

Saturday Market Opens

There are places where the arrival of spring is marked by crocuses and robins, but in Eugene winter's end is officially marked by the opening of the year's first Saturday Market. The fourteenth annual Saturday Market season begins this Saturday, the day before Easter, and Market organizers feel that the spirit of rebirth will be going on all weekend long. Market Manager Ilene English says, "We're very optimistic about this coming year, there's a lot of good things coming our way right now."

The Market's starting out the year in a new location, the Park Blocks at 8th and Oak Streets, where last year's Christmas Market met with extraordinary success despite very hard times economically and weatherwise. Reservations for spaces by crafts and food vendors are nearly double last year's pre-season record, a good indication of the new site's popularity and a signal that the Market's strength and vitality are making a return.

"We're really looking forward to Spring in the park," English says, "with blossoms in the trees, flowers, running water, all that greenery, it's a wonderful place to have a celebration." The Saturday Market has become Eugene's weekly celebration over the years since its shaky beginnings under the Overpark on Tenth Street, through its year on the plaza and steps of the Courthouse, and the next eleven years across the street on the dismal-but-roomy Diamond "Butterfly" parking lot. "If the Market could make that parking lot look alive and beautiful, just wait until you've seen the Market in the Park this spring and summer."

Another factor in the Market organizer's enthusiasm has been a sense of widespread acceptance by the downtown business community. Support last winter from the Eugene Downtown Commission and the Eugene Downtown Association made possible the move to the Park

Blocks and helped stop a downhill slide that could have been the demise of the Saturday Market. Earlier this month fifty crafts booths held a special preview edition of the Saturday Market inside the lobby of the Eugene Hilton Conference Center. Downtown businesspeople have discovered an important fact about the Market, it brings a whole lot of people downtown on Saturday, and once downtown they tend to spread their shopping around.

The Market has also had other positive effects on the local economy. There are thousands of craftspeople, cooks, entertainers and other small-businesspeople who either got their start or a significant boost at the Saturday Market. Over a hundred local businesses currently in operation began at Eighth & Oak Streets on Saturdays. Eugene has a reputation as the arts and crafts capital of the Northwest, and a great deal of that reputation comes from artists and artisans who have been able to perfect their skills through the use of the marketplace for money, feedback, ideas, competition, connections and growth.

Who would have thought such a tradition could have been built thirteen years ago when local potter Lotte Streisinger organized the first weekly outdoor arts and crafts fair of its kind ever tried in these rainy climes? Certainly not the downtown business community who were afraid it was just another sign of unrest and revolution. Not the

County Commissioners who refused to allow the Market to locate in the Park Blocks. But the people of Eugene soon recognized it as an exciting meeting place to shop, eat, visit, and to bring friends and relatives from out of town. The Market caught on as a statement of Eugene's identity and its acceptance by the more established elements of the city has apparently come to pass.

What makes Saturday Market such a unique shopping experience is the basic rule of the Market—"Everything sold must be made by the person selling it." This provides a direct exchange between the maker and the buyer, there is no middleperson. Anybody who meets the Market's criteria can sell there by registering at the Market's Information Booth on the day of sale (this only applies to crafts vendors, food vendors should call the Market office). The daily fee for vendors is \$5.00 plus 10% of sales. The Market is a private non-profit corporation run by a nine-member Board of Directors who are elected by the general membership of the corporation. Anybody can be a member of the corporation by attending the Market's meetings.

Whether you come to look at the beautiful wares, to buy some high quality crafts, to enjoy the free entertainment, to eat all kinds of delicious foods from around the world, to visit your friends, or just to watch the people, you're sure to find what you're looking for, rain or shine, at Saturday Market.

—Ilene English

Friday

Children

Pre-school Easter Egg Hunt. Pre-registration requested to make sure enough supplies are on hand. Pre-register at the Park District office, 765 N. "A" St. or at Guy Lee School Recreation Program Office, 755 W Harlow Rd. Event at Guy Lee Field, 755 W Harlow Rd, Springfield. If it rains, hunt will be held in the gym. Willamalane Park & Recreation District, sponsor, 726-0621.

