



SATURDAY MARKET NEWSLETTER

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Today's Highlights: August 29th, 2026

- ★ Market Award
- ★ Site Crew, What Do They Do?
- ★ Holiday Market bookings this coming week: 29-20 points

From the Office

Greetings Artisans!

Last gorgeous August Saturday for the season... We have been blessed with beautiful weather all season thus far. (Global warming for the win ;p) We have ten Saturdays left of SM26 and we will then go inside for Holiday Market 2026! It is easy to get caught up in prepping for HM26, but we need to also remember to finish out our season strong. Therefore, I would like to talk seriously about placards.

What are placards? It is a sign on your booth displaying your booth number so your customers can easily find you. But it is not just the customer trying to locate you; Security must be able to quickly find you in an emergency. Site Crew needs to find you to assist with spills, glass, dangerous and/or smelly bits. We have offered Saturday Market placards in the past and still have some available at the Info Booth.

In our community filled with creatives and artists, I know we can do better than that... I would love to see placards of all sorts displayed on all booths, expressing your art, your colors, your attitudes. I challenge you to a "placard-off." During the month of September, I will roam about, as I do, looking for placards. Please catch me and show me yours and who your placard artist is, and you will be added to the placard competition. Winners will receive prizes and recognition in the newsletter.

Let's play,
Shannon Lee-Hutson
Your General Manager

Market Wide Sale

The Market-Wide Sale day is set for October 31st, marking the end of the season with fantastic sales. This event presents a great opportunity to boost sales, and it might also be the perfect chance to clear up any products you've created that you no longer wish to produce. If you have leftover items with no clear purpose, consider offering them in sample sizes for a sample sale. The Market-Wide Sale is a versatile option for anyone looking to declutter their inventory before the Holiday Market. Give it a shot!

– Silver

Market Award

The Saturday Market attended the Eugene Community's Choice Awards, knowing Saturday Market was a finalist.

We spoke with a couple who shared how much Saturday Market means to them. They talked about bringing family and friends to visit, and their appreciation for what makes it so special: The maker is the seller. That personal connection between maker and customer is at the heart of who we are.

By the end of the evening, Eugene Saturday Market had been named the 2026 Community's Choice Award winner for Local Tourist/Seasonal Attraction (again)! We earned this together.

Thank you to everyone who made this award possible, and we look forward to seeing you for many Saturdays to come.

Get Found. Get Seen. Get Shoppers to Your Booth

Your Saturday Market profile is another way to bring shoppers to your booth. Share it when you post that you'll be at Market, link to it from your website or social media, and send it to customers who want to know where to find you. A good profile helps people recognize your work, learn what you make, and find you when they get to Market.

Take a few minutes this week to give your profile a checkup. Add a great featured image, make sure your description and links are current, and show off what makes your work yours. Then share that profile! The more ways customers have to discover you before Saturday, the better chance they'll come looking for you when Market opens.

– Matthew

Local Events

- AsheFest – 9am-4pm
- 5th Street Market art show – All Day
- Spencer Creek Growers Market – 10am-2pm

Site Crew, What Do They Do? – Continued

Recycling, Garbage, and Compost

Morris serves as the Recycler and oversees the Market's durable service ware, including plates, forks, and plastic baskets. He also oversees garbage and compost and personally transports materials to Rexius.

His two assistants, Max and V, help manage garbage, recycling, and composting throughout the Market.

After Saturday Market closes, all durable service ware is taken to Food for Lane County, where the recycling team washes and sanitizes the durables. Maintaining sanitary durables is essential because they are returned to service the following week.

Member Liaison and Food Court Attendant

Kavika is our new Site Crew Member Liaison and is scheduled to work during open hours. Steven Tucker is our "all around" Food Court attendant, who also works with Kavika to assist Members, maintain safety and cleanliness, and serve as liaison between membership and staff/security. Their responsibilities include:

- Keeping tables clean
- Emptying garbage receptacles and bins
- Cleaning up spills
- Patrolling the Market for cleanliness and safety issues
- Assisting with restroom cleanliness

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.

