

Today's Highlights: October 11th, 2025

- ★ From Sonia: Holiday Market booking points for the week of 10/13-10/17: 0
- ★ From the Office:
- ★ Weather, Birthdays, UnClassifieds and more on the back page!
- ★ Happy National Spread Joy Day

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Saturday Market



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From The Board

The Eugene Saturday Market Board of Directors would like to extend a formal apology to our General Manager, Shannon Lee-Hutson, for the situation that led to her termination on March 26th, 2025. The process under which this termination took place violated our policies and procedures. It also put our organization at financial risk due to negligent employment practices. In normal circumstances the Market's board consists of nine members. This hasty termination, made by a six member board, was based on unproven accusations without any relevant well researched evidence presented to the board. No time was given for fact finding and our policy processes were ignored. Shannon was rehired by the Board of Directors on April 2nd, 2025 because she is qualified for the job. She displayed that in her performance the previous two years as the Market's general manager. Shannon has steadily improved her skill sets and is a competent manager both operationally and in her fiduciary responsibilities to the organization. It is the opinion of the Board that the Market is fortunate to have such a competent and committed general manager.

It is noteworthy,

* Three of the six Board Members filed official dissents in the days following the firing.

From The Office

Greetings Artisans,
Big Announcement! On October 18th, we will be having our Market-wide Sale! This sale accomplishes 2 things: 1. Hopefully it brings people to the Blocks when they may be on the fence about attending an outdoor event on "bad" weather days. 2. It allows our Members to clear their stock before Holiday Market (older products, one-offs, etc). We will have signs/ placards for your booth, but it is up to you how you would like to participate: 10%, 20%, \$5.00 off, you get the picture. You don't have to participate, but your customers may come down looking for you and some hot deals! Call the office for more details.

The office will be closed on Tuesday 10/14/25 to observe National Indigenous People's Day.

Reminder: The Downtown Halloween Event will be on Saturday October 25th. The streets will be closed and we will have so many events happenings Trick or treating, Pet Parade, Hexenbrut Witches, Zombies, Children's costume contest and parade, etc. If you will be participating in handing out treats to the children, please let us know and we will make you a special event placard.
October is almost ½ over.... Holiday Market is almost here!

I am so excited,

Shannon Lee-Hutson
General Manager

From Dara

From the Holiday Market Committee: As we set our sights on the upcoming Holiday Market, it's time to take a moment to introduce &/or re-introduce the Elf Game to you. Many are already familiar with this long-running "game" of sorts, some have heard about it & wondered how & what? & quite a few are new to the HM & haven't heard anything yet.

Think of the Elf Game as a scavenger hunt for our customers. Elf Hunters get a game card from an Info Booth or Elf Station that includes pictures of the elves along with small clues about each one's environment or hobby...(think "soap maker has an elf that like to blow bubbles") Elf Hunters explore the HM and look at all the booths for the "hidden" elf (most members place the elf somewhere tucked, but visible from the aisle). When they locate an elf, the hunter writes down the booth number. If an Elf Hunter finds at least 6 Elves, they can collect a prize from one of the Info Booths or Elf Stations. The prizes are stickers, buttons, magnets, & temporary tattoos made from the images on our beautiful HM Poster. If an Elf Hunter wants to find 12 or more elves, they can get a prize & be entered in a drawing to win a Gift Card to spend at HM! Kids young & old (& quite a few adults too), love to participate. The game encourages visitors to explore & discover across the entire market, & brings them near booths they might not have wandered near otherwise. Since some market members are only at HM one of those two weekends, it brings dedicated hunters that want to "find them all", back for another visit for the elves that were missed!

Last Saturday on the Park Blocks you may have seen Dara Robertson, the Board Chair's wife & Co-Chair of the HM Committee, walking around with a clip-board, chatting with members. She was connecting with some members who have previously participated.

