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SATURDAY MARKET NEWSLETTER
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Saturday Market

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From the Office: Our Blocks

Greetings Artisans,

I would like to talk about our Community. The Eugene Saturday Market is a very unique community, built in the seventies by a handful of idealistic “hippies” celebrating art, culture, food and music. It has evolved into an iconic event in our City where we celebrate every Saturday together, rain or shine. Many folks here, have raised their children on the Park Blocks (mine used to nap under one of my tables in the afternoon), others have helped shape our City in culture and politics. It is important when the world is pressing down upon us that we remember what is important, and focus on how we interact with our friends, neighbors and community. Is it with compassion, empathy and kindness?

The Saturday Market could and should be the shining example of hope, art, and prosperity. There is always change (along with death and taxes); it is unavoidable. Change is difficult for everyone and makes us feel unstable and a bit fearful. It is during these times that we need to rely on our strong Community to pull together and support each other. This is how it should be, what is was supposed to be... Please be kind to your neighbor, be selfless with your movements, find positivity to share and laugh together. This is our Community, to draw strength from in hard times and to be proud of always.

We also would like to remind members that they can reach out to the office for reasons big and small. Transparency is an important guide in the work we do, however we are also bound by certain limits (like labor laws). If you have ideas, questions, or concerns you can always email or call the office, send us a letter or attend meetings. We are also looking for election tellers and social media moderators (for the members private page), if you would like to get involved please let me know as soon as possible.

Best,
Shannon Lee-Hutson
General Manager



Envelope Art by: Frank Gosar

Envelope Topics: Mentors at Saturday Market

Each Saturday you have an opportunity to share feedback on your envelopes about any subject! Simply use the space on the right side for doodles, questions, comments, suggestions and anything else along those lines. This week, the Envelope Topic is Mentors at Saturday Market. Members can contribute feedback on this topic through their envelope (or send us feedback via email).

One of the benefits of joining Market is the opportunity to connect and network with other artisans. If you are interested in getting mentorship, what are some topics you'd like to learn about? Are you interested in sharing your skills with members? We would love to match more members, and offer workshops or panels about topics that interest you. Let us know your thoughts on this week's envelope, and if you are interested in mentorship let us know how we can best help you out. Please remember to write legibly, thank you!

Loading & Unloading

For those just joining Market this year, and for those established members who need a reminder there is a correct way to load-in and load-out at Market.

There is NO parking on the Park Blocks for Members! You may unload your vehicle in unloading zones (**maximum 20 minutes**), go park your vehicle, return to the Park Blocks and THEN set up your booth. Same in reverse for loading, pack up your booth, go get your vehicle, and load it (**maximum 20 minutes**).

It is also important to remember that we share many things as members (including limited parking for loading and unloading), so please be kind and courteous to your fellow members. We are in this together, and while it is hard to be cheery from sunrise to sunset, all we ask is that you treat others how you would like to be treated. If you have questions, please reach out.



Envelope Art by: David Prince

M.V.P. Message: Board Intrigue

Member. Volunteer. Partner.

Be in the room where it happens: attend the next Saturday Market Board meeting, Wednesday June 4th at 5:15! Maybe you're running for a seat on the board, maybe you might run in the future, maybe you're just curious. Your participation in your beloved organization beyond your art and your selling, is important to the endurance of our physical market and to our values.

One topic under discussion, that just doesn't seem to go away, is Holiday Market operating hours. It is my understanding that the recent vote was for a change to 10-5, however, I hear that hours might not change because it was so close, but I also hear that the vote was decisively 2 to 1. The first year I served on the Holiday Market committee, when surveys tallied 2 to 1 to close earlier, the chair kicked the can down the road to run the survey again the following year, because she said the same people had turned in surveys each weekend, however everyone was invited to turn one in each weekend. The next year when the results came back similarly, we were told by a new committee chair that not enough people had voted, and another voting method, via email, was devised, but only 25% responded to that, so those results were disregarded. It is my understanding that a mandatory vote this time around via market registration card/phone call has given us, again, a persistent message. Let's all see what happens at the upcoming Board meeting.

Remember, we are talking about winter, when it gets dark by 5 p.m. and our energies are not what they are right now. Many of us have observed over the years that customer traffic and sales drop off after 4, and are almost nonexistent after 5. Folks generally want to be home by dark, patron and vendor alike. Some of us have to drive a bit to get home, and sometimes winter weather is challenging. The long hours are worse on Sundays, as patron traffic is less than on Saturdays, and we have to stay later to pack up. Better not be a potter. It is my belief that hours do not equal sales. And a big sale at 5:45, does not justify staying open till 6. Once new hours are broken in, that big end-of-the-day sale can happen at 4:45. I would argue that most of us could better spend that hour recuperating at home, making more stock, and investing in self care so we are our best selves the following day. But it is not about my belief, it is about all of our beliefs, taking care of our community, and respecting our democratic vote.

- Catherine Heising, Borealis

Submit an article for the M.V.P. Message column, please submit it via email to info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org by 12PM on Wednesdays.