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.

On the Market Stage

- 10:00 AM – Corey Murphy
Irish Folk
- 11:30 AM – Dan and Milo Duo
Rock, Funk, Blues, Jam
- 1:00 PM – StringBeat
Blues and more
- 2:00 PM – Belltower
Indie, Folk

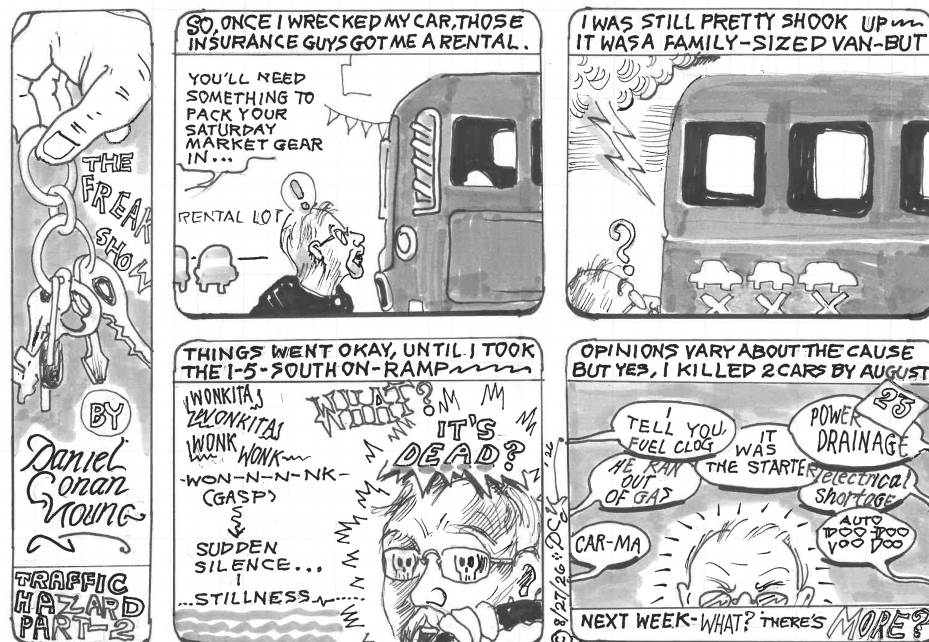
Birthdays

Hello everyone! Have you ever wondered why your birthday hasn't appeared in the newsletter? The answer is quite simple: when you signed up, you didn't provide us with your birthday. The birthdays we feature come from a report generated from our artist database, as we can't possibly remember everyone's special day. If your birthday isn't listed in your account, it won't be included. So, if you've noticed that your birthday was overlooked, please reach out to me at marketing@eugen SaturdayMarket.org and let me (or info) know your month, date, AND year. We need the birth year for it to work. Thank you, and I can't wait to celebrate and wish everyone a happy birthday!

–Silver

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.



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 541-344-9073.

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!

Job Opening

The Saturday Market is looking to hire a part-time office assistant. It is a 16-24 hour/week paid position, but required to work selling days. Please direct interested parties to gm@eugen SaturdayMarket.org for more information.

Envelope Art



by Katie Swenson

Happy Birthday!

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

Willy Gibboney, Anne Starke

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

Committee Meetings

Board of Directors Meeting

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

Governance Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 3, 5:30 – 7:30pm

Sustainability Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 4:15-5:15pm

Food Court Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 5:15-7:15pm

Holiday Market Committee Meeting

Friday, September 11, 11:00am – 1:00pm

The Saturday Market

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Chairperson – Doug Robertson
Vice Chairperson – Haven Sundstrom
Secretary – Logan Flores
Treasurer – Diana Barkelew
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:
Haven Sundstrom / Ban Esse
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:
Crystal Rector / Julia Garretson

Staff

General Manager: Shannon Lee-Hutson
Assistant Manager: Matthew Boudreau
Membership Coordinator: Sonia Ostendorf
Marketing Assistant: Silver Lee-Hutson
Office Assistant: Anne Starke
Site Ops Supervisor: Dave Welch

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