

Saturday Market

August 8th, 2026

Today’s Highlights:

- * Air Quality
- * HM, Dates and more
- * You're Not Just Selling It. You Made It.
- * Elf Game
- * Slug Queen Coronation
- * Weather, Unclassified Ads, Info Booth
- Reminders & More on the Back

From the Office

Greetings Artisans,
Good morning. As you have likely noticed, we experienced several smoky days this past week. On Friday, however, the Air Quality Index (AQI) was 75—Moderate—with Easterly winds. Saturday is expected to be moderately smoky but not unsafe. The current AQI estimates today’s average pollution level using a weighted average of the previous 12 hours. The final AQI for any given day is based on that day’s 24-hour average pollution level.

When determining whether hazardous conditions require the Saturday Market to close, we consult the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA), the Oregon Health Authority, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

For more information, please visit www.airnow.gov

Upcoming deadline dates:

- Aug. 14th, - HM26 Non-Booth Holder of Record due date
- Aug. 14th, - Slug Queen Coronation 6-8:30pm
- Aug. 18th, - HM26 Guidebook artwork for ad
- Sept. 11th, - 1st Holiday Market payment due

In Community,
Shannon Lee-Hutson, your General Manager

Local events

- Pickleball Tournament- 9 a.m. - 6 p.m
- World Athletics U20 Championships – all day
- Spencer Creek Growers Market - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Shirley Kay Fine Art and Apparel - 4 - 7 p.m.

You Made It.

One of the things I love about the Saturday Market is that our vendors aren't just retailers. You're the artist, the craftsperson, the designer, the maker. Every piece has a story because every piece starts with you.

Whether you're talking to a customer in your booth or writing a post for social media, the words you choose matter. Search engines and people are both listening. Instead of simply saying you “sell jewelry” or “have candles,” talk about what you create. Tell them your work is **handmade, handcrafted, artisan made, one-of-a-kind, small batch**, or **locally made**. Better yet, tell them *how* you made it. “I hand-pour every candle.” “I throw these on the wheel.” “I carve each one by hand.” “I designed this pattern.” Those words don't just describe your work. They describe you.

People come to Saturday Market because they want to meet the maker. They want to hear the story behind the work and know the person who imagined it, designed it, and brought it into the world. That’s something a big box store can't compete with. You’re not just selling a product. You’re sharing your craft. Tell your story. Your customers aren't just buying what you made. They’re buying the connection to the person who made it.

-Matthew

See Something, Say Something

When you are out on the Park Blocks, arti-sans can always call our office phone number if they see or hear something out-of-place. For example, if you see an abandoned backpack you can call (541)686-8885 and reach someone at the Info Booth. Once you explain the situation we can send over members of our Security Team.

In addition to security concerns, members can also call the office phone on Saturdays for spills or accidents.

Gooley Ooey Slimers Invade the Downtown Park Blocks

The 2026 Annual Slug Queen Pageant and Coronation is this upcoming Friday, August 14th, from 6 till the party is over on the East Park Blocks. The fun, fantasy and straight up silly is infectious, so come down and check out what the Eugene Slug Queens are all about! Glitter on Gastropods!!

-Salty Sister

Marketplace * Community * Celebration

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Holiday Market is creeping up!

For 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 in your first year, you do not need to worry about it, just make sure you do an orientation ASAP!
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ELF GAME!

Time to make a decision! Are you going to have an elf hiding in your booth at Holiday Market this year? I am on the HM committee and will be trying to get the names of artists who have elf photos and want to play. The game is simple:

- Declare that you will have an elf hiding in your booth
- Make sure the market office has your elf photo to use on the game card
- Fill out the form with your name and booth number as well as the name of your elf. Add a little clue for the search.

If you are planning to use the same elf as previous years, then we still need to know you will be participating. You may ask Silver if your image is on file.

How is it even played?! The game is during our first 2 opening weekends of HM. We will have handouts with photos of all the elves. People search for hidden elves and record the location of an elf by writing the booth number next to the image. The handouts are then turned in at various places in HM and prizes are given for participants who find at least our minimum number of elves. For finding the entire offering of elves, participants' names are entered into a drawing. Please ask for a form at the office or tell them if you want to be part of this tradition!

