



MAMA

Spring  
2011

Newsletter

April, May  
& June



# Classes

\$25

Cardholders Only  
Reservations Required

## The Joy of Life, Level One

Let MAMA help you get your garden started! This class teaches cardholders how to make starts from cuttings of the cannabis plant, and gives an overview of organic gardening methods that can help growers and patients grow healthy, mature plants.

**Portland:** Weekly on Wednesdays  
@ 4:30 pm

**The Dalles:** April 14<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>  
@ 3:00 pm



## Joy of Life, Level Two

Now that you've got your garden started, come explore more advanced cultivation techniques with an experienced and successful grower.

**Portland:** April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 25<sup>th</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup>  
@ 4:30 pm

**The Dalles:** April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 26<sup>th</sup>, June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
@ 3:00 pm

## Preparations Classes

Many patients prefer to use cannabis topically for relief for pain and inflammation. It is applied in creams, lotions and oils infused with cannabis. Learn how to expand your medicinal uses.

Use Glycerin and Alcohol to make tincture.  
Make butter and oil to cook with.

Create your own forms of topically used Preparations.

### PDX Classes at 4:20 pm

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

### The Dalles Classes at 2:00 pm

April 7<sup>th</sup> Topical Uses with oils & tinctures

May 19<sup>th</sup> Tinctures with alcohol & glycerin

June 16<sup>th</sup> Edibles, using butter and oil

# Finally Classes in Bend

## Classes Coming to Bend

MAMA classes are coming to Bend.

Watch our website for the schedule.

We will be having a Preparations class on 'Topical Uses' on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at noon.

For OMMP Cardholders only.

Space is limited so Reservations are Required

Cost \$25

Portland 503-233-4202  
The Dalles 541-298-4202  
Bend 503-974-1219

clinic@mamas.org



## MAMA Volunteers

We are so grateful to the volunteers who give their time and talent to teach classes week after week, month after month and even year after year. Other volunteers help us with socials, maintain our inside and outside spaces and help in many other ways that are equally important.

Do you have some talent to share? 

# MAMA Spring Social Events

## Bend

MAMA's Place  
454 NE Revere Ave  
MAMA Members only

Pot Luck Socials

Friday, April 15th  
(4 to 7 PM)

Friday, May 6th  
(4 to 7 pm)

Friday, June 17th  
(4 to 7 pm)



## Portland

5217 SE 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Saturday, April 16th

*Pot Luck*

(1 to 4 PM)

OMMP Cardholders Only

Thursday, May 5th

Open House  
(1 to 4 pm)

Thursday, June 16th

Open House  
(1 to 4 pm)

## The Dalles

319 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Pot Luck Lunches

Friday, April 15th  
(noon to 2 pm)

Friday, May 6th  
(noon to 2 pm)

Friday, June 17th  
(noon to 2 pm)

Meet Hugo, author of  
**"THE MAGIC FORMULA".**  
He will be introducing his new book and  
doing a book signing at all 3 MAMA locations.

He will be available in:

**Bend:** Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:20 PM

**PDX:** Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:20 PM

**TD:** Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:20 PM

Fun at  
MAMA's  
Mardi Gras  
Party on  
March 5<sup>th</sup>



# MAMA's Wish List



*We get by with a little help from our friends*



**Blue** Ballpoint Pens,  
Paper Clips,  
Copy Paper,  
Small Notepads,  
Acrylic Brochure or Sign  
Holders,  
Antiseptic Wipes,  
Hand Towels and  
Washcloths,  
Dish rags,  
Scrubbing pads,  
Toilet Paper,  
Kitchen utensils,  
Paper Cups,  
Paper Plates,  
Paper Towels,  
Plastic eating utensils,  
Paper Bags,  
Bowls and pans for classes

If you have any of these items to  
donate, please call your local  
office to make arrangements.