If you would like to play the Elf Game with us feel free to stop by & chat with Dara in Booths 191/192. There is limited space for elves on the game card, but unlimited room for shy elves & last minute participants. And let Dara or the Office staff know if you want to be an Elf Station. Email the Market office at info@eugen Saturdaymarket.org or stop by the info booth on the Park Blocks for more details! See you at the Holiday Market!

Board Election December 13

It's not even Halloween yet, but it's time to consider running for the board!

Saturday Market's board has 9 members. Elections are held every six months in June and December, for 18-month terms. The terms are staggered, so there are 3 positions open each election.

Anyone who runs for the board has to attend at least one board meeting in the previous 12 months to be eligible. There is one more opportunity, November 5. We usually do not have a regular board meeting in December, because we have the Annual Meeting instead.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 5:15. We meet upstairs in the building where our office is. It's not easy to find, so be sure to ask for directions if you haven't been to the office before. You can also attend on Zoom to become eligible, but you will get a much better feel for what it's like if you attend in person. Also, if you let Shannon know ahead of time gm@eugen Saturdaymarket.org you can get the emailed packet of information about the upcoming meeting, which will make it easier for you to follow discussions.

Candidate statements are due to the office by 4:00 on Wednesday, November 26.

Absentee Ballots: Starting on Thanksgiving weekend at Holiday Market, absentee ballots will be available on request for those who will not be at Market on election day. Absentee ballots must be received at the market office no later than Friday, December 12.

Only Three More Outdoor Markets!

After today, there are three more outdoor Markets. The last one is November 1st. Holiday Market opens November 22nd. If you are looking for a selling opportunity for November 8 or 15, get in touch with Sonia at the office and ask about selling with Farmer's Market!

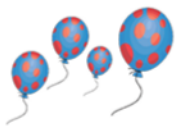
On October 25th, Saturday Market is joining the City of Eugene's Downtown Halloween event. <https://www.eugene-or.gov/4643/Halloween-Downtown-Trick-or-Treaters> will be roaming all over downtown and the Market. If you choose to bring treats, pick up a sign at the info booth to let them know!

From Silver

We have successfully printed HM 25 postcards and stickers.

Don't forget to collect them from the information booth for distribution or to keep at your booth.

Additionally, we still have posters available for you to grab and stick around town!



The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy Birthday to all our Market friends! Happiest of birthdays to Patti White, Lisa Ponder, Jenni Babcock, Brooke Spehar, Ethan Hull, Adrianna Sophia Cromartie, and Kassie Ryall!

A very happy birthday to you all!

We hope this is your best year yet!

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! Promo materials (posters, rack cards, stickers) are available at the Info Booth & office.

Linktree: linktr.ee/eugenesaturdaymarket

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



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:

eugenesaturdaymarket.org

Hm25 Volunteer

VOLUNTEERING FOR HM 2025

There are many ways that you can volunteer during HM 2025 in order to get the \$40 refund for your work task.

PLEASE CHECK THE TASKBOOKS AT THE INFO BOOTH ON SATURDAYS FOR SIGN UP SHEETS.

1. There is a need for volunteers to help with Alter Abled members during load in or load out.

2. Parking Attendant at the 3 main doors at the Lane Events Center.

3. Help advertise HM by receiving 12 posters to display in your area of town. You can get them at the SM Info Booth. Hang them in stores, businesses, public announcement areas.

4. Partake in closing sweep at the end of markets on December 20, 21 and 23, 24.

5. Help take down the decorations on Dec. 27th. In the front hallway, Info Booth, garlands, etc.

6. Sweeping the floors on Dec 27th to remove litter from load out. ALSO removing the tape on the floor that marked booth numbers.

7. IF you would like to work in the SM office before HM there are some tasks that need to be completed. ...Mainly color packet compilation and stuffing envelopes with market owings.

Please contact the office 541-685-8885 or Anna Lawrence, booth 114, with any questions regarding these tasks. Thank you for your interest and participation in helping make HM 2025 the best market experience in 50+ years.

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.

Volunteer at Market!

As you may have seen in the Weekly Member Newsletter, we are in need of volunteers for many groups and projects. Please reach out if you are interested.