- Katie Swenson

Music

10am - Gerard LeBarde – Indie Folk

11:30am - Ruby & Bryn – Singer songwriter, folk

1pm - Justus and the voices of light – Songs about Love, hope and unity

2:30pm Kudana Marimba – African, Marimba

Promote your business with a featured image

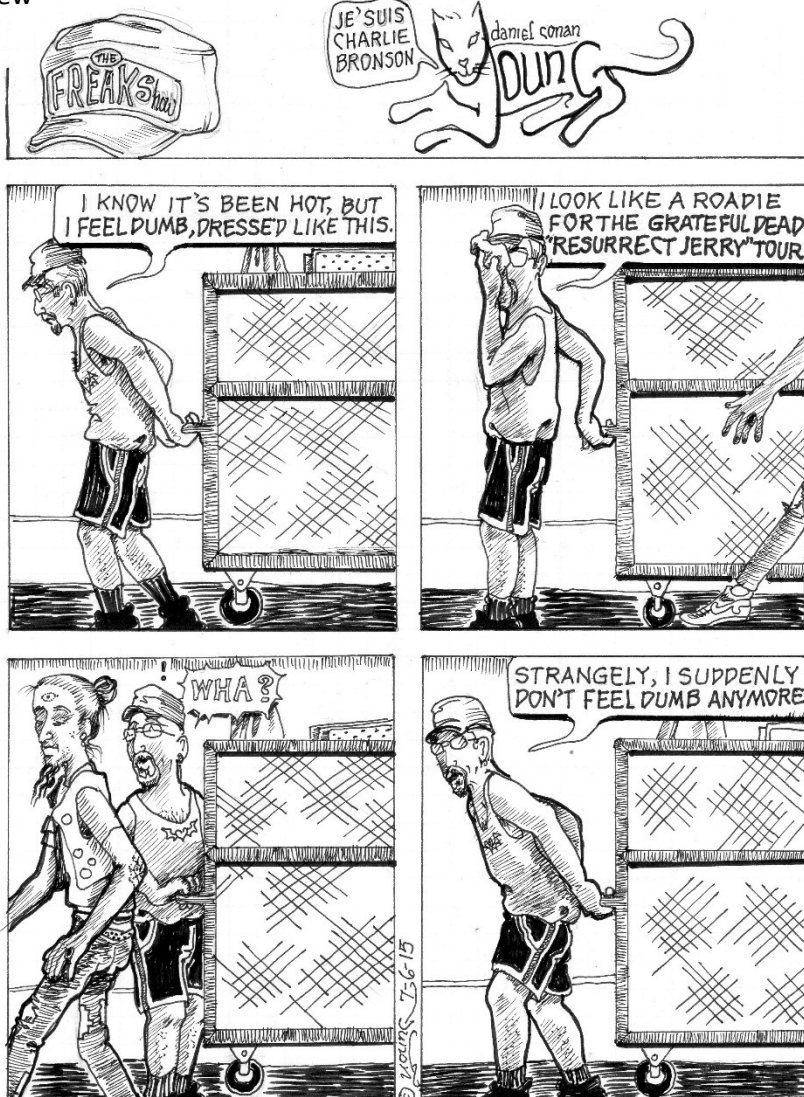
We're excited to offer you a new opportunity to help your business stand out on the Eugene Saturday Market website!

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** and 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

New Apartment or room needed

Gypsy and her husband are looking for a new place to call home right now, they come with two indoor/outdoor cats! If you are interested or know a place, please contacts her at 831-566-5341 or email at gypsyberks@yahoo.com

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. Please help Michelle if you can. Angel donation cards are available at the Info Booth.

Weather

There will be a high of 90°F low of 56°F. 10 mph winds. Humidity 30%, and a 4% chance of rain. Remember to drink water, and bring your sun protection (hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, etc.).



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

Marian Angele, Linda Westbrook, Emily Bellehumeur, Elizabeth (Libby) Cox, Lisa Todd, Cambria Simm, Jason Jamie, Diane Rivas

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

Committee Meetings

Sustainability Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 11th 4:15 – 5:15pm

Food Court Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 12th 5:15 – 7:15pm

Governance Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 13th 5:30 – 7:30pm

Holiday Market Committee Meeting

Friday, August 14th 11:00 – 1:00pm

Standards Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 19th 5:15 – 7:15pm

The Saturday Market Board of Directors and Officers

Chairperson – Doug Robertson

Vice Chairperson – Haven Sundstrom

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

Committee Chairs

Budget Committee Interim Chair: Julia Garretson

Food Court Committee Co-Chairs:

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Governance Committee Co-Chairs:

Nome May / Amanda Finegold

Holiday Market Committee

Co-Chairs: Luna Topaz / Suzanne Cherrier

Standards Committee Co-Chair:

Tika Thomas / Ram Shucart

Sustainability Committee Co-Chair:

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