

From the Executive Director

As May is the month of Mother's Day, I can't help but reflect on how MAMA became what it is today. Seven women met in our family's small cabin in Mosier in 1982. Our children were toddlers and we wanted to do what we could to prepare them for the decisions they would be making about drug use in this world filled with an ever expanding drug technology. First we needed to do a great deal of self education and we were thrilled to learn of Mark Miller, then the Director of the University of Oregon, Drug Information Center. Mark's unbiased approach to Drug Consumer Safety opened our eyes and changed our lives.

As a result, our children have learned from an early age that ALL drug use requires serious consideration and awareness. Drugs as seemingly safe as aspirin lead to hundreds of deaths every year. In fact use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, which can be bought over the counter, causes as many deaths annually as ALL illegal drugs combined.

For 25 years since that first meeting, MAMA has protected and championed the Drug Consumer Safety approach after the Drug Information Center closed. Mark Miller serves as the Drug Education Director for MAMA and we continue to expand our educational offerings. Mark will be making a presentation at the OGF West meeting on May 19th. If you'd like to schedule a presentation by Mark for your friends, a community or church group, contact us 503-233-4202. **Educate, educate, educate - Sandee**



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Daniel's Message

"Music is love in search of a word." – Colette (Sidonie Gabrielle) 1873-1954
Amazing music accompanies many of our events, and whether we're tapping our toes or captivated with a chord, it's the musicians who make it all possible. They load & unload gear into cars and travel many miles at their own expense to make the soundtracks of our memories.



Joe Rosenberry has played solo, duo, and with an amazing string ensemble and people can't get enough. He, hosted a Mardi Gras celebration and has played the role of video documentarian. We are very grateful for all his contributions. **Tim Pate** has played to 100s of thousands and a couple dozen; as the opening act for the Seattle Hempfest, or anytime we ask. **Nathan Jr., Counterfeit Cash, Steven Bach and the Stan McMahon Band** have treated us to stratospheric strums, men in black swagger, lightly tickled ivory, and reminiscent pop-recollections. There is also our resident rocker, **Jack Thomas**, Thank you all for putting your love to music and sharing it with us. – Daniel

In the neighborhood

Spring is bursting out all over.

Just a few blocks from the MAMA Clinic, the Rhododendron Garden is open to the public and in beautiful bloom. This place offers a quiet retreat year round, even without the showy blooms of the rhodies and azaleas. The perfume of many plants lightly scent the air and the sound of geese, ducks and a variety of other birds punctuate the quiet.

On a recent tour, my first in a wheelchair, we watched the newly hatched ducklings with their protective parents.

On some days admission is free, but other days there is a \$3 fee, which is well worth the pleasure it provides. I hope are able to take advantage of a stroll through this peaceful place.

Jennifer Burbank and Eva in the Rhododendren Garden



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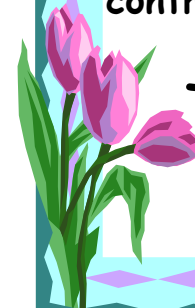
MAMA's WISH LIST

Shelves
Pavilion
Picnic tables
Spray bottles
Tincture bottles
Outdoor furniture
Surveillance cameras
Baby food jars with lids
Extra virgin olive oil
Pop up canopy
Paper bags
Coat rack
Volunteers
Butter

MAMA makes good use of items people have, but no longer need or want.

To those who
have already so
generously
contributed...

Thank
You!



SOCIAL EVENTS

MAMA MONTHLY

POTLUCK
LUNCH



FRIDAY, MAY 11TH
Noon to 1:30 PM

Join us with your favorite dish

BACKYARD BBQ

Friday, May 18th
4-7 PM

MAMA ANNEX



This is a
Family Event

We will supply hot dogs,
hamburgers, veggie
burgers, chips, beverages
and live music.

You bring side dishes and desserts.

Come one, come all,
We are sure to have a ball.

Suggested Donation \$3

MAMA's Office

Open Monday through Friday from
10 AM to 4 PM.

MAMA's Clinic helps patients gather needed medical records and schedules appointments with our doctors. **MAMA's** counselors are well versed in the OMMP application process and teach patients how to avoid negative interaction with medications, and other harm reduction techniques. **MAMA's Classes**, separate from the clinics, are designed to help patients become self sufficient as quickly as possible.

MAMA's Social Events offer an opportunity to meet people, network and have fun.

MAMA's Website www.mamas.org has a calendar and newsletter that will help keep you informed of MAMA events.

See the "**Bee Aware**" column for important meetings & happenings.

The "**Bears Watching**" column tells of pending legislative action in regard to drug policy.

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MARCH CLASSES FOR
OMMP CARDHOLDERS ONLY

Fee \$25

Advance Reservations **REQUIRED**
Limited Space-Reserve Early

"Harm Reduction Techniques"

Mondays- 14th & 28th 4 PM
Overview of the various techniques of using medicinal cannabis, includes demonstration of a variety of vaporization devices.

