

sitting down and taking it all in,

The best time for Saturday Market is in the summertime, according to its manager M'Lou Zahner Carden.

"Summer is probably the best time for the market. The weather is best then . . . and there are vegetables, fruit and flowers for sale," she says.

The Market, which is held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Saturday from May to December, involves from 100 to 150 booths.

Craftsmen man the booths and sell photographs, candles, tapestries, leather goods, drawings, sandwiches, fresh corn stalks, hand-made flutes, rugs, sandals and puppets.

The Market is located on the Lane County parking lot across the street from the county court house downtown.

Saturday Market is a nice way to spend a Saturday afternoon, for craftsmen who display or for those who come to look and possibly buy, according to Carden.

"I feel a lot of people have been frightened by the label 'counter-culture'—some straights I know are even afraid to walk all the way down Willamette. We don't want this Market labeled 'counter-culture.' We like to think of it as a bridge between cultures. A place where differences are dissolved," she says.

The Market is run with little cost. The management requires persons setting up booths to pay a \$1.50 registration fee each Saturday. The money is spent to cover legal fees, parking lot rental, salaries for the manager and assistant manager, insurance, garbage, stationery, ropes and other equipment.

"Saturday Market is a gathering together of everybody. One of the only places people can come and feel relaxed," Carden says.

The variety of wares at the Market is rivaled only by the variety of shoppers and lookers-on. Children four and five years old, senior citizens, middle-aged businessmen, Eugene police officers off duty but still in uniform, students—they all come to the Market to see the wares.



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