

Saturday Market

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Saturday Market Newsletter

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Today's Highlights:

- * Saying Goodbye
- * Job Opportunity's
- * Music, Unclassified Ads,
Info Booth Reminders & More on the Back

Greetings Artisans!

Welcome to the Eugene Saturday Market Season 57 Opening Day!

Welcome to all Members, new and established, to what I anticipate being a year of Revelation and Hope. 2026 Has sprung from chaos and war on the world stage, to many economic struggles and hardships here in our city. This year, more than ever, we need to lean on our community and protect our joy! The Saturday Market is the family-friendly weekend jewel for downtown Eugene. It is vital that we create space for the community to escape from the headlines and celebrate each Saturday with us.

We have some important guests attending this Saturday... The Slimetastic Gastropod Royal Court (Slug Queens) will grace us with their oozing presence, as well as the "Helen Ropers" who will pop by around lunch time in full regalia and perhaps liven our spirits with their sick dance moves on their "Roper Romp" about town. Eugene is truly unique!

Couple of Announcements:

1. The 4x4's are being sold as reserve spaces. Please contact Sonia if you would like to reserve a 4x4 this season.
2. We have 2 new Food Booths to discover: SOI 44 and Wrapped. SOI 44 will have its Grand Opening on the first day 4-4-26 and Wrapped will have their Opening Day on 4-11-26. Please welcome them into our family.
3. We will be closing the streets to celebrate Earth Day on Saturday April 25th, 2026 (mark it in your calendar)

Have a fantastic day! Share a smile with a stranger I bet they smile back. Smiling now,

Shannon Lee-Hutson

Let's get together & discuss money

We will be having a Town Hall on Thursday, May 14th, 2026 at 4-6 pm. Let's get together and talk about it. Topics will include finances, fees and our future. The venue is still to be determined, so stay tuned.

Another Market Farewell

Samuel "Glenn" Kirk 12/20/1955-02/27/2026

Being a part of the Market family means that you become accustomed to familiar faces. Mine started becoming familiar in 1988 as the "face painter". Kit and Glenn Kirk were already members. "Mama Bear" tie dyes was a family operation. Not just dying blanks but Kit also created them.

The first time I worked with them was during the founding of an Artist Collective, "Circle of Hands" in 1990. Glenn backed up Kit in anything she was involved in, and her community outreach was extensive. Kit passed in 1995 and the Market memorialized her by naming the grass behind their booth on the West Block, "Kit's Lawn". Glenn stepped away from Market for a time to finish raising their 4 children.

One day, Glenn started showing up on my corner with flowers and dinner invites. By 2008, Glenn became my Child Care Crew, S.O. pass, at Oregon Country Fair. He realized how much he missed community as his volunteered energy was appreciated.

Glenn started crafting, and joined Market again, and we shared my booth on the Park Blocks and Holiday Market. Glenn was diagnosed with Diabetes in 2012. The accumulating affects lead to his stroke in 2020, and ultimately the heart attack he suffered in February this year.

He will be missed.

Joy Kay Kirk

There is a memory book at the info booth for folks to write a memory or send thoughts and prayers to the family.

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



Forecast

There will be a high of 59° F and a low of 39° F and there's a 22% chance of rain.

Music

10am - Joe Champlin, Folk

11:30am - 13th & Louis, Indie Folk

12:30pm - Helen Ropers

1pm - Clark Engine Company, Americana

2:30pm - The Huckleberrys, Americana

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.

Share the posts

Hello everyone! As you may know, the Saturday Market boasts a fantastic online presence and community. We regularly share posts not only about vendors but also about special events, important dates, and even music. Remember, you can contribute by sharing these posts to help us reach a wider audience. The more people share our content, the more we signal to social media algorithms that our posts resonate with users, leading to greater promotion by the platform. The same applies to all of you; feel free to tag us or send us your posts, and we can repost and highlight them to enhance your reach.

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.

Studio Apartment for Rent

435 Square feet with a private entrance, full bath and a kitchenette. Utilities and wifi included, \$900.00 per month. Please text Joy Kay Kirk at (541) 653-1955

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. This is a fast-paced work environment that is constantly changing and working with many different people/ personalities. Must be dependable, efficient, self-motivated and add to our collective problem-solving team. This job needs someone dedicated to Market, not here for the paycheck. The Organization pays what it can, but it is not competitive. This could be your favorite workplace experience... apply now.

ESM Community Pantry

The Market Community Food Pantry is located in the Market Office. It is open during office hours or by appointment. Donations can be brought to the office or dropped off at the information booth. Please limit items to shelf stable items. (Peanut butter, canned meat, tuna fish, and paper bags are always in huge demand.) Thank you so much for your continued support and use of the Market Community Pantry.



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

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Tim Durham, Kirk Houser, William Sullivan, Kimberly Gladen, Marielena Malagon, Julia Garretson

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

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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.

