

Today's Highlights: June 7th, 2025

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- ★ Envelope Topics: Night Markets, Pop-Ups, and Workshops
- ★ Weather, Birthdays, Unclassifieds and more on the back page!
- ★ Happy National Trails, National Chocolate Ice Cream, and National Black Bear Day!

Saturday Market

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Update Your Member Portal!

How customers will find you on the new website, there are two main ways to search: direct query (keyword), or browsing categories (drill down). A direct search is like flying—fast and efficient. Browsing is more like a road trip—slower, but full of discoveries you might’ve otherwise missed.

Now think about your own work. A single product can fit into many categories, but right now, the artisan catalog only lets you choose one. The new website may be able to fix that.

Here’s a riddle for you: What am I? I was purchased at the market last year. You might find me in the Wood category... or maybe Upcycled. I could also fit under Toys, Musical Instruments, or Personalized & Bespoke. And yes—even the Baby category. Answer: Flip to the back page of the newsletter to find out!

Second item;

Before you can choose your categories you will need to have some pictures. I will be setting up a photoshoot station near Kit’s Lawn, with a light tent on the West Park Block of the Market, space #124. If you have a small object the light tent is only 2 ft cube and it’ll be set up with a white background. So after 2:00PM you’re welcome to come shoot some pictures of your products and get them up on our website (through your Member Portal). Bring your smart phone, if you don’t have a way to take pictures, I can help you. I’ll set this up this week and next, and see how it goes.

Thanks,
Craig

Envelope Topics: Night Markets, Pop-Ups, and Workshops

This week, the Envelope Topic is: Night Markets, Pop-Up Markets, and Workshops. Members can contribute feedback on this topic through their envelope (or send us feedback via email).

Over the course of our long history, Saturday Market has done more than just Saturday and Holiday Markets. There was the Sweetheart Market (held around Valentine’s Day), and the summer Twilight Markets of 2019 for example. The Lane County Farmers Markets do Night Markets regularly. Should we consider doing more than just Saturdays and Holidays? Would you be interested in participating as a vendor or volunteer? Would you benefit if we held a workshop tackling a specific topic? If so, what topics would you like to learn more about? Please remember to write legibly, thank you!

Board Meeting News

Saturday Market booth fees will be going up starting on June 28th. 8x8’s and food court 8x12’s will be \$20 + 10%, and 4x4’s will be \$10 + 10%. Unfortunately, like everything else, the operating expenses of the Market have experienced significant inflation since the last fee increase. This adjustment will help the Market to continue providing the members with the expected services, and ensure we maintain a safe, positive, and prosperous environment for our valued customers.

The Holiday Market Committee (HMC) has been discussing the survey results regarding Holiday Market hours, and considering the comments from the Town Hall Meeting. So far, survey results are in favor of closing at 5:00PM. But there are about 200 vendors who only sell at Holiday Market, and they won’t fill out the survey until they renew their memberships later in the year. The HMC recommended that we wait for those survey results before making a final decision. Another concern is that our advertising budget for this year had to be decreased, and it’s not enough to effectively communicate a change in hours to the public. We also might consider having different hours on Saturday and Sunday.

The Board accepted the HMC’s recommendation to wait, and we set a deadline of next April to make a final decision for hours beginning in 2026. If any additional surveying is needed, it will be done during Holiday Market this year. We know this has been a topic of discussion for a long time, but we want to make sure we make the best decision for the Market as a whole.

The Food Court Committee requested that we leave the current vacancy open, so that it’s possible to adjust the International Food Court layout. There are bottlenecks for customers, and according to most food booths they are unable to fully fit into their 8x12 footprint. Adjusting the spacing could allow for different sized spaces depending on each business’s needs, and it could ease crowding in some areas. After lots of discussion, the Board accepted the FCC’s recommendation. We will not add any additional food booths for the rest of the 2025 season. We hope this will result in a neater looking and better functioning International Food Court.

- Eugene Saturday Market's
Board of Directors



Envelope Art by: Matt Gilbert

New Changes at Market

As you may have read, we will be implementing some new things here at Market.

