

Today's Highlights: September 13th, 2025

- ★ From Sonia: Holiday Market booking points for the week of 9/16-9/19: 14-2
- ★ From the Office:
- ★ Weather, Birthdays, UnClassifieds and more on the back page!
- ★ Happy National World Chocolate Day

SATURDAY MARKET NEWSLETTER
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Saturday Market



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From the Office

Greetings Artisans,

It is a beautiful day here at Eugene Saturday Market! Can you smell Autumn in the air? Enjoy this weather and good interactions with friends, customers and neighbors.

I am collecting cards at the Info Booth for our beloved glass blower, Don Parker, who has been recovering from surgery at home and is missing the community. Please send him your best wishes, and prayers for a speedy recovery. We miss you Don and can't wait for you to come back!

We have a new site crew member starting today, Ian, let's hope he is excited and wants to be a part of our Saturday Market team.

Challenge of the Day: Surprise someone you admire today by telling them how much you appreciate them.

Feeling Fall fresh,

Shannon Lee-Hutson

Holiday Market Food Booth Opportunity

This Holiday Market we have 2 Food Booth openings. We are currently offering space in the Food Court to our membership for a one-year term only. If you are interested in applying for this opportunity for HM25, please request an application packet from the Info Booth or contact the office on Tuesday-Friday from 10-4 (541) 686-8885 or by email info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org. As we are in a bit of a time crunch to book and prepare for Holiday Market, this will be a quick turnaround. Please have your completed application submitted by Wednesday, September 17th!

Saturday Market Expands Stewardship Program

On our little patch of grass, we find ourselves acting as stewards or should be active caretakers for this spinning space rock we inhabit. Eugene Saturday Market (ESM) sustainability program is one way the organization can be proud of stewardship contribution. ESM has launched our new Saturday Market plates! They are light blue and a beautiful expansion to our durable program. So, when you order your lunch at our International Food Court, be sure to ask if they are part of the sustainable plate program. There is a dish return table at the top of the stairs to the east of the stage. Please help us to promote our sustainability program here at Eugene Saturday Market and be sure to thank your favorite Sustainability Committee member (s) for all their hard work!

Sustainability Committee members: Elise Corin, Crystal Rector, Sarah Marie Jones

Market Needs You!

Hello dear Market members. As you know, it takes many hands to make Market possible. We have lots of different tasks here at Saturday Market that need a talented and dedicated volunteer like YOU!

If you're interested in volunteering with something, feel free to email :

info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org or get in contact with our Volunteer Coordinator Kevy Levy of Sun Swirl Designs. We have opportunities available inside and outside of the Committee environment.

■ **Governance Committee** - This newly formed Committee is looking for new members to help review policy, make policy recommendations and more. Send a letter of interest to join to the office (snail mail or email) to be considered. Must be appointed by the Board of Directors.

■ **Living Wage Task Force** - If you are interested in joining this Task Force, please feel free to reach out to the office (snail mail, phone, or email). Economic and community-centered minds are needed.

■ **Guidebook Team** - Interested in graphic design and getting to know members? This group helps bring the Guidebook to life and distribute this resource.

■ **Community Moderators** - We are actively recruiting community moderators for our official Eugene Saturday Market Members private group page on Facebook. Moderators must complete a training before acting as a moderator.

■ **Committees** - All of our Committees and groups are looking for more volunteers. See a full list of our groups in the "Who Helps Make Saturday Market Possible" on our website (www.eugenesaturdaymarket.org) under "Helpful Member Links."

■ **Posters** - Help us distribute posters, rack cards, and stickers throughout our community.

■ **Other Opportunities** - See a list of some more volunteer opportunities in the "Flexible Volunteer Opportunities" on our website (www.eugenesaturdaymarket.org) under "Helpful Member Links."

Fees & Late Fees Reminder

Remember, you must pay for your Market day by Wednesday to get your point in time for the next Saturday. Also remember that after 30 days a \$5 late fee is added to your owing, and after 60 days another \$5 fee is added for a total of \$10.

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

From the Sonia

Does an extra selling day-or-two peak your interest? Try out Tuesday/Thursday Market with the Farmers Market! I will hold another orientation once I have enough interest. Tuesday Market is every Tuesday from 9am-2pm and Thursdays are the third Thursday of every month from 5pm-9pm. I look forward to seeing you at the Pavillion! -Sonia (sonia@eugenesaturdaymarket.org)

Town Hall

Last Thursday we had our Town Hall meeting. Attendance was low but the questions and discussion were great! Topics covered included ESM financials and the future, our emerging Governance Committee, and of course Holiday Market 2025. As with the last Town Hall Meeting, a summary will be available by the end of the month.