**As always, we thank you for  
your support.**

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The Dalles 541-298-4202  
Bend 503-974-1219  
donations@mamas.org

Wall Art  
Large Decorative Plant  
Pots,  
Potting Soil,  
Office Chairs,  
Book Shelves,  
Display Cabinet,  
Reception Chairs,  
Carpet (good condition),  
Storage Cabinets,  
Area rugs,  
Vacuum cleaner  
Clean Canning Jars & Lids  
8 ounce (cup), 16 ounce  
(pint) & 32 ounce (quart),  
Small Tool Kit  
including hammer, nails,  
screws, screwdrivers,  
pliers, etc

# The legislature is in session!

See MAMA's Legislative Alerts on our website

[www.mamas.org](http://www.mamas.org)

**The legislature is in session with 31 bills related to cannabis.**

**24 of those roll back rights of OMMP patients.**

**13 bills directly affect OMMP Administration.**

**2 bills propose regulated dispensaries and licensed producers  
(HB 3423 & SB 874)**

**See Page 8 for more information.**

Currently all House Bills are on hold, but a legislative workgroup is being considered for inclusion in and omnibus medical marijuana bill.

Please, do your part by communicating with your legislators and those on the committees hearing the bills. You can call; send email or faxes and mail letters. If you can't make the hearings in person, you can send written testimony. It is extremely important that legislators know there are many of us who care what happens to our rights.

**To see all cannabis related bills go to:  
<http://www.leg.state.or.us:8765/query.html?col=0meas11&qt=+marijuana&submit=Go>**

**To find contact information on your legislators go to:  
<http://www.leg.state.or.us/find-legsltr/>**

# Advisory Committee on Medical Marijuana (ACMM)



## ACMM Meeting Report March 21, 2011 Eugene, OR

The ACMM met for its quarterly meeting in Eugene on March 21st. We were off to a rough start when the publicized location was not the actual place where we met, without notice. We followed the OMMP Administration to our newly assigned place and hoped everyone seeking the meeting would be able to find us.

The ACMM is comprised of eleven members, who are advocates of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP) and are appointed by the Department of Human Services director. They are patients, caregivers, growers, physicians and an attorney. The ACMM was established with the passing of Senate Bill 1085 on 1/1/2006. Their mission is to advise the Administration of the OMMP on the administrative aspects, to review current and proposed administrative rules and provide input on fee structure.

### Administration Report;

#### ***Current OMMP statistics as of 03-21-11***

48,578 patients, includes pending applications entered into database.  
3,864 MD's recommending OMMP for patients (up 346 since March)  
OMMP staff grew from 28 employees to 31 since March 2010  
OMMP is still in the process of instituting a new Registry Computer System since "old data system is unsupportable due to growth of data base, steady increase in work load *and inability to respond to law enforcement quickly.*"



Absent: Brian Michaels, Christine McGarvin,  
Dr. Gerry Lehrburger, Art Witkowski

The ACMM & the OMMP  
Administration

There was discussion about what do when a Grower wants to be removed from a Patient's registration and the grow site as well. Since a grow site is required, one suggestion was to list it at the patient' address, but currently the patient only has to provide a mailing address. The grow site must have a physical address. A solution is still being sought.

Concern about how Law Enforcement uses the LEDS Data Base to check who is a cardholder was another topic of discussion. Per the manual: The LEDS inquiry for OMMP can only be accessed for "specific investigative need to confirm the validity of a specific registration cardholder or to determine the existence" of a card for a person or street address. A recent lawsuit called the 'HELD' suit seems to uphold that they need to provide a specific investigative reason for accessing LEDS, with evidence already discovered. There will be further investigation and action on this issue.

### Outreach Committee

Outreach Chair Christine McGarvin was unable to attend, but reported that no responses have been received to letters that have been sent. No reply came from the Director of the Eugene OR Airport, Tom Doll, requesting information regarding their policies pertaining to OMMP patients boarding airplanes with their cannabis medicine; nor to a letter to Sheriff Gil Gilbertson in Josephine County requesting that he provide the ACMM with factual data justifying the statement that he made in the Oct 12, 2010 issue of the Grants Pass Daily Courier: "Current law (re: OMMA) is a travesty...only 4 percent (of patients) actually need (medical marijuana), the others are recreational users."

