

Saturday Market

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Saturday Market Newsletter

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Today's Highlights:

*BOD Election

*Committee invites

* Weather, Unclassified Ads, Info Booth

Reminders & More on the Back

Greetings Artisans!

From the Office

Today we celebrate Earth Day with our friends Lane County Farmer's Market and the Free People's Plaza as well as the community at large.

We have many fun activities planned for today. Many of our Members focus on recycling, upcycling or using found items to create their products. If you too do this, please pick up a placard at the Info Booth for you to display (with your booth number) on your booth so customers can engage with you. The theme is "I too, am a Steward of the earth". If each of us declares responsibility and stewardship of our beautiful planet with lifestyle modifications in line with our values, sustainability is achievable. Let us celebrate life today with joy and stewardship.

National Dance Week has been dancing all week! Cultural Services had a booth near the stage last week and had so much fun, they will be setting up a booth once a month. The Saturday Market has been actively co-promoting and even participating alongside city events. It is exciting to partner with our beloved City.

The Eugene Marathon is also going on this weekend, so look for runners from all over and their families and friends today. We will also see a lot of Duck fans out and about.

-Shannon Lee-Hutson, General Manager

Let's get together & discuss money

We will be having a Town Hall on Thursday, May 14th, 2026, at 4:30-6:30 pm. Let's get together and talk about it. Topics will include finances, fees and our future. We will be meeting at the grower's market on Willamette.

Board Election June 13th

It's time to consider running for the board again!

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 usually 3 positions open each election. This time there are 4 positions open, due to one resignation.

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 on May 6. Meetings are held on 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.

Candidate statements are due to the office by 4:00 on Wednesday, May 27.

Absentee Ballots: Starting on May 30, absentee ballots will be available on request, at the info booth or the office, for those who will not be at Market on election day. Absentee ballots must be received at the market office no later than Friday, June 12.

-Maia Bowers

Holiday market committee

The Holiday Market Committee is seeking new members. If you are interested in joining, please call the office.

*Must be jolly and enjoy milk and cookies



You are Invited

The Standards Committee is revising the "Scent" Guidelines for the Market Standards and Craft Specific Guidelines. This has been a hotly debated topic, and we need to address it and give our best to create a proper policy. Scent allergies are a safety concern in our Market, and we need to protect one another. We need to also equally balance the Members whose products involve scent to be able to sell their products fairly AND safely. Therefore, the Standards Committee invites you to weigh in regarding scented products, Topics will include:

- Packaging
- Display/ Samples
- Backstock containers
- Curing time
- Natural scents/ oils vs synthetic or manufactured scents
- Education

The Standards Committee meets every third Wednesday of the month at the Office from 5:15pm-7:15pm. Next meeting is May 20th, 2026. See you there!

November?

Halloween Market, October 31st has been proposed as the final outdoor market of the year due to numerous reasons.

1. November outdoor markets tend to lose money due to high costs and minimal vendor participation, making it financially unviable.
2. Establishing Halloween Market as the last event simplifies advertising and additionally,
3. staff and vendors would benefit from extra time to prepare for the Holiday Market.

There are selling opportunity's with LCFM. Feedback can be shared with board members or via email.

Music

10am - O'Carolans Consort, Folk, Harp

11:30am - Jen Sennett & Cooper Morris, Folk

1pm - The Fuzzy Brothers, American Folk

2:30pm - Goatmouth, Rock, Jam Band

Forecast

There will be a high of 64 ° F and a low of 36 ° F and there's a 1% chance of rain.

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.

Volunteer of the Month

Think we forgot you, **Maia Bowers?**

We did NOT! *Hear ye hear ye*, Maia Bowers, a 35-year member at the Eugene Saturday Market, is our April Volunteer of the Month! She is an inspiration to all of us. Maia just termed off a 3-year term as a Board Member, she was our secretary, served on the Personnel Committee, Food Court Committee and now the Governance Committee. Maia joined the Board when I was still serving on the Board and she was quiet, but I knew even then she was a powerhouse! She is honest to a fault and has a wicked sense of humor. I feel blessed to know her. Thank you for your contributions to our organization!

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.

Roommate wanted

\$600 plus \$50 electric monthly. Large shop space large garden 5 acres 17 minutes from SM ranch style house 3bedroom 1 bath contact Gordon both # 355 phone 541 503 8331

Bod Secretary needed

The board is still looking for a secretary if you're interested, please check the info booth for the job description.

Office

The office could use your gently used binders, office supplies, and/or postage (postage should NOT be used...lol).

Job Opportunities

We are also looking to hire a part-time office assistant. If interested, please contact the office. Send resumes to gm@eugenesaturdaymarket.org.

Site Crew

There are new Site Crew members! If you see someone you do not recognize, ask their name and introduce yourself!

Earth Day Events

These are the events planned for Earth Day

- Collage-Making Booth
- Planting Station Booth
- Clothing Exchange Booth
- Earth Day Bingo



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

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to whoever is celebrating. Please remember to tell us about your birthday or update it on your profile or else we won't know what it is.

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

The Saturday Market Board of Directors and Officers

- Chairperson – Doug Robertson
- Vice Chairperson – Haven Sundstrom
- Secretary - Could Be You
- Treasurer – David Winship
- BOD – Doug Robertson, Ram Shucart, Haven Sundstrom, Sue Theolass, Amanda Finegold, Catherine Heising, Tika Thomas, Ben Maude

Committee Chairs

- Budget Committee Chair: David Winship
- Food Court Committee Co-Chairs: Haven Sundstrom/TBD
- Governance Committee Co-Chairs: Nome May / Amanda Finegold
- Holiday Market Committee Co-Chairs: TBD
- Standards Committee Chair: Tika Thomas. Ram Shucart
- Sustainability Committee Chair: Crystal Rector
- Volunteer Coordinator: Anna Lawrence

Staff

- General Manager – Shannon Lee-Hutson
- Membership Coordinator – Sonia Ostendorf
- Marketing Assistant – Silver Lee-Hutson
- 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 Hours: Wed- Fri, 10 am - 4 pm

