

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

From the Office

Greetings Artisans!

The evangelical crew was in full force last weekend. The LGBTQ community came out to lend their support. It was extremely noisy. We are still looking for suggestions to combat them quietly and without trauma.

The Standards Committee met on Wednesday 5/20/26 to discuss the "scent" current standard. There are many people who battle scent allergies with a myriad of symptoms from headaches to hospitalization. The Standards Committee will be adjusting the current Standards regarding Scent which will affect soap makers, candle makers, bath bombs, incense, body care products and other products that emit a scent. They are discussing packaging, display, storage and labeling. If you would like to join the discussions, please let the office know info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org.

The next Standards meeting is Wednesday June 16th at 5:15-7:15pm.

Due to increasing safety concerns, we have decided to clear the metered parking behind the 4x4's on South Park. The load in/ out process remains the same: 20-minute unloading in the morning, then go park your car OFF the Park Blocks. Absolutely NO Vendor parking their vehicles on/ around the Park Blocks. There will be no customer parking from 10-4 behind the 4x4's on South Park on the West Block. Load out process is the same: pack up your booth, go retrieve your vehicle, load out (20 minutes) and take off.

Last reminder: NO PACKING UP EARLY.

Shannon Lee-Hutson, Your General Manager

Board Election June 13th

There are 3 positions open for the next board election. If you noticed some inconsistency about the number of open positions in the last two newsletters, please excuse it, there was a communication mix-up.

There is a board member job description, from our Policies and Procedures, which is available at the Info Booth. It will give you a good overview. You can also talk to any current board member (listed on the back of every newsletter).

Candidate statements are due to the office by 4:00 on Wednesday, May 27. Requirements for the statement are included in the job description handout.

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

Reserve spaces

This season I have received lots of interest in a reassignment of Reserve spaces.

I do not have many places to switch people. There are currently 2 open 8x8's, #183 and #168. If someone with a reserve space would like to release their space, then I may have 1 or 2 more.

Here is how this will work. I will create a new wish list for re-assignment. IF YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS RE-ASSIGNMENT YOU MUST GO ON MY NEW LIST.

To get on this list, you will need to E-mail me (sonia@eugenesaturdaymarket.org) and let me know you are interested by Tuesday June 2nd. Then I will start calling Thursday June 4th. I will be using the Wishlist points that were calculated at the beginning of the season.

Thanks! Sonia

Thursday Night Markets

Whiteaker Community has taken over Thursday Night Markets at the Farmers Market Pavilion!

They are inviting us (they only have space for 10 of our Members) to join them. If you are interested in this opportunity, please reach out for details and an orientation.

Booth Fees (Invoiced to each Market directly after each market)

- \$35 per 10x10 booth
- \$65 for a 10x20 booth
- +\$10 for corner or indoor placements(limited number of indoor spaces available due to the roller derby using majority of indoor space)

Caring Fund

The Saturday Market membership should celebrate. Our generosity for Art Bingo resulted in Caring Fund, aka the Kareng Fund, raising 2,550. We did this!! We created the Kareng Fund. An emergency relief fund for Oregon Artisans. First envisioned by the Saturday Market member Judy Vanderpool. Her declaration in the middle of the night waking her husband Bob, "Saturday Market needs an emergency relief fund!" resulting in the 501C3 nonprofit the Caring Fund. From which 220 grants have provided emergency relief to the professional artisans across Oregon. We did this, we DO this, Thank you.

Alex Lanham, Caring Fund Board Member

Volunteer of the Month

Crystal Rector is May's Volunteer of the Month. Crystal stepped up into the position of Sustainability Committee Chair this year and has been knocking it out of the park! The Sustainability Committee is "small but mighty" and the "sexiest" Committee by far! Are you a Steward of the earth? See Crystal on Saturdays in Booth #116 to inquire about joining.

Music

10am - Jessy Marie, Modern, Folk
11:30am - Bootleg Rose – Americana, Indie, Folk
1pm - Epiphonic, Urban Folk
2:30pm – Garry Rempel, Jazz Syndicate

Saturday Market Social Life!

Follow us, like our page and stay connected. Eugene Saturday Market Webpage:

www.eugenesaturdaymarket.org

Facebook:

Facebook.com/EugeneSaturdayMarket

Instagram: @SaturdayMarket

We are also on Pinterest, Yelp,

TripAdvisor, Google Business,

YouTube, Flickr and more.

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.

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

Booth Sitter Needed

Willy Gibboney needs a booth sitter for May 30th, from 11-1:30. 541-729-4530

Bod Secretary/Treasurer needed

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

Ocf Booth Share

Amanda Ryznar, YogaGoat Pottery Seeking booth space for Oregon Country Fair. I also have my crochet work and handsewn Waldorf style dolls approved. Thank you for considering :)
Space 172 at Saturday Market 541-232-4425

Free Wool

Free wool recently Shoan. Come talk to Linda Williams in booth #112

Ocf Booth Share

Squirt-A-Shirt needs a spot in a booth at the Oregon Country Fair for 2026. Small footprint for a 6ft table. We are also an OCF Logo craft. We don't need a camping spot.

Richard Wiget 541-206-4498

Weather

Today we are expecting a Warm day. There will be a high of 79° F and a low of 47° F. 5 mph winds are expected. Humidity will be at 52%, and there's a 0% chance of rain.



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

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Eric Myers, Tyler Stevens, Erick Wonderly Varela

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 – Could be you
BOD – Doug Robertson, Ram Shucart, Haven Sundstrom, Sue Theolass, Amanda Finegold, Catherine Heising, Tika Thomas, Ben Maude

Committee Chairs

Budget Committee Chair: TBD
Food Court Committee Co-Chairs: Haven Sundstrom/Ban
Governance Committee Co-Chairs: Nome May / Amanda Finegold
Holiday Market Committee Co-Chairs: Luna Topaz/Suzanne Cherrier
Standards Committee Chair: Tika Thomas. Ram Shucart
Sustainability Committee Chair: Crystal Rector
Volunteer Superstar: Anna Lawrence

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