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## ACMM Meeting Report continued

### Outreach Committee report continued

Given the lack of response to our many letters requesting actual crime statistics involving OMMP cardholders per county, we are still interested in finding ways to obtain this data. At the last ACMM meeting in Dec 2010, Aaron Cossel reported that: less than 50 cardholders had been removed from the OMMP roster due to criminal activity, and less than 10 court orders were issued to remove convicted felons from the OMMP.

With approximately 50,000 patients, less than 60 total criminal convictions presents a STARK CONTRAST to overly exaggerated claims from law enforcement that most of the people on the OMMP are criminals or engaged in fraudulent behavior. The real concern is that Law Enforcement and Legislators are attempting to circumvent physicians' expertise and efforts to care for patient suffering. (Note: OMMP crime rate = 0.0012% compared to the average reported crime rate of 3639 crimes per 100,000 or .035 (3 ½ %).

### Horticulture and Safety Committee

Todd Dalotto, Chair made a motion the Committee be called Horticulture, Research and Safety Committee. The motion passed. Todd also gave us information about some of the current bills, see slide 8

### The next ACMM meeting

will be in Portland in June.

Date and location to be announced.

See: <http://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/ChronicDisease/MedicalMarijuanaProgram/Pages/mtnngnotice.aspx>

ACMM meetings minutes should be at:

[http://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/ChronicDisease/MedicalMarijuanaProgram/Pages/acmm.aspx#ACMM\\_Meeting\\_Minutes](http://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/ChronicDisease/MedicalMarijuanaProgram/Pages/acmm.aspx#ACMM_Meeting_Minutes)



Front left. Todd Dalotto, Vice Chair

Standing Laird Funk, Chair

Front right, Retiring Chair, Jim Klahr

### Adding Conditions

Leland Berger, attorney for Ed Glick, informed us of the agreements regarding how DHS will process Mr. Glick's petition, which he has filed again to DHS to add certain conditions.

**Thank you, Lee, for helping Ed with this. I hope patients will support you both as you continue this valiant effort.**

The ACMM is awaiting the OMMP's determination regarding the request from the ACMM that panel selection criteria for OAR 333-008-0090 be changed to state:

***“All members on the panel to add qualifying conditions must have demonstrated in their professional field recognition of the therapeutic qualities of cannabis. Only those members who have demonstrated recognition of the therapeutic qualities of cannabis who are serving on the panel when new membership is considered will be responsible for selecting any new members by a majority vote...”***

### Election of Officers

Laird Funk, Williams, was elected the ACMM Chair for the next year and Todd Dalotto, Eugene, was elected as Vice Chair. Christine McGarvin and Todd Dalotto were re-elected to chair their subcommittees.

## Some Legislative Bills Regarding Cannabis

### Information from Todd Dalotto

**HB 2178:** Includes preschool in meaning of school for purpose of controlled substance offences committed within 1,000 feet of school.

**HB 3077:** Requires medical marijuana registry identification cardholder (cardholder) to be an Oregon resident.

**HB 3093:** Reduces amount of useable medical marijuana that person can possess to one ounce

**HB 3129:** Modifies provision relating to release of information from OMMP to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Law Enforcement

**HB 3132:** Modifies provisions relating to registry identification card for medical purposes. Provides that the OHA shall revoke registry identification card if cardholder is convicted of drug crime.

**HB 3202:** Modifies dramatically provisions of Oregon Medical Marijuana Act (OMCA)

**HB 3423:** Requires OHAA to adopt rules that establish standards and procedures for registration of manufacture and delivery of medical marijuana.

**HB 3426:** Requires applicant for marijuana grow site registration to notify OHA if premises of marijuana grow site are rented or leased and provide name and address of owner. Requires authority to notify owner of premises that authority has registered marijuana grow site on premises.

**SB 327:** Creates crime of unlawful manufacture of marijuana on public land. Punishes by maximum of 20 years imprisonment, \$375,000 fine, or both.

**SB 377:** Authorizes court to enter judgment of conviction of Class A misdemeanor when person is convicted of manufacturing amounts of marijuana not greater than amounts permitted for possession under the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act.

**SB 708:** Directs OHA to develop system by which certain law enforcement employees may determine whether person is medical marijuana registry identification card holder or designated primary caregiver of cardholder or whether location is authorized marijuana grow site.

