



SATURDAY MARKET NEWSLETTER

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Today's Highlights: September 5th, 2026

★ Volunteer of the Month

★ Site Crew, What Do They Do?

★ Holiday Market bookings this coming week: 24-13 points

From the Office

Greetings Artisans,

What a rainy week! As much as we love our rain, I am happy that we will be dry this Saturday. If you missed the Board meeting held on September 2nd, there are a few changes to our Standards Guidelines that are important (Scented Products and Hat Policy):

1. At Holiday Market 2026, all scented products must be completely wrapped except for one sample of each scent/variety for display. All scented backstock (that is not on display) must be wrapped and kept in a sealed container. All scented products must comply with federal guidelines and be in compliance with CA Prop 65. Labels must indicate whether essential or fragrance oil is used.

2. As long as artistic input is 50% or more on commercial hats, Hats as artwork can be sold.

The Standards Committee has been addressing this scent policy for decades. Temporary measures were made in individual cases, but our Standards Committee has made a change to our policy. Thank you, Standards Committee, for diligently working to improve our Market Standards and safety. Standards Committee minutes are currently being uploaded to the new website, so you can follow the Committee's journey and progress. If you have questions, please ask!

Obsessing over smells,

Shannon Lee-Hutson

Your General Manager

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.

Start the Holiday Market Buzz

The Holiday Market is coming! Now's the time to start talking about it. Come to the office or info booth and grab some Holiday Market postcards, hand them out at your booth, give them away with purchases, and remind your regulars to save the date.

Share Holiday Market graphics and images on social media, your website, and in your newsletters and blogs. Share them, add your own photos, and let your customers know where they can find you this holiday season.

– Matthew

Don't Miss Out on Two Halloweens This Year!

This year, we are celebrating not one, but two Halloweens! That's right—double the excitement, double the candy, and double the costumes. On October 24th we will be a part of the city-wide Halloween Downtown event, in which the market will be a trick or treat destination. The city will be closing some streets, and Saturday Market will close the streets of 8th and Oak. October 31st falls on a Saturday this year, making it even more special, we will not be closing the streets for this date. Enjoy this event.

You are allowed to distribute candy during these events, but please remember that you cannot hand out any commercially made items. Only individually wrapped candy purchased from the store is permitted—NO HOMEMADE TREATS OR CANDY.

– Silver

Volunteer of the Month

The Board took the unprecedented step of naming the Governance Committee members September's Volunteers of the Month, recognizing their outstanding work in adopting the new Code of Conduct Resolution Policy (CCRP) and its Process. Congratulations to the ENTIRE Committee for being Rockstars! (Amanda Finegold, Nome May, Maia Bowers, Sarah Smith, Genevieve Mullins, and Marcia Lent.)

Site Crew, What Do They Do? – Final

Safety and Preventative Care

The Site Crew performs physically demanding work in a fast-paced environment. The Risk Assessment code used for liability insurance coverage for the Site Crew is reportedly the same classification as a rodeo clown, underscoring the physical and potentially hazardous nature of the work.

Preventative-care equipment available to the crew includes:

- Puncture-resistant gloves
- Support belts

The Site Crew is responsible for much more than simply setting up tents. They are essential to safety, cleanliness, logistics, equipment management, vendor support, recycling and sanitation, and overall operation of Saturday Market. Their work begins hours before the public arrives and continues after the Market closes.

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@eugenesaturdaymarket 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

Local Events

- Ducks Football vs Washington Huskies Football – All day
- First Saturday Art Museum
- Pop-Up Artisan Market - 11-4 (nearby)
- Spencer Creek Growers Market - 10-2
- Skating Event - Kesey Square

On the Market Stage

- 10:00 AM – Gator
Rock, Blues
- 11:30 AM – Johann the Fill in Guy
Acoustic multigenre
- 1:00 PM – KT & The Love Notes
Indie, Folk
- 2:00 PM – Rock ‘n Rewind
1960s – 1970s classic rock/
San Francisco Sound

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.

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

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

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 Nelly Jimenez

Happy Birthday!

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

Joe Blakely, Linda Williams, Peggy Rodrigues, Jonathan Ramey, Crow Sykora, Lisa Kline, Alice Macdonald, Stephanie LaForge, Brittany Smith, Heather Schlueter, Joann McKown, Josh Wojcik

Committee Meetings

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

Standards Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 16 5:15 – 7:15pm

Budget Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 22 4:00 – 6:00pm

The Saturday Market

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