Envelope Art by: Kevin Levy



The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy Birthday to all our Market friends! Happiest of birthdays to Angela the booklover, Yuko the jeweler, Abdul of Afghani Cuisine, Diana the plant enthusiast, Snejana the fiber artist, and Elijah the artist.

A very happy birthday to you all!

If we forget your birthday, let us know! We'll be sure to include it in the following newsletter.



Saturday Market Social Life!

Follow Saturday Market on our website and social media pages. Share your content by tagging us to get included and reach a new audience!

Linktree: linktr.ee/eugenesaturdaymarket

We're also on Bluesky, Yelp, Cara, Google Business, YouTube, Flickr, & more.

Food Specials!

NICE RICE's breakfast special returns! Get an Omelette Breakfast with organic, local eggs from our neighbors at the Lane County Farmers Market. Get yours in booth #F15

CANDY COATED BLISS is excited to introduce their new Dubai bars and Dubai strawberry cups (\$15 each). Find these treats in addition to candy coated grapes and more. See the Live Map or Info Booth for booth location

Any food booth in our International Food Court or pre-package food booth can advertise specials in the newsletter. Send them to renee@eugenesaturdaymarket.org by 4PM on Wednesdays.

Local Events

- May 29 - 31 - OSAA Track & Field Championships
- May 30 - Eugene Neurodivergent Art & Performance Expo
- May 30 - ChalkFest!
- May 31 - Eugene Scottish Festival
- May 31 - Solidarity Share Fair
- May 31 - We Are Bethel Celebration
- May 31 - Future Music Oregon @ UO
- May 31 - South Valley Farmers Market
- June 1 - Kareng Fund Art Bingo

This list is just a fraction of the fun things happening in our community. See more on event calendars and publications like the Eugene Weekly.

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 email it to us at info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org with "NEWSLETTER" in the subject.

4x4 Wooden Booth For Sale

One 4x4 wooden booth available. Funds generated from this sale will be donated to the Kareng Fund thanks to Lenny G. Price is \$50.00. Contact the SM office at (541)686-8885

Eggs For Sale

Eggs for sale, \$7.00 a dozen. See Julia for Happy Hen Eggs. - Julia Garretson

Dreads Got You Down?

Do you have dreadlocks? Want deadlocks, or just need some maintenance (or even a dread removal)? Then you should visit Grateful Dread Hair & Make-Up Artistry! Schedule a consultation today by contacting Cherie at (515) 371-4186 or gratefuldreadlockz@gmail.com

O.C.F. Help Needed!

Help wanted for O.C.F. in exchange for camping pass! Dancing Tree is looking for someone strong and reliable to help unload her van on Tuesday July 8th, and help take down and pack up on Monday the 14th. Call or text Diana at (541) 344-9073 Thanks.

Kareng Fund BINGO, 6/1 2-6PM

Art bingo will be held at Garden of Friendly (2760 Friendly St., Eugene, OR). If you are interested in volunteering, donating items, need more info, or want to be involved with this year's event, please reach out to a Kareng Fund Board Member. Helpushelplocalartists. You can also donate directly on the website: www.karengfund.org

The Fly

There once was a fly on the wall
I wonder why it didn't fall
Because its feet stuck
Or was it just luck
Or does gravity miss things so small?

Gerbil Gas

A creature of charm is the gerbil
Its diet's exclusively herbal
It grazes all day
On bunches of hay,
Passing gas with an elegant burble

Weather

Today the sun will be present, with few clouds. There will be approx. 4% chance of rain. The high is expected to be near 77°F, with a low of 46°F. 10-15 mph winds are expected from the Northwest. Humidity will be at 54%. Remember to still drink lots of water and use some sun protection (sunscreen, sunglasses, hats, umbrellas, etc.).



Sales, O sales, sales I hope!

Ancient Market incantation (Nov 3, 1973)

On the Market Stage

10:00 AM - Stormie

Indie, Americana, Acoustic Folk

11:30 AM - FlashVox

Rock

12:30 PM - Ryan Uhle

Physical Art Performance

1:00 PM - Miller Brothers Band

American & British from the 60's-80's

2:00 PM - Ryan Uhle

Physical Art Performance

2:30 PM - Kef

Balkan Dance Music

Committee Meetings

Orientation and Screenings

Weds., June 4th - 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

- New Member Orientation @ 3:00 PM

- Product Screening @ 4:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting

Weds., June 4th - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Sustainability Committee Meeting

Tues., June 11th - 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Orientation and Screenings

Weds., June 18th - 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

- New Member Orientation @ 3:00 PM

- Product Screening @ 4:00 PM

Standards Committee Meeting

Weds., June 18th - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

All meetings take place at the Market Office and on Zoom. Request a Zoom link by emailing info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org.

All are welcome!

The Saturday Market BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Chairperson - Doug Robertson
Vice Chairperson - Dani Marks-Fife Ito
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Sustainability Committee Chair:
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