**SB 874:** Provides that registry identification cardholders and designated primary caregivers may be responsible for indoor marijuana grow site. Directs State Department of Agriculture to establish registration system for marijuana farms. Directs State Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules allowing pharmacy or pharmacist to purchase marijuana from marijuana farm and dispense marijuana to cardholders.

To see all cannabis related bills go to:  
<http://www.leg.state.or.us:8765/query.html?col=0meas11&qt=+marijuana&submit=Go>

**SB 874 has been scheduled for a Senate Judiciary Hearing on Thursday, April 14, 8:30am in Rm 343.**

## NEWS ARTICLES OF INTEREST

**I receive many news articles that I think many of you would like to know about.  
This page for links to these stories, so you can explore them yourselves.**

**The Michael Phillips Compassionate Care ct was introduced in the Alabama House 3-30-11 by Rep. Patricia Todd (D-Birmingham)**

<http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/acas/searchableinstruments/2011rs/bills/hb386.htm>

**N.J. Medical Pot Startup Companies Well Connected**

<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2011/04/02/n-j-medical-pot-startup-companies-well-connected/>

**Cannabinoids for the Treatment of Neuropathic Pain    Are they safe and effective?**

You need to create a free account, but very interesting article. [http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/739103\\_print](http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/739103_print)

**Medical Marijuana Lobbying Debuts in Washington D.C.**

[http://www.afro.com/sections/news/afro\\_briefs/story.htm?storyid=4585](http://www.afro.com/sections/news/afro_briefs/story.htm?storyid=4585)

**Video and Cmte. Docs for WA's Medical Marijuana Bill**

[http://www.afro.com/sections/news/afro\\_briefs/story.htm?storyid=4585](http://www.afro.com/sections/news/afro_briefs/story.htm?storyid=4585)

**Read on the ACLU of Michigan website**

<<http://www.aclumich.org/issues/drug-policy/2011-04/1532>>

**Portugal's experiment with drug laws is paying off**

[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/health/2013771962\\_apeufaileddrugwarsolutions.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/health/2013771962_apeufaileddrugwarsolutions.html)

**DEA more than a drug enforcement agency**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/26/world/26wikidrugs.html?\\_r=1&hp](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/26/world/26wikidrugs.html?_r=1&hp)

**Harris Poll: Majorities of Americans Support Legalizing Medical Marijuana**

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/03/31/3517394/majorities-of-americans-support.html>



Dr. Grant Higginson  
and Sandee  
Burbank  
March 23, 2011

### Farewell, Dr. Higginson!

Dr. Grant Higginson led the OMMP Administration since its beginning in 1999. In uncharted territory he represented the OMMP to advocates, the legislature, doctors, law enforcement and some who wanted to close the program down. There were some very interesting times as the Program was established with administrative rules. There is no word yet on who will take his place.

My interaction with him grew closer in 2001 when advocates had planned a rally to protest the time it was taking to get patients' cards to them. At that time he agreed to meet with me and several others. This group became the Administrative Work Group. Some of these same people now serve on the ACMM.

I have always liked Dr. Higginson, a very pleasant and courteous man. I didn't always like the news he brought from his superiors in the Department of Human Resources. Recently Dr. Higginson attended a Drug Consumer Safety presentation by Mark Miller, MAMA's Education Director. I took these pictures that day

I will miss Grant and wish him good health and a happy retirement.

Sandee

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### SANDEE'S BLOG

#### "From My Side of the Mirror"

This is an opportunity for Sandee to more quickly communicate with you, rather than hope there is room in our quarterly newsletter.

A link is on the front page of our website, Bottom Left  
[www.mamas.org](http://www.mamas.org)



DR Higginson  
and Mark Miller

### SPRING CLEANING

We could use help cleaning up the outside spaces at all our clinics. If you have the time and inclination, please contact DeeAnn, our volunteer coordinator, at

541-298-4202 ext 302



Gardeners are busy getting their gardens ready for warmer weather. Some days it seems like that time will never come, as many around the state are still experiencing cold weather and even occasional snow flurries.

Outdoor gardeners welcome help with babies from their indoor friends. Can you help?