

SATURDAY, 8/27

Blackberry Arts Festival, celebration of all things blackberry, including jams, jellies, baked goods & wine, with vendors & more, Aug. 27 & 28, downtown Coos Bay. coosbaydowntown.org

Swan Island Dahlia Festival, flowers, refreshments, demonstrations and more, indoor display 10am-6pm, fields open 8am-8pm, Aug. 27-29 & Sept. 3-5, Swan Island Dahlias, Canby, www.dahlias.com or (800) 410-6540. FREE.

Star of Hope's Bluegrass Bash, noon-6pm, Mingus Park, Coos Bay, www.oregonsadventurecoast.com or 888-8893 ext. 56. \$10, \$20 family pass.

Huey Lewis & the News, 7pm, Oregon Zoo, Portland, www.oregonzoo.org or (800) 745-3000. \$39.

SUNDAY, 8/28

Stop and Smell the Roadsters Outdoor Car Show, 10am-4pm, Oregon Garden, Silverton, www.oregongarden.org or (503) 874-8100. \$15.

MONDAY, 8/29

Cheap Trick, 7:30pm, Britt Pavilion, Jacksonville, www.brittfest.org or (541) 773-6077. \$23-\$55.

SEPTEMBER**THURSDAY, 9/1**

John Butler Trio, 7pm, Britt Pavilion, Jacksonville, www.brittfest.org or (541) 773-6077. \$19-\$39.

FRIDAY, 9/2

Rockapella, The Coats, 7:30pm, Britt Pavilion, Jacksonville, www.brittfest.org or (541) 773-6077. \$11-\$36.

SATURDAY, 9/3

Portland Pirate Festival, music, dancing, performances, cannon shows, sword fights, puppet shows, family-friendly event, Sept. 3 & 4, St. Helens, www.portlandpiratefestival.com \$10 adv., \$12 gate, \$5/\$6 kids.

Art in the Pearl More than 100 artists show and sell their work at Portland's annual Labor Day weekend festival. A world music stage, food court and educational pavilion round out the weekend's activities. 10am-6pm Sept. 3 & 4, 10am-5pm Sept. 5, Northwest Park blocks, Portland, www.artinthepearl.com or (503) 722-9017. FREE.

Chris Botti, 7:30pm, Britt Pavilion, Jacksonville, www.brittfest.org or (541) 773-6077. \$24-\$54.

SUNDAY, 9/4

Ray LaMontagne & The Pariah Dogs, 6pm, McMenamins Edgefield, Troutdale, www.edgefieldconcerts.com or (800) 669-8610. \$39/\$74.

TUESDAY, 9/6

Ray LaMontagne & The Pariah Dogs, 6pm, Les Schwab Amphitheater, Bend, www.bendconcerts.com or 312-8510. \$34-\$64.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7

MusicFest NW: Band of Horses, Iron & Wine, Explosions in the Sky, The Kills, Butthole Surfers, Archers of Loaf & more, Sept. 7-11, many venues, Portland. www.musicfestnw.com \$70-\$250, individual show tickets also available.

FRIDAY, 9/9

Bandon Cranberry Festival, food fair, parade, salmon derby, children's activities & more, Sept. 9-11, City Park, Old Town & Marina, Bandon, www.bandon.com

Sisters Folk Festival, featured performers include Dave Alvin, Steve Forbert, Mary Gauthier and many more, Sept. 9-11, Sisters, www.sistersfolkfestival.com or (541) 549-4979. \$85, \$95 after Aug. 1., single-day tickets also available.

**SOUTH
EUGENE
FARMERS'
MARKET**

I love summer time and, after all, who doesn't? If for nothing else, you gotta love it for the fruit: Strawberries, blueberries, pears, cherries (and all the rest). Yes, it's truly one of the best times to get your healthy snack on. Speaking of which, if you're looking for delicious produce this summer, there's a hidden gem to be discovered at the Southtowne Shoppes courtyard in Southeast Eugene. Located on the corner of 28th and Oak streets, the **South Eugene Farmers' Market** boasts a cozy assortment of vendors from all over Lane County's local farmland.

The main attraction is Sweetwater Farm's produce stand, which acts as a centerpiece for the weekly event. The stand itself has produce ranging from organically grown vegetables to perfectly ripe fruit, and the people are always friendly. The entire market is set back from the main road and remains fairly quiet throughout the day, but this shouldn't be taken as a sign of inferiority — it's simply indicative of the fact that the most frequent customers come from the neighborhood surrounding the Southtowne Shoppes complex.

The location has other benefits, too: It's slap-bang in the center of just about everything worth visiting in the area — Barry's Espresso and Bakery, Long's Meat Market, Mulligan's Pub (okay, so that one's a matter of opinion, especially before noon) and Sushi Domo are all a stone's throw away from the market. And if that doesn't tickle your fancy, there's always the produce stands to keep you occupied for as long as you please. Oh, and free samples — don't miss the free samples.

It's not often that a well-kept-by-accident secret such as this gets unearthed, so get out there and scope it while you can. The market starts early, and winds down a bit by the early afternoon, so it's probably for the best if you're an early riser on this one. After all, the best stock is to be had at the beginning of the day.

The South Eugene Farmers' Market starts Sunday, June 12, and runs through September. Hours are 9 am-2 pm. More information at goodfoodeasy.com — Andy Valentine

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