

Today's Highlights: October 4th, 2025

- ★ From Sonia: Holiday Market booking points for the week of 10/28-10/31: 1-0
- ★ From the Office:
- ★ Weather, Birthdays, UnClassifieds and more on the back page!
- ★ Happy National Bunny Day

Saturday Market

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SATURDAY MARKET NEWSLETTER
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From The Office

Greetings Artisans,
After today, we have four more Saturdays on the Park Blocks for SM25! What a season it has been... Our Oregon weather was complimentary and beautiful this year (still looking to the skies for the other shoe to drop). Despite the chaos of the political landscape and uncertainty of our Nation's future, we have had a number of changes at Saturday Market that I am proud to say we have navigated with purpose and innovation.
Our new website will have a soft launch in mid-October. We had a bit of a preview during the Board meeting on October 1st, and I am thrilled at the results. It has been a goal to be able to continue the momentum of the Holiday Market into the first 3 months of the year, and with this new website, we will be able to direct your customers to your websites, market schedules, contact info and hopefully drive sales to you during our 3-month "break". We will be able to expand into the future with this change and hopefully improve customer and community interactions for our Members.
There are five weekends in November this calendar year, therefore, we are scheduled to be on the Park Blocks Saturday, November 1st (for double points), and then we are off for 11/8 and 11/15. If you would like to sell at the Farmer's Market on those two Saturdays, our gracious neighbors have offered us this selling opportunity. You may not just show up, you will have to schedule these dates and attend an orientation prior. Please contact Sonia if you are interested (541) 686-8885 Tuesday through Friday from 10-4.
Filled with gratitude,

From Sonia

Hello Saturday Market!
We are still doing orientations for Nov. 8th and 15th with the Farmers Market. Let me know if you are interested. I will make an orientation date/time that works for you! It's super quick and easy and can be done over Zoom. Hope to hear from ya soon
E-mail sonia@eugenesaturdaymarket.org

Volunteer of the Month

Hear ye Hear ye!!! Our Volunteer of the Month of October is none other than our devoted freakshow comic author, Daniel Conan Young! Dan has given years of his time crafting comics for the Eugene Saturday Market, that spark discussion, encourage absurdity, challenge social mores with a flair and temerity befitting our colorful community. (He also bribes the Info Booth with delicious chocolates). We salute you Dan, for making our Saturdays a bit outrageous, a bit naughty,

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!

Board Election December 13

It's that time again! 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 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@eugenesaturdaymarket.org you can get the emailed packet of information about the upcoming meeting, which will make it easier for you to follow discussions.

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.

-Maia Bowers

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.

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.

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.

Hm25 Volunteer

Greetings SM Members:
Time is moving fast. HM is only 7 weeks away. In order to make this the best year ever, as your Interim Volunteer Coordinator, I am reaching out to you to consider using your volunteer HM Tasks in ways that will not only help our organization but to also facilitate our staff. For the remainder of October and Nov. 1 please stay tuned to this space for more information about how to be part of the solution to help out at Holiday Market. Thank you,
Anna Lawrence

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!



The Market Corner

Wishing a Happy Birthday to all our Market friends! Happiest of birthdays to Chuck Roehrich, Daniel Armstrong, Frank Gosar, Miles Monroe, Barbara Counsil, Federico Bifani, Nicholas Tackett, Stephanie Escobar and Anna Lawrence

Sorry we missed you Anna! !!

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/eugen Saturdaymarket

We're also on Bluesky, Yelp, 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

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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
Interim Volunteer Coordinators:
Anna Lawrence
Governance Committee Co-Chairs
Haven Sundstrom Amanda Finegold

Staff

General Manager - Shannon Lee-Hutson
Membership Coordinator - Sonia Ostendorf
Marketing Assistant - Silver Lee-Hutson
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Site Ops Supervisor- Dave Welch
Booking Manager - Harlan Rivers

E-mail - info@eugen Saturdaymarket.org
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Office

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.

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

• Clay Fest October Lane Events Center 10-6 Oct 4,5

• Comics Art Festival, 5th Street Market 10-7

Oct 4th

• Great Willamette Cleanup - Multiple locations 9-, Oct 4th.

If you're intrested in more local events check

out <https://calendar.eugenewekly.com/>

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.

Weather

Today we are expecting a nice day. There will be a high of 66°F and a low of 43°F. 6 mph winds are expected. Humidity will be at 72%, and there is only a 30% chance of rain. Remember to drink water, and bring your sun protection (hat, sunscreen, umbrella, etc.).



On the Market Stage

10:00 AM - Johann the Fill In Guy
Multigenre

11:30 AM - Lee Herrera and
Friends Trio

Latin infused grooves

12:30 AM - Belly Dance Eugene

Belly Dance

1:00 PM - Peter Wilde

Roots, folk

2:00 PM - Belly Dance Eugene

Belly Dance

2:30 PM - Park Avenue

Jazz

Committee Meetings

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 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

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 emailing info@eugen Saturdaymarket.org.

All are welcome!