SM Office Wishlist

The office is in need of a few things, we are looking for used (but still good) office supplies (legal paper of any color, binders, etc.). We also need Postage. And supplies for First Aid kit. Drop off donations to the office or Info Booth.

Bubble Wrap

You got it? I need it! Lisa Kline has banana trees in her yard and needs bubblewrap to help protect the trees from the frost. Please give the bubble wrap to the girl with the bike booth during check in. Thank you. -Lisa Kline

Jars for sale

I have a few boxes of 12-16 ounce jars that I would like to sell for one dollar per box. Jars are suitable for canning. Linda Williams booth 112 or email lunamoth@efn.org.

Looking for a canopy for sale!

We are interested in an 8x8 foot canopy for sale. Please contact us Thank you Eve (541) 232-5940

Local Events

•Spooktacular Halloween Sale October Hyland business Park Center 9-3 Oct 11th

•University of Oregon football, Autzen Stadium Oct 11th

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.

Info Booth Services

MAKING CHANGE: The market will make change for our members, up to \$60, each Saturday.

MEMBER CHECK CASHING: Available at the Info Booth. There is a \$5 charge for a returned check. We do not cash checks for customers.

LOST & FOUND: Please turn in found items to the South Park Info Booth and tell customers to go to the South Park Info Booth for lost & found items. They can also call the office at 541-686-8885. Saturday Market is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Loading/Unloading

You may not know about our loading/unloading policy.

Vehicles can be unloaded/loaded on East, West, and South Park Streets, and on 8th and Oak Streets before 9:30 am and after 4:00 pm. We provide traffic cones on Oak and 8th Streets for traffic control and safety. Parking is at a premium in the morning and evening.

There is no parking on the park blocks for members. There is a 20-minute loading/unloading limit at the park blocks. After unloading your vehicle, please park your vehicle promptly and then come back to set up your booth.

To ensure safety and deliberately organized system of loading/unloading on Saturday, we must insist you adhere to this policy. Violations can result in disciplinary action. Thanks, and enjoy being with us at the Saturday Market.

Weather

Today we are expecting a chilly day. There will be a high of 57°F and a low of 45°F. 6 mph winds are expected. Humidity will be at 83%, and there's a 50% chance of rain. Remember to drink water, and bring your rain protection (hat, sweater, umbrella, etc.).



On the Market Stage

10:00 AM - Alexa Ro

Folk, Pop

11:30 AM - Boot Heel Dance Band

R&B & Soul

1:00 PM - Pearwood Pipers

Songs, Dances, and Instrumentals from the Renaissance

2:30 PM - Drive To Space

Progressive Funk Rock, Americana

Committee Meetings

Orientation and Screenings

Weds., October 15th - 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

- New Member Orientation @ 3:00 PM

- Product Screening @ 4:00 PM

Standards Committee Meeting

- Weds., Oct 15th - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Governance Committee Meeting

- Thurs., Oct 16th - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Food Court Committee Meeting

- Weds., Oct 22nd - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Budget Committee Meeting

- Tues., Oct 28th - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Holiday Market Committee Meeting

- Fri., Oct 31st - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

All meetings take place at the Market Office and some on Zoom. Request a Zoom link by

The Saturday Market

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Chairperson - Doug Robertson

Vice Chairperson - Dani Marks Fife Ito

Secretary - Could Be You!

Treasurer - Kyle Reallon

Maia Bowers, Ram Shucart, Haven Sundstrom, Sue Theolass, Amanda Finegold, Catherine Heising

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Food Committee Co-Chairs:

Casey Marks Fife Ito, Richard Harnsongkram

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Dara Robertson, Ray Bafaro

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Crystal Rector

Interim Volunteer Coordinators:

Anna Lawrence

Governance Committee Co-Chairs

Haven Sundstrom Amanda Finegold

Staff

General Manager - Shannon Lee-Hutson

Membership Coordinator - Sonia Ostendorf

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