From Kimberly

Happy Earth Day weekend to you! Here on the Park Blocks, we are literally in touch with Mother Earth, and what a better way to celebrate her than by having Market amongst the birds and the trees? We continue to place a priority on being good stewards of this public park, by cleaning it before and after our market, every Saturday.

Thanks to partnerships in our community, we are able to continue the work to keep our ecological footprint small via our Sustainability Program in which we use durable forks, thereby supporting long-lasting products and keeping thousands of plastic forks out of landfills every year. We require that any waste generated by our food vendors (napkins, cups, etc.) be fully compostable. Our Staff Recyclers sort market-generated waste and bag, on average, ½ ton of compostables that a local composter picks up every week.

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Enjoy your day,
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Good Neighbor Helpful Hints

When you set up your booth, plan it so you can exit without going through your neighbor’s booth. Even if their space looks wide open, you can accidentally knock over or step on things, or interrupt a sale.

Be aware of your surroundings while having conversations with customers or friends outside your booth. It’s easy to accidentally block another craft booth when you’re engrossed in a good chat, but you are keeping customers from accessing their products.

A little consideration goes a long way in making the Market work for everyone!

Committee Corner

The Standards Committee met on Wednesday and did some Pre-packaged Food Screenings. Scent and Orientation and Product Screening were discussed, but no motions were made. Their next meeting will be May 18 at 5 PM. Agenda: Alcoholic products, Books and Handcrafting.

Meetings next week are the Leave of Absence & Reserve Space Task Force on Tuesday at 3 PM, and the Market Street Team on Thursday at noon.

All are welcome to attend meetings—learn more about how the Market works, and add your energy and input!

 Seeking Gifts for Mothers Day Giveaway, May 7

Every year we celebrate the Market’s birthday and Mothers Day with a big prize giveaway on the day before Mothers Day. It’s a really fun and easy promotion. Members donate items, Kim gives them away hourly at the stage.

Each year we manage to make 70 or so customers happy with Market goodies! It’s extra fun because we set out a selection of the available treats each hour and let people pick their own prize if their name is called.

To donate to this year’s drawing, just drop an item off at the Info Booth this week, next week, or with Kim at the stage on May 7. Prizes received today will get extra promotional impact, as Kim will use them to make the graphic for a Facebook Event and other social media posts!

Does a Product Meet Our Standards?

If you see a member selling a product at Market and you’re not sure if it meets our Standards, you may pick up a Notice of Concern form at our Information Booth, fill it out, and turn it in to the booth or our office. This is an important part of our process for ensuring that “Maker is the Seller” is upheld in our market. A Notice of Concern prompts an investigation by the G.M. and is also reported at the next Standards Meeting. If further action is required, a Notice to Appear before the Standards Committee may be sent to the member whose products are in question. We ask that vendors refrain from member-to-member confrontations, they are not part of our Standards process and do not serve our market community’s goals. For Standards questions, please contact a member of the Standards Committee or the General Manager.

Traffic Heads Up for Next Saturday, April 30th

Due to a 5K Race and Kids Duck Dash, both starting on U. of O. Campus, you may want to avoid these streets when coming to Market: 13th south to 18th and Fairmont Blvd. west to Kincaid. Use of Ferry St. Bridge is not advised. For a view of the race map, go to: eugenemarathon.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/EM-2016_Course-Map_f.pdf

Sustainability Committee Seeks Members

Are you interested in keeping the Market’s practices as sustainable as possible? The Sustainability Committee could use your help! Past projects have included the composting program and the durable forks program. This group does good, important work. Talk to chairperson Teresa Fitzner if you are interested.

Local Events
April 30 - Eugene Marathon weekend
April 30 - Ducks Spring Game, 11AM
May 7 - Mother’s Day Giveaway
May 27 - Prefontaine Classic

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**The Market Corner**

Happy Birthday mosaic artist Bill Allord yesterday, jeweler Becca Clark and potter Richard Sanchez tomorrow, paper maker Denise Gosar on Tuesday, and t-shirt artist Andre Scott on Wednesday!!

There will be a memorial gathering for Michael Dibitetto on Sunday, May 1, at 2PM at the Washington Park Community Center (2025 Washington St). Bring a salad or dessert.

The Oregon Country Fair is once again holding its Spring Fling fundraising raffle. This year’s event is May 7. Your thoughtful donation of a sample of your craft or a gift certificate for your booth will help us raise funds to provide scholarships for low-income youth to our wholly successful and life altering camp for teens, Culture Jam. All Spring Fling attendees will see your art and will know who made the donation, so it’s a great way to display your wares and draw business. Please drop off your donation to Sue Thedall’s booth (#321) or call the OCF office and we will arrange to pick it up at the Market on April 30. We would love to do that, so we can thank you in person. Saturday Market artisans to do that, so we can thank you in person.

**UnClassifieds**

To place your free classified, bring it to the info booth by the end of the day, to the office by Thursday afternoon, or e-mail to kimstill@eugenesaturdaymarket.org, put “newsletter” in the subject line. Elisa and Rob from Saucy Jewelry are looking for space to share at the Oregon Country Fair. We are fun, have a beautiful display and great sales. 503-819-5615 elisa@saucyjewelry.com. (4/23)

Seeking booth sitter for my lunch break. Personable, reliable for selling jewelry. Kirsten Gregg (ask at Info Booth for my location). (4/16)

For Sale: Cedar wood market booth; standard 8’ x 8’ booth w/custom details, in good condition, only used indoors. $150 OBO. Contact Jen 541-221-3465 (no ret mug). (4/16)

New Products: Earrings made from computer keyboards & other re-purposed stuff, plus bracelets from all recycled wire/hardware. Lots more and always recycled! Come see us at Space 168 (near the fountain). New website too: www.etsy.com/shop/artocycle. (4/16)

Inventory sale. Lots of beads: glass, bone, horn, semi-precious. Findings too. Sharon, dancing spirit@gmx.com. (4/2)

Do You Have A Spare Room? Hello, I am looking for a temporary Room in Eugene in someone’s home, where I can use the kitchen and bath for the month of April (possibly longer)? I don’t have much money to contribute, but, I can barter/trade services such as gardening, animal care, cooking, cleaning, organizing, etc. I am a woman in my late 50’s who is respectful, responsible and considerate. I live simply. I do not smoke. I am an in my late 50’s who is respectful, responsible and considerate. I live simply. I do not smoke. I am an in my late 50’s who is respectful, responsible and considerate. I live simply. I do not smoke. I am an in my late 50’s who is respectful, responsible and considerate. I live simply. I do not smoke. I am an in my late 50’s who is respectful, responsible and considerate. I live simply. I do not smoke. I am an in my late 50’s who is respectful, responsible and considerate. I live simply. I do not smoke.

**Weather**

Showers likely, mainly after 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60. Southeast wind 6 to 14 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 22 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and a quarter of an inch possible.

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