Today’s Highlights, April 30, 2016

- Seeking Giveaway Goodies for May 7!
- Tuesday Market Starts Next Week, You Can Participate
- New Featured Food Producer Booth in the Food Court
- Unclassifieds, Weather, Meetings and more on the other side

From Kimberly

We have more than 30 new members who have joined us so far this year, welcome! If you are a seasoned vendor and have not yet introduced yourself, today is a good day to meet and greet our new folks.

Check out what’s happening in the 4’ x 4’s and take a cruise through the Market when you get a moment. New friends and fabulously new creative products can be found! Have a terrific day!

Kimberly

Seeking Gifts for Mother’s Day Giveaway, May 7

Every year we celebrate the Market’s birthday and Mothers Day with a big prize giveaway on the day before Mother’s 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 promotion. Members do not have any way to redeem them or take them as payment at the Info Booth. Thanks for your understanding.

Sustainability Committee Meets Next Friday

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 Pitzer if you are interested in joining. The committee will be meeting next Friday, May 6 at 10:00 AM at the Market office. They will be getting some background information on the current program, and brainstorming improvements.

Change Is Good

Especially when you bring your own! The Info booth does have a limited amount of change available, but it runs out quickly! Better to plan ahead and bring your own. Also, the Info booth cannot cash checks for customers or give them (or you) money from their ATM or Visa cards. You can advise them that there are ATMs at Wells Fargo and US Bank, each of them less than one block away.

Farmers Market Tokens

Do not take the wooden Farmers Market tokens as payment. These tokens are used by the Farmers Market to allow their customers to use credit cards and EBT/Food Stamps. It is illegal for folks to use EBT to purchase prepared foods or other goods. We do not have any way to redeem them or take them as payment at the Info Booth. Thanks for your understanding.

Coming to the Food Court

Did you see the tiny booth in the Food Court last week? It’s there today too... Starting next week it will be occupied by a series of local food producers, 2-4 weeks for each vendor. These vendors make packaged foods such as confections, sauces, etc., are approved by the Standards Committee, join as Market members, and pay weekly fees. The Food Committee’s hope is that this will give some good exposure to local food folks and encourage them to become Market regulars.

Watch next week for our inaugural participant, Indulgence St. Chocolates. If you know someone who might be interested, they can find out how to apply on the Market’s website on the applications page under “Featured Local Food Producer Program.”

Sell at Tuesday Market!

As a Market member, you are welcome to sell at the Tuesday Farmers’ Market, which starts its season this Tuesday, May 3, and runs through October. To get a space, find Kimberly near the Farmers Market Info Booth on the East Park Block by 9:00 AM on Tuesday. The daily fee is $8 plus 10%, all booths are 8x8. Hours are 10-3.

There is no free parking on Tuesdays. Tuesday Market has a separate point system that is not related to Park Blocks or Holiday Market points. Please bring your own change.

From the Street Team

Are you promoting yourself and your creations via social media? Kim Still, our Saturday Market Promotions Manager, regularly posts on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook and wants to share your work with the world. To help Kim, and the rest of the world, find your posts, tag Eugene Saturday Market as your location and get your hashtags going - #saturdaymarket, #eugenesaturdaymarket, #downtown Eugene are all helpful. The more folks tag with Eugene Saturday Market the higher we go in the search engines and the more exposure we get. Liking, commenting on and sharing the Market’s posts when you see them is also very helpful.
Happy Birthday
Paula Marie Gourley
yesterday, artist Heather Storrs and seamstress Jenna Olietti on Monday, metal artist Bob Hall on Wednesday and screen print artist Diane McWhorter on Thursday!!

There will be a memorial gathering for Michael Dibitetto tomorrow, 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 wildly successful and life altering camp for teens, Culture Jam. Today is the last day to make a craft donation while at Saturday Market, norma and Kristie will be coming around to gather donations or you can drop them off at sue thetas booth 321. Raffle tickets are available today and next Saturday at booth 321. Thank you!

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 donation any time, just specify your donation on the front of your payment envelope.

UnClassifieds
To place your free unclassified, bring it to the info booth by the end of the day, or e-mail to kim@eugeneartscouncilmarket.org, put “newsletter” in the subject line.

One free question weekly: spiritual, meditation, life. Booth 200, Deb Huntly. (4/30)

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. 503-819-5635 elisa@saucyjewelry.com. (4/23)

Seeking bookbinder 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 541-221-3165 (no txt mg). (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/artycycle. (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 have references. Thank you. 541-543-1739 (4/2)

Ritara’s Burritos April special is a Mushroom and Spinach Queso-Melt with caramelized onion and chèvre cheese. Served with organic Oregon Blue Berry Salsa. (4/2)

Renaissance Pizza’s April special is the “Sausage and Three Cheese Pizza”. It has Italian sausage with shaved Asiago, Romano and Parmesan cheeses. Also on tap throughout the season is their Breakfast Pizza, with rosemary roasted red potatoes, scrambled eggs and Tillamook cheddar cheese, with an optional choice of Italian sausage. (4/2)

Plan ahead for dessert! Dana’s Cheesecake will offer the following specials this month: today Baklava Cheesecake, 4/9 Butterscotch Cheesecake, 4/16 Blueberry topped Cheesecake, 4/23 Banana Cheesecake, 4/30 Dana’s Choice. (4/2)

Weather
Huzzah! This sounds great to me, but watch for wind...
Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. Light north wind increasing to 9 to 14 mph in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Committee Meetings
Board of Directors
Wed, May 4, 5:15 PM Agenda: TBA

Standards Committee
Wed, May 18, 5:00 PM Agenda: Alcoholic products, Books and Handcrafting

Standards Screenings
Wed, May 4, Weds, May 18 at 4:15 PM (if you are already a member; 3:30 if not)

Holiday Market Committee
Wed, May 25, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Agenda: Elect officers, budget, vendor application

Sustainability Committee
Friday, May 6, 10:00 AM Agenda: Brainstorming

Market Street Team
Thursday, May 26, noon Agenda: souvenir booklet planning

Board of Directors Election
Saturday, June 11, 2016 All meetings take place at the Market Office, 30 E. Broadway #124, Eugene. All are welcome!

Credit Card Sales
Market accepts Visa, Mastercard, Discover & American Express. Send your customer to the Info Booth with a properly filled out credit card slip (available at Info Booth). Your check for the amount of the sale less 5% for bank charges will be ready on Wednesday at noon in the office or mailed at the end of the day Wednesday.


-ancient Market incantation (Nov 3, 1973)