



Today’s Highlights: August 15th, 2026

- ★ Elf Game
- ★ Slug Queen Coronation
- ★ Weather, Birthdays, UnClassifieds and more on the back page!

From the Office

Greetings Artisans!

The Slug Queen Coronation was Friday 8/14/26. The new Queen and her entourage should be popping by today! Please honor our new Good Will Ambassador with a traditional courtesy or bow and an exuberant whoop whoop.

The Holiday Market Poster 2026 had an error in the printing, so we have sorted it with our printers, and the corrected version is on its way. We were so excited to get it out early this year, but as fate would have it, we will be getting it out *slightly* earlier... Please return or dispose of any HM26 materials you may have collected. We will be happy to swap them out for you.

Just one of the Salty Sisters,
Shannon “Rock Salt” Lee-Hutson

Holiday Market Booking Has Begun!

Tuesday August 18th I will start with non-Booth Holders. My list starts at 52 points this season and I will be working through 36 points (hopefully) the first week of booking. Please be ready with your map, schedule, price list, and availability when I call!

From Silver

The Eugene Saturday Market, as it stands, is a zero-AI-tolerance market. This includes your guidebook ad. I’ve had a few members tell me that they used AI and I’d like to remind people of our standards:

“AI-GENERATED ART IS NOT PERMITTED AT THIS TIME.” (Page 6 of the standard and guidelines of Saturday market).

Guidebook ads made with AI, adjusted by AI and generated by AI will not be allowed!

Local Events

- Eugene Emeralds vs Hillsboro Hops Baseball – All Day
- Spencer Creek Growers Market 10-2
- Life’s A Dance Festival 8am-10pm
- Performances at the Plaza 2-5pm. Music at LTD station

Volunteer(s) of the Month

Congratulations to our 2 Volunteers of the Month of August: Tika Thomas and Ram Shucart! Both Tika and Ram serve as co-chairs of our current Standards Committee. This is the first year as elected co-chairs and they are absolutely killing it! The Standards Committee is such an amazing and challenging Committee. They make sure that every member at Market is part of our “Maker is the Seller” requirement, as well as all our other Standards that make this market so special. It can be a hard job, but these two bring firm compassion to the position. Thank you, guys!

Let Customers Know Where to Find You

Our new Live Market Map is up and running! Customers can see who is at the Market each Saturday, search by category and find exactly where each vendor is set up. Roll over a booth on a computer or tap it on a phone to see who is there.

The map updates as vendors check in, so an accurate check-in helps customers find you. Share the map with your customers and let them know where you’ll be this Saturday:
<https://eugenesaturdaymarket.org/market-map/>

– Matthew

See Something, Say Something

When you are out on the Park Blocks, artisans 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. For example, if you are an artist who makes breakables and a small child has dropped one of your pieces you can call the office phone number at (541)686-8885. Then we can send over a member of our Site-Crew to help you out with a broom and dustpan.

As always you can also visit the Info Booth in-person with concerns, questions, and ideas. We all help look after each other, so please if you see something say something. Thank you!

Dish Return Stations

Please remind your customers of the 2 Dish Return Stations to return the ESM durables: plates, forks AND baskets. We are finding that people like to take the baskets home and throw away plates/forks. They also try to return the durables to the Food Booth, by putting dirty dishes on their counters or in their clean fork bucket. The 2 return stations are located across from the pod near the Stage and along the side of Sara’s Tamales Food Booth along 8th Street. Please help us train our community to keep our Sustainability program healthy.

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

On the Market Stage

- 10:00 AM – Jim Web, Solo Artist
Country, Folk, Americana
- 11:30 AM – Clown Dancer, Duo
Featuring Anya Lecuyer
Rock, R&B, Soul, Blues, Funk
- 12:30 PM – Eugene Reigning Slug
Queen Address
- 1–4:00 PM – Rock Camp
Acoustic, Jam, Rock

Holiday Market Street Signs

We are testing new Holiday Market signs this year. If you would like a street sign on your booth please contact the office. This would most likely be on the corner of your booth. Please reach out to us before the next Holiday Market Committee meeting on September 11th.

Saturday Market Social Life!

Follow Saturday Market on our website and social media pages. Share your content by tagging us to get included and reach a new audience! Promo materials (posters, rack cards, stickers) are available at the Info Booth & office.

Linktree: linktr.ee/eugen Saturdaymarket

We're also on Bluesky, Yelp, Google Business, YouTube, Flickr, & more.

Weather

There will be a high of 84°F low of 56°F. 5 mph winds. Humidity 80%, and a 15% chance of rain. Remember to drink water, and bring your sun protection (hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, etc.).

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@eugen Saturdaymarket.org with "NEWSLETTER" in the subject.

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

Fabric Sale

I have a 30 yard roll of some nice fabric, 90% Organic Cotton 10% Bio Spandex in Black for sale. Bio spandex is made from sugar cane! Nice 10.5 oz weight! \$240 for the whole roll, that's \$8 a yard. I will sell 10 yards minimum for \$95. Contact Diana 5413449073.

Thank you, Diana Gardener

Looking For Canopy

Looking to borrow or purchase a 4x6 canopy for a market on September 6th. Could possibly do a 5x5. Please contact me at (541) 515-7149 or Morel Meadows on Instagram. Thank you!



Holiday Market Fashion Show

We are going to be doing a runway show this year! If you would like to join, first you need to find YOUR OWN MODEL. The dates are currently in the air and will be finalized soon. Please contact the office if you are interested are interested

Happy Birthday!

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

Effie Hagedorn, Rita Tinney, John Bickel, Alexandra Lopez

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

Committee Meetings

Standards Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 5:15-7:15pm

Governance Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 27, 5:30-7:30pm

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, September 2, 5:15-7:15pm

Sustainability Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 8 4:15 – 5:15pm

All meetings take place at the Market Office and some on Zoom. Request a Zoom link by emailing info@eugen Saturdaymarket.org.

All are welcome!

The Saturday Market

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Chairperson – Doug Robertson
Vice Chairperson – Haven Sundstrom
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Standards Committee Co-Chair:
Tika Thomas / Ram Shucart
Sustainability Committee Co-Chair:
Crystal Rector / Julia Garretson

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