

Today's Highlights: September 27th, 2025

- ★ From Sonia: Holiday Market booking points for the week of 9/30-10/3: 5-1
- ★ From the Office:
- ★ Weather, Birthdays, UnClassifieds and more on the back page!
- ★ Happy National Bunny Day

Saturday Market

MARKETPLACE • COMMUNITY • CELEBRATION

SATURDAY MARKET NEWSLETTER
September 27th, 2025 • VOL. 56 • NO. 26
30 E. Broadway #124, Eugene, OR 97401
(541) 686-8885
eugenessaturdaymarket.org
info@eugenessaturdaymarket.org



From Willy

We are in challenging times. From the national scene, to right here at Saturday Market. As an old time market artisan, it saddens me to see the amount of vitriol exhibited by members, old and new. I have noticed there are many more complaints now than ever before. Some well founded, some not so much. When confronted by a problem, or situation, I find it helpful to gather information, and try to go to the source, and begin to find a solution. At our Market, that usually means joining a committee to make my ideas heard, and perhaps affect change. I do not always succeed.

There appears to be members who complain, often with legitimate concerns, who feel that complaining is enough, and 'others' will act on their complaints. I have found one of the best ways to effectively make a change, is to begin to offer solutions. That does not mean denigrating, or insulting other members, staff, or the public. It means attending meetings, and raising the concerns one has, and offering the solutions to the group. Yet, keep in mind, that your problem, and solution, may not be what the group wants.

As a member driven organization, it sometimes takes a considerable amount of time to identify a problem, a solution, and find enough support among the members to effect that solution. Above all, being aware of how this works will affect how you are perceived, and will affect how your issue will be resolved. For over fifty years, we have come together and collectively found solutions for our issues, even during the most challenging times.

Beware of Fake Funds!

We handle a lot of cash at Saturday Market. Unfortunately, counterfeit bills at last week's Market are not uncommon. Here are some tips for identifying counterfeit bills:

1. **Hold the bill up to the light.** Check for a holograph of the face on the bill plus the thin vertical strip (which is also visible with a UV flashlight) containing the denomination. Also, make sure the watermark can be seen on both sides of the bill. There is a security thread embedded from top to bottom on the face of the bill.
2. **Color-shifting ink:** If you hold the new series bill (except the \$5 note) and tilt it back and forth, please observe the numeral in the lower right hand corner as its color shifts from green to black and back.
3. **Comparison:** Test the feel and texture of the paper with other bills you know are authentic.

Feel free to ask your neighbors or come to the South Park Info Booth if you are given a questionable bill. We have pens for checking available at the Info Booth.

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 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@eugenessaturdaymarket.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.eugenessaturdaymarket.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.eugenessaturdaymarket.org) under "Helpful Member Links."

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.

From Sonia

From Sonia

Tuesdays and Thursdays with the farmers Market have been a blast!

We are grateful they are making some space for us at the Farmers Market Pavilion on Nov. 8th and 15th as well.

If you are interested in Tuesday Market, Thursday Night market and/or Saturday Nov. 8th&15th, you MUST attend the Farmers Market orientation. I will have one October 2nd over zoom. Reach out to the office for the link! The time is undetermined, I will pick a time that works for the most of you attending. It is a super quick meeting (about 20-30 mins). Can't wait to hear from you

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!

See Something, Say Something

When you are out on the Park Blocks, artisans can always call our office phone number if they see or hear something out-of-place. For example, if you see an abandoned backpack you can call (541)686-8885 and reach someone at the Info Booth. Once you explain the situation we can send over members of our Security Team.

In addition to security concerns, members can also call the office phone on Saturdays for spills or accidents. For example, if you are an artist who makes breakables and a small child has dropped one of your pieces you can call the office phone number at (541)686-8885. Then we can send over a member of our Site-Crew to help you out with a broom and dustpan.

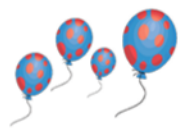
As always you can also visit the Info Booth in-person with concerns, questions, and ideas. We all help look after each other, so please if you see something say something. Thank you!

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: eugenessaturdaymarket.org

Attention 4x4 Booth Folks

If you are planning on selling in a 4x4, please wait until you have your space assigned before putting your booth and product in. You must move your car after you have unloaded your booth. Do not place your chairs in the street. Thanks!



The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy Birthday to all our Market friends! Happiest of birthdays to all! There's no birthdays this week

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, Cara, Google Business, YouTube, Flickr, & more.

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.



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

Standards Committee Co-Chairs:

Candice Westberg, Shellana Moller

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 Co-Chairs

Haven Sundstrom Amanda Finegold

Staff

General Manager - Shannon Lee-Hutson

Marketing Assistant - Silver Lee-Hutson

Membership Coordinator - Sonia Ostendorf

Office Assistant - Kassie Ryall

Site Ops Supervisor - Dave Welch

Booking Manager - Harlan Rivers

E-mail - info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org

Office/Info Booth Phone - 541-686-8885

Office

Food Specials!

Any food booth in our International Food Court or pre-package food booth can advertise specials in the newsletter.

Send them to marketing@eugenesaturdaymarket.org by 4PM on Wednesdays.

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 chairs 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

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

- September 28 - Goats & Glass Class
- September 28 - Creativity Café
- September 29 - UO Welcome Week Rave
- September 29 - Afternoon Chess
- September 30 - Aikido Beginners Series
- September 30 - Quality Trivia
- October 1 - Writing Time
- October 1 - Tacos & Trivia
- October 2 - Thursday Night Jam
- October 2 - Paint & Sip: Moonlit Pumpkin
- October 3 - Ghostly Golf
- October 3 - Clay Fest



Weather

Today we are expecting a hot day. There will be a high of 79°F and a low of 45°F. 6 mph winds are expected. Humidity will be at 49%, and there is only a 10% chance of rain. Remember to drink water, and bring your sun protection (hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, etc.).



On the Market Stage

10:00 AM - Caveman Dave

Americana, folk

11:30 AM - David Rogers

World Classical guitar, and songs of the new west.

12:30 AM - Belly Dance Eugene

Belly Dance

1:00 PM - Ramblin' Robert And

The McKenzie Drifters

Original, Classic Rock, Americana, Bluegrass.

2:00 PM - Belly Dance Eugene

Belly Dance

2:30 PM - Kef

Balkan Dance Music

Committee Meetings

Board of Directors Meeting

- Weds., Oct 1st - 5:15 - 7:15

- New Member Orientation @ 3:00 PM

- Product Screening @ 4:00 PM

Sustainability Committee Meeting

- Weds., Oct 8th - 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

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 15nd - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Food Court Committee Meeting

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

Holiday Market Committee Meeting

- Weds., Oct 31st - 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

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

All are welcome!



Envelope Art by: Rachel Salners



Envelope Art by: Luna Sansone