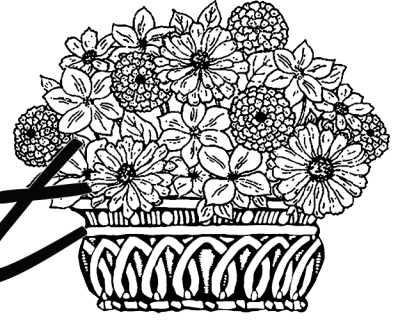


Today's Highlights: September 4th, 2021

- ★ Happy Labor Day Weekend Everyone! The office is closed on Tuesday.
- ★ Be a M.V.P. - Member.Volunteer.Partner.
- ★ Weather, Birthdays, UnClassifieds and more on the back page!

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Saturday Market



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From The Office

Good Morning Saturday Marketers!

Saturday is the best day of the week. All of us work all week long to make it to Market on this day. Every Saturday that we can get together on the Park Blocks is a joy. Thank you so much to all of you that came out to make a Market today.

We understand that there is a lot of confusion and trepidation surrounding our Holiday Market plans. It's a crazy time to make future plans. This dastardly pandemic keeps getting in the way, and it's hard to know what to do about it. Please feel reassured that your Board and your staff are making careful, researched decisions on your behalf.

We are looking good to have the Holiday Market at the Lane Events Center. We did a site survey this week, and we also have been given support from the LEC staff regarding safety measures that cover a range of scenarios. The LEC is working with us regarding our contract and payment schedule. Our contract states that if we must cancel our event due to a government mandate, then they will hold over any funds they have received until 2022. We let our members know last month that any funds we have paid to the LEC will not be refunded and would instead be applied towards 2022. They have agreed to delay payments in light of the current situation so at this time, no money has been paid to the LEC. Our final date to cancel our plans is October 15th. At this time, we are expected to make a downpayment that is non-refundable by September 30th with the final payment due on October 15th. We have asked to waive the deposit and instead make one full payment on October 15th. If they agree, then our final date to change course is October 15th. In the event that no money is given to the LEC, all Holiday Market funds will be returned to members.

Now, with this date in mind, we can switch our plans to an outdoor Holiday Market if the pandemic is still keeping us from moving inside. We have the time and the plan in place to switch our direction as of this date. We hear that the city will be lighting up the trees this year too!

What you can all do today is mask up, wash those hands and maintain space. The sooner we get this surge under control, the better we can plan for our wonderful indoor Holiday Market.

Here is your inspirational quote for the day:

"We do not believe in ourselves until someone reveals that deep inside us something is valuable, worth listening to, worthy of our trust, sacred to our touch. Once we believe in ourselves we can risk curiosity, wonder, spontaneous delight or any experience that reveals the human spirit."

— e.e. cummings

May The Force Be With You

Downtown Developments Task Force

About ten of us met yesterday and figured out a few things we need to know about the project. We'd like to see more detailed maps, to know if there are bike lanes on both sides, and just how the removal of the curbs will look for loading. We'd like clarification of the closing of Oak, to know if we can still use it for loading. We figure 20-40 booths will be directly impacted, so we can fit those on the perimeter of Park streets, if we will have access to Park Streets from Oak and can make a workable traffic plan.

We want the Market to open as usual in April, but as it will be severely impacted in many ways during the whole season-long project, we plan to negotiate for some accommodation from the city such as waived rent and street closure fees. We may want to use Broadway or Kesey for some booths, or to aid the traffic pattern during loading. We could also consider relocating to Broadway or even to 5th St, or using some of the LCFM site if they have room. We may need to have some type of scheduled and staffed load-in.

We'd also like to adjust our permit to use some of the grass areas for booths, using plywood or mats to protect the lawns. It would be best not to eliminate the 4x4 option altogether, but maybe some of them could also be relocated to allow 8x8's along the south sidewalk, since being up out of the street will be better for booths if it rains. We will be taking a look at the Market footprint to see what creative ways we can fit the displaced booths. It's possible to offer an extra vacation month to people who would rather not sell, or use an even/odd arrangement to work with the displacement. There are still so many unknowns with Covid and the scheduling of the project that we want to have plans in place that can be flexible for use when needed.

City projects are routinely rearranged and re-scheduled, so we may ask that we be scheduled last instead of first or otherwise accommodated so that we can sell as usual. After two years of compromised seasons, our members want to be able to sell. The farmers will want us there, as well as the surrounding businesses.

Next steps will include communicating with the project manager to get some of our questions answered, sketching out some options, and continuing to analyze and communicate the plan to our members so we can gather all the best ideas. Please let me know if you think we haven't thought of things that might be useful.

We didn't set another meeting date but will plan to meet when we have new information. Take a look around on Saturday and see if you can imagine how it might work without using 8th at all...the specifics are going to be important. Thanks to all who have participated and shown interest.

Email Diane McWhorter at me at dm-cwwho@efn.org to go on the email list for updates.

Holiday Market Update

Great news! We have started booking spaces at the Lane Events Center again. We realize that this is a confusing time. The uncertain nature of the Covid-19 virus has shaken all of us when it comes to making plans. After speaking with the Lane Events Center and doing some research, we feel confident about moving forward with our plans for an indoor Holiday Market.

