

Saturday Market

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From the Office

Greetings Artisans! Welcome back to the 57th Season of the Eugene Saturday Market! This is pre-season newsletter full of interesting events and reminders for our Members.

Opening Day is April 4th, 2026.

- We have 2 new Food Booths for SM2026! "Wrapped" offer delicious wontons filled with brisket, pork, veggies and even an apple pie ala mode wonton. "SOI 44" offers a traditional Thai BBQ Street food, including a fresh crisp papaya salad. Please check them out as you welcome them into our Saturday Market Family.
- We have added plastic food trays to our ever-expanding durables program. Very exciting.
- The Helen Roper's will be romping by at 12:30 pm and give us a dance on the stage. On the stage, Harlan has booked some amazing bands- new and many of our favorites.

Reminders:

1. Load in/ load out is 20 minutes maximum. When you load in, please pull up to the Park Blocks before 10 am after you have received your space, and unload your vehicle into your spot within 20 minutes max. Before you start set-up, go park your car in either the Arcade or the Overpark structures (which are both free on Saturdays) and then come back to set up your booth. It is important to remember that we need to work together in concert and with compassion for one's neighbor.
2. The Fire Marshal will be on site Opening Day and we will be walking around checking on fire extinguishers and weights. (Please refer to the Members Handbook)

3. Members Handbook is updated and available in hardcopy and will be updated online soon.
4. Be kind to one another.

I cannot wait to see you all on Opening Day and see what you all have been creating over the break!

Shannon Lee-Hutson

General Manager

From Sonia

Hello Saturday Market Membership! Oh, how I have missed you all.

I hope you all had a restful Winter and are ready for this Spring.

As we get back into the swing of things, let's start off this year strong.

- Make sure you are keeping track of the Saturdays you attend and your points. It is super helpful if we find any discrepancies.
- Keep a couple maps around, in your car, in your purse, in your totes etc. They come in handy!
- Make sure you have cash or checks for your envelope at the end of the day as well!

I am working diligently with the web developers to get the new website functioning for check in, points, booth fees, "live maps" and so much more. So please remember that with big changes comes some discomfort. I know it is frustrating when there are glitches. The best way to ensure things are fixed is to go directly to the source, in this case, that is us in the office.

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I can't wait to see what beautiful creations you all have cooked up for the season!

Let the show begin ~Sonia

Sonia Ostendorf

Fire Extinguisher

It is that time of year again to make your list for Opening Day: April 4, 2026.

Inventory: Table, chairs, shelving, signage, sacks, wrapping, card machine, change/bank, booth, and a fire extinguisher.

Your fire extinguisher must have been purchased within the last year. You must have the receipt to show the Fire Marshal (If it has been in your possession for less than one year.)

If you do not have documented proof of its age, then the fire extinguisher must be inspected, tagged, and dated by a professional. National Fire Fighter Corp on 6th Ave in Eugene offers this service.

You may wonder, "Why do we need a fire extinguisher?" This requirement is not an arbitrary rule created by The Saturday Market Board. Rather, it is a law passed down by the state authority (the Fire Marshal) to ensure every business is prepared with a fire extinguisher readily available in case of fire.

Now, as volunteer firefighters, little needs to be said about fighting a fire using your extinguisher. The first lesson taught to all firefighters when facing flames is to point the extinguisher at the source of the fire, not at the flames themselves.

So, when getting ready for Market's Opening Day, put this at the top of your list because, without it, the Fire Marshal has the authority to shut the Market down for noncompliance. Who wants that on Opening Day?

Alex Lanham



When I first started my company I wanted to make sure I kept sustainability in the forefront of my mind. But doing stained glass isn't necessarily a Reduce, Recycle, Reuse type of craft. Unless of course you get lucky enough to find someone's grandparent's secret stash they had buried in the back of their garage, unearthed after their passing. I decided I would be sustainable in other aspects of the business, packaging and styling of my booth.

So let's talk about some of those things, maybe someone will find them handy. Most of us have things shipped to us nowadays, cut down those boxes into usable storage. Then add a little leftover material or cute gift bag and make a great print art bin or stuffie cubby. Using cardboard or last week's newspaper for packaging more fragile items, I use cardboard to protect my small stained glass pieces.

Ordering stickers can be out of some people's budget, maybe making a stamp could be more cost effective and be able to be used in so many ways. We may even have a couple market vendors who might know a little something about stamp carving. Thrifting or even trading other vendors booth display parts, upcycling pieces into something special. What other sustainable things do you do in your booth? Let us know, maybe we will see another list in the future.

Crystal Rector

“Our Power, Our Planet”

The official Earth Day 2026 theme is “Our Power, Our Planet”, focusing on collective action, civic engagement, and grassroots efforts to defend environmental protections. It emphasizes that people-powered action can rebuild environmental progress, combat climate change and protect the planet.

What a powerful sentiment to celebrate this year! Earth Day is officially Wednesday March 22nd, 2026, so we will be celebrating Earth Day Saturday March 25th by closing the streets and having a collaborative block party full of earth day events. Stay tuned for more information on the various events planned. If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact the Sustainability Committee or the office for information.

Saturday Market Social Life!

Follow us, like our page and stay connected. Eugene Saturday Market Webpage: www.eugenesaturdaymarket.org
Facebook: [Facebook.com/EugeneSaturdayMarket](https://www.facebook.com/EugeneSaturdayMarket)
Instagram: @SaturdayMarket
We are also on Pinterest, Yelp, TripAdvisor, Google Business, YouTube, Flickr and more.



Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their special day this week!

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to no one! Please remember to let us know when your birthday is so we can never miss it again

If we forgot your birthday, please let us know! We'll be sure to include it in the following newsletter.

Sustainability Committee

Upcoming Earth Day! Sustainability Committee invites you to participate in planning, join us! Earth Day will be celebrated at the market, and Farmers Market, on April 25th. We are planning a craft table, seed exchange, seed planting, and a clothing exchange. So gather your materials and drop them off to us or bring them on the 25th. Join our committee, zoom 1 hour, April 14th at 4:00, or sign up to volunteer at a table.

Thank you, Julia Garretson

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Looking for ways to get involved in Eugene Saturday Market as a member?

Join the Small but Mighty Sustainability Committee

- WHEN second Tuesday of each month at 4 PM, typically 1-hour meeting
- WHERE Saturday Market Office or via Zoom, email for the link
- WHY discuss strategies to promote sustainability on the Park Blocks and at Holiday Market

Together, we've turned these concepts into reality

- blue reusable durable plates and baskets for the food court, as well as metal forks
- a seed exchange
- water stations (prior to the installation of new fountains)

Perhaps you have a fresh idea that we may have missed. Please join us.