Patty Zietlin in concert for children in EMU Forum Room on the U of O campus under sponsorship of U of O Child Care Centers. The performance will begin at 10 am. Tickets are 50¢ for children, \$1 for adults. Tickets sold at door with group discount rates available. Concert especially for children ages 1-6 years.

April Fools Open House for Show School, a conservatory of professional training for talented young performers, beginning age 10. Come to meet us and find out about our summer program. April 1, 38 W 37th Ave, 6-7:30 pm. "Sparky," 485-6344 (recorded messages) or 686-9781.

Meetings

What's Your Game? Bring your favorite game—backgammon, chess, Scrabble, Pente to Susan's Game Plays and Socialize, coffee, tea and choice of snacks served. 8 pm at 75 N Jackson, Eugene. 345-6432.

Etc.

Siskiyou Mountain Retreats each weekend with shared rooms, veggie cuisine, transportation provided. \$50 Friday at 5 pm to Sunday evenings, 341-3891.

Mormon Conference Picket sponsored by NOW, departure April 1, at noon, for Saturday, April 2, 1983 meeting, semi-annual World Conference of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City. Alice Poullion, Portland, coordinator of April trip (246-3610).

ARC Bingo, cash prizes. See 4/4 listing.

Beach Party, dress "beachie." Fashion shows at 6 & 8:30 pm. Swimwear contest, \$100 cash first prize. Shilo Inn, 1-5 and Beltline. 726-1261.

Sports/Recreation

Emerald Empire High School Rodeo, April 1 & 2 at Fairgrounds. Starts 7 pm with Saturday performances at 1 pm and 7 pm. Adults \$2.50; students and sr. citizens \$2.00 and under 6, free. Cow cutting at 9 am Saturday.

Radio

KWAX 91.1 FM features Concerto #1 in D Flat Op 10 (Grattman, Piano, Cleveland Orch.), 10 am; Jazz Songbook, April in Paris: the multi-talented Vernon Duke, 7 pm.

Friday

Dance Music

Punishment Farm, an April Fools Boogie with Eugene's Rock/New Wave Band. All ages welcome, beer and wine available downstairs with ID. 9:30 pm. WOW Hall, 8th and Lincoln.

The Valley Boys at the Emerald Valley Forrest Inn Lounge. Country & rock music featuring Al & John, formerly of the Ron Lloyd Band. 8 pm, Creswell, 83293 Dale Kuni Rd.

Gay and Lesbian Dance, non-alcoholic drinks and food served. All welcome. Gala. 686-3360. U of O Faculty Club, 13th & University, sponsored by Gay & Lesbian Alliance.

Concert Music

"Tommy," 7:30 pm, Soreng Theatre, Hult Center Performing Arts. Tickets on sale at box office.

Classical Guitar Performance in a coffeehouse setting, 454 Willamette, at Zoo Zoo's best late-night coffee house from 9:30-midnight. Cost: free. Peter Thomas will be playing classical compositions of Renaissance Baroque and 19th & 20th centuries.

Video/TV

Cable 11 Community Access features: Nguzo Saba, 6:00; La Voz Hispanica, 6:30; Metro Mania, showcase of local valiant efforts that tap the pulse of the land the hearts of the people, 7:00; Friday Night in Ducktown, April Fool's Day Special, featuring music of Time Machine, Storyteller Goldrey Warner and lots of comedy; Music Notes at 8:30 pm; Science of Mind in Action with Rev John Ingram, 9:00; The Monettes April Fool Show, 9:30 pm with Avant Garde girls variety talk show a la 1983.

Saturday 2

Fairs/Festivals

Saturday Market opens its 14th year today at the beautiful new location in the Park Blocks at 8th and Oak. Dr. Atomic's World Famous Medicine Show and other local entertainers will perform, 10 am-5 pm.

KEED 1450 AM will broadcast live from downtown merchants on the Mall in connection with the Fools Run in the Rain Day. 12:30 pm, Tribal Dancers on the Mall; 4 pm drawing for trip for 2 to Bayshore Inn.



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