Effective 6/28/2025

Basic Booth Fee Increases

- All food booths in the International Food Court and all 8x8 booths will see an increase of \$5.00 (was \$15.00, now \$20.00)

-All 4x4 booths will see an increase of \$2.00 (was \$8.00, now \$10.00)

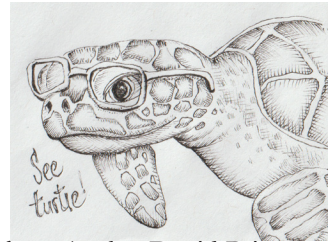
Effective 6/15/2025

-We will be re-adding to the Member Handbook and enforcing a \$300 past due fee limit. This means that if you have \$300 or more in PAST DUE fees, you will not be able to sell at Saturday or Holiday Market until either the balance has been paid or a payment plan has been arranged with the office.

Effective 6/15/2025

-Saturday Market will be instituting a new check policy. Members who submit two bounced checks (the Market receives two notices on non-sufficient funds) will be required to pay their fees with cash, money order or cashier’s checks. Their checks will no longer be accepted for Saturday or Holiday Market.

If you have questions about these changes, please reach out to the office in-person during office hours, via email or by phone call.



Envelope Art by: David Prince

All the Cool Kids Are Voting

Please do not forget to vote in this upcoming Board of Directors Election. We have updated absentee ballots as well as candidate statements. You can also find the revised candidate statements online under "Helpful Member Links" under the subtab "Board Minutes and Candidate Statements."

All ballots must be received by 4:30PM on Saturday, June 14th. If you will not be present on June 14th for the election, you may pick-up an absentee ballot, or request one be sent to you by reaching out to the office. Only currently enrolled members may vote, one vote per membership.



The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy Birthday to all our Market friends! Happiest of birthdays to Cassie of Cassafrass Art, Barbara of B-Head, Wayne the potter, Taylor of Taylor Allen Artwork, Marisa of M Silver Ceramics, and Brennan of InnerLightLamps.

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

- June 6 - Eug Ems vs. Everett AquaSox
- June 6 - First Friday ArtWalk, downtown Eugene
- June 7 - Music at the Grange
- June 7 - Punk Rock Prom
- June 7 - Spencer Creek Grower's Market
- June 7 - University Singers & UO Choir
- June 7 - Belly Dance Showcase @ Whirled Pies
- June 7 - 25th Putnam County Spelling Bee
- June 8 - Picc-A-Dilly Flea Market
- June 8 - Whiteaker Community Market

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.

Who We Are - Kareng Fund Update

We have an incredible community. From a dream awakening declaration, "Saturday Market needs an emergency relief fund!" A fund for artist or family member in crisis was created. We have raffled, smashed and bingoed away these 20 years, providing over \$100,000 in over 200 grants to Oregon artist and their families. We do this. Thank you, Art Bin go with a silent auction and raffle raised \$2821. Garden at Friendly also donated \$1 for every beer sold during the event adding another \$108 for the fund. A great time for all. Thank you again.
- Alex Lanham, potter at SM & Kareng Fund Board Member

Sue Theolass, Candidate

Hello Market Members. I missed the candidate statement deadline, but I am running as a write in candidate. I appreciate your support.
-Sue Theolass, booth #322.

Update Your Member Portal Cont.

Answer to the product riddle:
A wooden baby rattle!

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.

Weather

Today will be hot and sunny. There will be approx. 5% chance of rain, with a high of 89°F and a low of 56°F. 5 to 10 mph winds are expected from the North Northwest. Humidity will be at 52%. Remember to 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 - Craig Einhorn

Spanish, Classical Guitar

11:30 AM - El Borko

Surf

12:30 PM - Thrill the World

Quirky, Fun Flash Mob

1:00 PM - Gary & Eva

Bossa Nova, Jazz and More

2:00 PM - Flow In Love

Hoop Dance/Interactive Play Zone

2:30 PM - Steel Wool Band

Acoustic Rock

Committee Meetings

Sustainability Committee Meeting

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

Board of Directors Election

Sat., June 14th - Turn in your ballot to the Info Booth by 4:30PM. Only currently enrolled members may vote. One vote per membership.

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

Food Court Committee Meeting

Weds., June 25th - 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

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