

Saturday Market

July 18th, 2026

Today's Highlights:

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- *Sustainability and AI
- * Weather, Unclassified Ads, Info Booth
- Reminders & More on the Back

From the Office

Greetings Artisans!
Welcome back from OCF! For those of you that remained on the Park Blocks for 7/11, it was a fantastic day for sales (I hope y'all made out like bandits). What amazing weather we are having this year! As we enter these hotter months, please do not forget to hydrate, working out in the sun for 10-12 hours can hit you hard.
Important Announcements:

1. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO TURN IN PAYMENT FOR THE HOLIDAY MARKET 2026 (the art for your ad must be submitted by 8/18/26).**
2. This weekend there is a small memorial table next to the Information Booth for Linda Lessner who recently passed, she was 82 years young. Linda was a Saturday Market Member from 1988-2014, and her business name was Canterbury Candles. Please pop by the table and leave a message for her Family.
3. It seems our credit card machine was missing a couple names last weekend. So please if you had credit card transactions run at the Info Booth on 7/11/26, check your transaction slips with your check and match the authorization # and amounts. So sorry for the inconvenience. Please let Shannon know as soon as possible gm@eugen Saturdaymarket.org

I will be out this next week, including Saturday, so enjoy the week and I will see you all in August.

Shannon Lee-Hutson, Your General Manager

HM26 Guidebook

Get a jump on the **Holiday Market Guidebook!** Fill out the form today (pick up at the office or Info Booth or print it online) and turn it in. You will have untill August 18th to submit the artwork to Silver and today for the payment due date.

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Sustainability and Artificial Intelligence

Is artificial intelligence sustainable? Maybe even regular intelligence isn't sustainable. But we have a better chance, with our creativity, positivity, and passion that all adds up to valuing our local environments and communities.

When I was a young mom, we had little money, and maybe that was the reason we didn't have cell phones. But I think we just preferred to spend time in nature, in books, and making and doing things. I remember thinking that if people just spent their money on schools instead of cell phones we'd have enough funding for music and arts programs. I was puzzled, even worried that people outside along the river paths in our neighborhood were face down on their phones while bald eagles literally circled overhead.

When automobiles, dishwashers, and leaf blowers came into our lives to free up time, we had to work more hours to pay for them. Hello Walmart. Goodbye local shops with local goods. Hello Amazon. Hello Billionaires. Have local places really become indistinguishable, perhaps not even real?

Now, here comes AI, the next thing to free us up. But the data centers popping up in western states are sucking up a lot of water from a region in the worst drought in a millennia. And did you know that an AI search uses ten times as much energy as a regular Google search? (High Country News, [hcn.org](https://www.hcn.org), Aug. 2025), and now it's the default search on your browser. Who put it there, and why? Tip: just type your Google search phrase and then a space and then -ai and feel pleased that you just used one-tenth the energy.

Meanwhile, with all the time we're saving, remember to enjoy and nurture our unique local mountains, rivers, beaches, and forests, and don't forget our beloved arts organizations. rain or shine!

Catherine Heising
Board Member, Sustainability Committee

Marketplace * Community * Celebration

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Holiday Market is creeping up!

Booth Holder of Record due date has now passed.

For the rest of you non-Booth Holders, your deadline to turn in your application and deposit is **August 14th**. If you're late, you will go to the bottom of my list regardless of points. **Reminder booth spaces are only booked over the phone you only have two hours to respond.**

If you have never sold at Holiday Market, **you MUST attend the Holiday Market orientation**. Your products are already approved if they have been seen by Standards already. If you have never attended the Holiday Market, there is a good chance your orientation will be after the deadline. Since you don't have any points your first year, you do not need to worry about it, just make sure you do an orientation asap!
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Handmade Trends - Good News for Makers!

People are still actively looking for handmade, and they're getting even more specific about what they want. Google searches show that handmade jewelry remains incredibly popular, while products like handmade press-on nails and handmade paper are seeing big increases in interest. Even better, shoppers are already thinking about the holidays, with searches for handmade Christmas items climbing much earlier than usual. That's great news for anyone planning their fall and holiday collections.

What does this mean for you? Keep doing what you do best. Tell people the story about the items you make . Share a photo of your latest piece, a work in progress, or a little behind-the-scenes look at your process. People aren't just shopping for products. They're looking for the story, the artist, and the connection. The more you share your craft, the easier it is for customers to find you and remember you when they're ready to buy.

-Matthew

Music

10am - Jerry Zybach – Blues
11:30am - The New Folksters – Folk
1pm - Beyond The Stars – Singer
Songwriter
2:30pm BluAces – Rock, Blues

Weather

Today we are expecting warm day!
There will be a high of 84°F and a low of 56°F. 9 mph winds are expected. Humidity will be at 86%, and there's a 0% chance of rain.

Promote your business with a featured image

We're excited to offer you a new opportunity to help your business stand out on the Eugene Saturday Market website!

You can now add a **featured image** to your individual vendor page. This image is a great way to showcase your products, your booth, or your brand, helping customers discover and connect with your business before they visit the market.

To participate, simply add your featured image to your member listing by clicking **Add image** an uploading a high-quality image
Featured images should be 1200 x 628 pixels or better for the best results

We'll update your vendor page as submissions are received. There is no cost to participate. Sharing images helps highlight the amazing variety of businesses that make Saturday Market so special.

~ Matthew

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 Treasurer needed

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

Member In Need

Michelle Malinoski of Dragonfly Crystal Creations has been in and out of the hospital dealing with complications of her recent surgery. Another member has been helping her by allowing Michelle to recover at her home. Michelle's situation has put her in a precarious predicament and could use our assistance. Please help Michelle if you can. Angel donation cards are available at the Info Booth.

Sale

Original Oil & Acrylic Paintings
\$150 EACH cash or credit =
50% or Greater Discounted Price
Miniatures \$20 Cash ONLY Please.
Once in a Lifetime SALE Booth 202
(Paula Eaton)



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

Judy Peterson, Dan Young, Levanna Appletree, Paul Nelson, Diane Rivas, Haven Sundstrom, Daniel Defazio

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

Committee Meetings

Governance Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 23rd 5:30 – 7:30pm

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 5th 5:15 – 7:15pm

Sustainability Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 11th 4:15 – 5:15pm

Food Court Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 12th 5:15 – 7:15pm

The Saturday Market Board of Directors and Officers

Chairperson – Doug Robertson

Vice Chairperson – Haven Sundstrom

Secretary – Logan Flores

Treasurer – Could be you

BOD – Doug Robertson, Ram Shucart, Haven Sundstrom, Amanda Finegold, Catherine Heising, Tika Thomas, Ben Maude, Luna Topaz, Chris White

Committee Chairs

Budget Committee Interim Chair:
Julia Garretson

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Luna Topaz / Suzanne Cherrier

Standards Committee Co-Chair:
Tika Thomas / Ram Shucart

Sustainability Committee Co-Chair:
Crystal Rector / Julia Garretson

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