

Helpful Tip: Offer Shipping

Lots of members have websites or online stores which means you know how to ship your products. When people are shopping with us in person at Saturday Market or at Holiday Market, they might be inclined to buy that perfect gift for a long distance friend or relative if they know you have the ability to ship it for them. Generally speaking, people do not like to be bothered with finding boxes and tape and then going to the dreaded post office or UPS store.

Put up a sign telling shoppers that you offer shipping. It doesn’t have to be a big sign. It can be a simple, handwritten sign that says “We Offer Shipping.” This is a good way to snag the attention of shoppers. If you don’t currently ship your products, then consider doing some research. Most shippers have flat rate boxes available. Pick up a range of sizes and see what fits your products. You can reuse or make boxes too. A tape gun, box cutter, a stack of free Eugene Weeklies and a can-do attitude goes a long way. Sign up for online accounts to get shipping estimates and have a price list ready. Set aside 1-2 days a week to ship products. Let your customers know when you will ship and offer to email a tracking number. We are getting close to holiday shipping. If you have the time during the week to pack and ship, then this service could boost your sales.

Holiday Market Statements

The first round of Holiday Market statements went out last week. Please review them for accuracy. There is a bit of a glitch with a few of the statements where the balance is correct but the deposit payment isn’t listed. We are working through that issue now for the future statements. This has only affected a small group of people so it’s safe to assume your balance is correct. Payments are due on Sept. 30th.

Pay attention to your keywords. If they need to be updated, then we can help you with that or you can use the member portal.

Holiday Market Booking

Holiday Market booking is in full swing! We are currently booking members with 21 points.

As Holiday Market booking heats up, please keep in mind that AJ does not have time during morning check-in to answer questions about your points, payments or available spaces. Please contact him after roll call or in the office during business hours with your questions.

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 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 Holiday Market 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 Holiday Market map and keep it handy. We have maps on the website here: https://tinyurl.com/pvsv62zcp.

When you get the call to book your space, you will need the map to help guide your decision.

New market members will be called later in the process. If you are new this year, then be patient. We have spaces for you. If you are sharing, then the Booth Share forms will be ready in October. The fee is $5 per weekend to share a booth with a max of $20. Only members of the same booth hold can share a booth unless both members have been vaccinated.

Envelopes Art!

by Caroline Dun
Celtic Fantasy
Booth 375

The text in the box says:
There once was a girl named Liz. Who really knew the biz. She sold her wares until all she had were darts. That riské young girl named Liz.

EUGENE SATURDAY MARKET | 30 E. Broadway #124, Eugene, OR 97401 | (541) 686-8885 | info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org
Wishing a Happy September Birthday to bead artist Joy Kay-Kirk, jewelry artist Jennifer Hoover, body care artist Samantha Haglund, and jewelry artist Dan Minard today, tie dye artist Jenni Calef, and cheese cake artist Dana Bauman on Thursday and pottery artist Dan Minard on Friday! 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 artists in Oregon who experience a career-threatening crisis. You can make a donation any time in your envelope at the end of the day. Please “round up” your fees or donate in the line provided. You can also donate directly on the website: 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. The Kareng Fund is hoping to resume our regular funding events, the Basket Raffle, Pottery Smash, and Art Bingo as soon as the pandemic restrictions allow. A generous grant from the Oregon Country Fair has kept the fund solid and enabled us to give many small grants in 2020 and 2021. If you are in a crisis, the Fund is there for you. The website is the best place to file an application for a grant. If you are not in a crisis, try the microloan program at Community Lending Works, which partners with the Kareng Fund to help with building up supplies or paying fees. Here is a link: https://communitylendingworks.org/

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

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!

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.

Used tinene bottles free to a good home. Mostly 1-2oz bottles, some with labels. They need to be cleaned and sterilized. Text or call Linda at 541-517-0686 (9/4)

Free Seeds: Kale, scarlet runner beans, col- umbine, foxtail and more. Booth #118 (8/23)

For Sale: Bekkupping equipment: Extrac- tor, uncapping tank, suit with helmet, 2 hats with netting, some parts for supers, $400. Kellyvns@gmail.com, (541)852-9993, Kirs- tine, space 162 on the West Park block un- der the cement canopy. (8/14)

Weather

We have a beautiful day ahead. It's going to be sunny and warm. It's a splendid day for the out of town parents of newly moved in students to come to the Market to shop for neat swag to fill dorm rooms and hearts. The high today is 82 degrees with very light winds at 8mph from the SW. I predict booths filled with sunshine and high quality, handmade goods in yellow and green.

On the Market Stage

10:00 AM-10:45 AM
Apts Mellifera
Singer/Writer/Story Teller

11:00 AM-11:45 AM
Moshé
Lullabies for Adults

12:00 PM-12:45 PM
Invisible Arts Project
Hard Hittin’ Jazz Trio

1:00 PM-3:30 PM
El Borko Surf!
Surf Monster Music

All Saturday Market meetings and mile- stones are on the website. The calendar is updated with the board, committee, and task force meetings. Market meetings are in red. Market days are in green. Deadlines for applications are in dark blue. Take a look: https://www.eugenesaturdaymarket.org/

Booth Weights Available

Booth weights are required for pop-up booths and umbrellas. All pop-up booths must have 25lbs of weight on each leg of your pop-up. Umbrellas must have 50lbs of weight. A flying booth can cause a lot of harm and a sudden wind is all it takes to send one flying. We have canvas weight bags with clips available at the Info Booth or during the week in the office for $10 each. They are not filled. You will have to do that yourself, but it’s easy and inexpensive. You can purchase weight material of your choice for about $5 or less at Lane Forest Products.

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