A cost analysis of the increased expenses of Market was presented and showed an increase from 2023-2024 of \$52,747.13. These are hard costs such as rent, storage, Insurance, toilets, security, permits, and more. Over the past 4 years (since COVID) our SM income has increased by 43% whereas our expenses have increased by 85%. We are currently looking at various ways to add/improve income streams. We have significantly cut costs temporarily in staffing and advertising. This is not a solution, but a quick fix. We will need a solid staff team and robust advertising budget if we want to see increased revenue for all.

Maia Bowers gave a lovely introductory speech about the Governance Committee and announced the first scheduled meeting Thursday 9/18/25 at 5:00pm.

Holiday Market 2025 is mostly booked (go Sonia go) and we are excited to announce that the new Holiday Market poster will be available this week! Also, we will be the centerfold spread in Eugene Weekly's "Things to do in Winter" edition. This Holiday Market is shaping up beautifully.

Info Booth Services

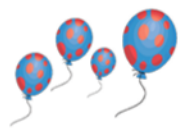
MAKING CHANGE: Members can get up to \$60 in change per Saturday.

FIRST AID: At the Info Booth you can find supplies in case of an injury or emergency, an AED machine, and tissues.

MENSTRUAL SUPPLIES: At the Info Booth you can find menstrual supplies. Free for customers and members alike.

PROMO MATERIALS: At the Info Booth, find this year's poster, stickers, and rackcards as well as business cards. Help us spread the word about our lovely Market!

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



The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy Birthday to all our Market friends! Happiest of birthdays to Catherine Heising, Elizabeth Russell, Joshua Mazet, Jamieson Mishley, Jessica Hampton, Ryan Wolik, Megan Riordan, Trinity Blades, Stockie Sipes, and Dave Welch.

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/eugen Saturdaymarket

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



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

Committee Chairs

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Food Committee Co-Chairs:
Casey Marks Fife Ito, Richard Harnsongkram
Holiday Market Committee Co-Chairs:
Dara Robertson, Ray Bafaro
Sustainability Committee Chair: Crystal Rector
Volunteer Coordinators:
Kevin Levy
Governance Committee: Maia Bowers, Haven Sundstrom, Amanda Finegold

Staff

General Manager - Shannon Lee-Hutson
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E-mail - info@eugen Saturdaymarket.org
Office/Info Booth Phone - 541-686-8885
Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 AM - 4 PM

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@eugen Saturdaymarket.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.

Flags For Sale

"4 Scandinavian flags (for the Scandinavian Festival) for sale (Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden). All four \$30. I also have ribbons included. Booth 108. -Vince LaRochelle

SM Office Wishlist

The office is in need of a few things, we are looking for used (but still good) and office supplies (legal paper of any color, binders, etc.). We also need new/unused menstrual supplies for the Info Booth/ 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

Alaskan Sawmill Needed!

I have some huge chunks of Nobel Fir in my yard that needs to be sawed. Please call Julia at (541) 988-3540.

Local Events

- September 14 - Riverfront Park Plaza Opening
- September 14- Y's Welcoming Festival
- September 15 - Afternoon Chess
- September 15 - Yoga in the Park
- September 16 - Trivia Tuesday
- September 16 - Latin Dance Night
- September 17 - Picnic at the Pavilion
- September 17 - Make Nature Prints
- September 18- Oktoberfest Weekend

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.

Weather

Today we are expecting a warm day. There will be a high of 78°F and a low of 58°F. 8 mph winds are expected. Humidity will be at 70%, and there is only a 5% chance of rain. Remember to drink water, and bring your sun protection or even a umbrella (hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, etc.).



On the Market Stage

10:00 AM -Greg Nestler

Rock, & Blues

11:30 AM - Belly Dance Eugene

Dance/world music/eclectic

1:00 PM - Basin St Band - trio

Traditional Jazz

2:30 PM - STEEL WOOL Band

Acoustic Rock

Committee Meetings

Orientation and Screenings

Weds., September 17th - 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- New Member Orientation @ 3:00 PM
- Product Screening @ 4:00 PM

Standards Committee Meeting

- Weds., Sep 17th - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Governance Committee Meeting

-Thurs., September 18th - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Budget Committee Meeting

- Tues., Sep 23rd - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Food Court Committee Meeting

- Weds., Sep 24th - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Holiday Market Committee Meeting

- Fri., Sep 26th - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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

All are welcome!