Keep in mind that we are still watching the case count closely and monitoring for updates from the state and local government daily. We will make our Holiday Market plans with safety as the priority.

We are booking at 49 Points!

Please have a map handy and keep your eyes on your phone for a call from AJ to book your space.

We will have the Work Task sign up sheets at the Info Booth starting September 11th. You can call the office during the week to sign up for a Work Task if you are unable to make it to the Market.

We will send out Holiday Market statements in the middle of September, October and November with payments due at the end of the month. Payments are due September 30th, October 30th, November 30th. As usual, all balances must be paid in full by December 24th including Saturday Market fees.

The final deadline to cancel your Holiday Market booking for a full refund is October 15th. If you cancel after this date, then you will not receive a refund unless we can re-book your space.

Booth share forms will be ready the week of October 19th. This year, only members that share a household can share a booth unless both members are vaccinated.

Labor Day - Office Closed

The Saturday Market office will be closed on **Tuesday, September 7th** to observe Labor Day. We will be back in the office on Wednesday, September 8th from 10am-4pm.

Tuesday Market Announcement

Anyone that would like to sell at Tuesday Market must declare attendance by Thursday at 4pm the prior week. If we don't have any declarations, then we will not be available on Tuesday morning on the East block to hand out envelopes. Also, if you declare then do not show up, you will be held responsible for the \$5 booth fee.

We did not have anyone declare attendance for Tuesday, September 7th. JJ will not be available to hand out envelopes if a member decides to sell that morning.

Holiday Market Guidebook

This year's Holiday Market guidebook will not be printed. We did not get enough ads from members to proceed with the printing. We will reach out about guidebooks again next year. Thanks to everyone that send in the form and payment. You will receive your refunds in the mail.



The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy August Birthday to body care artist Danielle Kuipers tomorrow, woodworker Bruce Kramer, potter Linda Williams, fiber artist Peggy Rodrigues, and fiber artist E Xiong on Monday, jewelry artist Deb Schussler on Tuesday, fine artist Nancy Bright on Wednesday, author Joe Blakely and jewelry artist Alice Macdonald on Thursday and tie dye artist Josh Wojcik 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 artisans and their families who experience a serious career threatening crisis. You can make a donation any time. Please 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!

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.kareng-fund.org.

The Kareng Fund is offering \$250 grants to any member that needs help paying their fees for the duration of the pandemic. These grants are available to all artisans affected by the absence of their usual markets. Access this grant by completing the application and indicating "Covid-19" in the Crisis Description section and "Loss of income" in the Financial Needs section.

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.

Used tincture 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 541-517-0688 (9/4)

Would the owner of the green mid-90's 4Runner that was vandalized in the Parade last Saturday (8/21) please contact Michely at 541-913-8224 (8/28)

Free Seeds: Kale, scarlet runner beans, columbine, foxglove and more. Booth #118 (8/28)

For Sale: Beekeeping equipment: Extractor, uncapping tank, suit with helmet, 2 hats with netting, some parts for supers, \$400. Kcilevin@gmail.com, (541)852-9993, Kristine, space 162 on the West Park block under the cement canopy. (8/14)

Looking for rides from around Walton to Eugene on Saturdays. Call Lisa Gladiola 541-913-0857 (8/14)

FREE - Queen futon and wood frame. You haul away. Text 541-556-4429 if interested and for pix.(8/14)

I have a trailer for sale ASAP. It's a wooden sided trailer with a metal frame that is wired for lights approximately 12' long in fair condition. It has the title. Asking \$750 OBO. Please call or text Dave at 541-606-9724 (8/7)

Market Meeting Calendar

All Saturday Market meetings and milestones 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/market-calendar/>

Local Events

- Sept. 4 - UofO vs. Fresno State @ Autzen
- Sept. 18 - UofO vs. Stony Brook @ Autzen
- Sept. 25 - UofO vs. Arizona @ Autzen
- September 27 - UofO Classes Begin
- October 8 - BEAM 2021
- October 8-10 - Eugene Home Show
- October 15 - UofO vs. Bears @ Autzen
- 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

Weather

It looks like we get a do-over of last Saturday only with even numbered booths. Marvelous! I can rethink my footwear. Something comfy but that brings out my eyes over my mask. Oh so fancy! Today has a high of 88 degrees with light winds at 8mph from the WNW. This time it really may be our last day with these high 80 temps. I know, I know, I said that last week but last week we were odd, so now, we're even.



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Ancient Market incantation (Nov 3, 1973)

Committee Meetings

- Food Court and Standards Committee Co-Chairs Meeting
Weds., Sept. 8th - 2:00 PM-4:00 PM
- Holiday Market Committee Meeting
Weds., Sept. 15th - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
- Budget Committee Meeting
Thurs., Sept. 16th - 2:00 PM-4:00 PM
- Board Meeting
Weds., Oct. 6th - 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

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- Gary Becker, Len Gould, Shannon Lee-Hutson, Teresa Pitzer, Vincent LaRochelle, Chris Pender, Sarah Bast

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