"Joy of Life", Making Cuttings"

Wednesdays - 2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th 4 PM
Get your fingers in the dirt and learn to make your own healthy cuttings. Organic, dirt.

"Growing in Small Spaces"

Wednesday - 28th 4 PM
Learn how to meet the challenges of limited space and still produce quality medicine.

"Cannabis Preparations"

Tuesday - 1st 4 PM
Thursday - 22nd 4 PM
Learn about making glycerin tincture, butter & oil; a great way to stretch your medicine.

"Heavenly Chocolate"

Friday- 4th 4 PM
Learn how to make delicious medicated chocolate truffles, taught by a professional chocolate maker. **Mmmm!**

It's Your Turn



Monday, April 2nd

OMMP Patients and Supporters gathered on the Capitol steps in Salem to educate and be educated.



ABOVE
Sandee Burbank & Jim Byron of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP) inside the Capitol.



Daniel Chandler, MAMA Clinic Director

Below, Elvy Musikka



Changing Public Opinion



On Monday April 2, 2007, it didn't rain, but the weather was chilly. That didn't stop patients, registered in the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP), from gathering on the front steps of the Oregon Capitol to tell how medical cannabis helps them. Patients came, many traveling long distances and experiencing extreme discomfort to attend. One at a time patients stepped up to the podium and told their story. Some were frightened, but they stepped up anyway. Others listened, learned and felt empowered by the shared experience. Some attendees were able to meet their own legislators, a first time experience for many. We are happy for each and every one who cared enough to show up and take advantage of this educational event.

After 2 hours on the steps, we made our way into Hearing Room 50, and listened for 4 hours to expert speakers, who explained proposed legislation and taught about reducing the risks of all drug use. These presentations were offered so patients could be better informed to protect themselves and expand their understanding of drug policy reform issues. This was a wonderful opportunity for patients to educate themselves and if you missed this event, you may want to make it a priority to make the next one.

4-21/ Day After Party



Time to Eat

Volunteers arrived at the office at 11 am. They loaded the cars and we were off to Wilsonville. The venue was very comfortable, but required rearranging and decorating, a job at which Anita always excels. The chefs went to work making the place fill with tantalizing smells that promised delicious treats. The band, Bridgetown Riders, set up and started playing before our guests arrived. Our guests arrived at 4, ready to celebrate and have fun. And they did. The music was great, the food delicious and the company supreme. A raffle by Glass Man helped raise additional funds. Thanks to all who came. You make the fun happen. We look forward to more good times ahead. Thanks to Darian, Charles, Tonya, Becky and Chris for their roles in providing security and support.

Chef's Matt & Scott served generous portions of tasty food for both meat eaters and vegetarians. Next time you're looking for someone to cater your special event you might think of **Red Frog Catering.**
 503 752 7277



Matt & Scott



Bears Watching

Senate Bills Pending

Check our website
www.mamas.org for new bills.

SB 161 - (at the request of Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski for Department of Human Services) — Relating to medical marijuana.

SB 294 -Relating to medical marijuana, similar to SB 465

SB 348 By Senator PROZANSKI — Relating to industrial hemp; appropriating money.

SB 393 By Senator KRUSE - Relating to drug testing of public assistance clients.

SB 394 By Senator KRUSE - Relating to drug testing of state government employees.

SB 396 By Senator KRUSE - Relating to drug testing of public education employees.

SB 423 By Senator DECKERT - Relating to discrimination because of medical use of marijuana.

SB 465 By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY -Relating to drugs in workplace.

SB 606 By Senator NELSON - Relating to drug testing for public assistance

SB 767-By Senator MORRISETTE — Relating to medical marijuana dispensary program pilot project.

Senate Bills 294 and 465 are identical bills which would preclude Oregon Medical Marijuana program registrants from gaining or keeping employment.

House Bills Pending

HB 2306 - Relating to drug tests for public officials.

HB 2429 - Relating to deduction from wages to reimburse employer for cost of drug test given to employee.

HB 2441 By Rep. HANNA & Rep. CAMERON - Relating to eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits.

HB 3299 By Representative SHIELDS at the request of Lee Berger - Relating to medical marijuana

To find the text of a bill go to
http://www.leg.state.or.us/bills_laws/



Bee Aware

Meetings

Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs

Tuesday, May 22, 2007 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Business meeting - Salem Human Services Building 137A

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Business meeting - Salem Human Services Building 137A

Advisory Committee on Medical Marijuana (ACMM)

Regular quarterly meeting

June, 2007



Time & date to be announced

At the March ACMM meeting Sandee Burbank was elected Chair and Laird Funk Vice Chair

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