



A Rational Approach to Drugs

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**CLASSES**  
**For OMMP Cardholders**  
**ONLY**

**\$25**  
**RESERVATIONS**  
**REQUIRED**

**"Harm Reduction Techniques"**

Overview of the various techniques of using medicinal cannabis.  
 Mon - 4 PM  
 Sept 22nd

**"Joy of Life" (Making Cuttings)"**

Get your fingers in the dirt and learn to make your own healthy rooted clones. Organic, dirt.  
 Wed - 4:20 PM  
 Sept 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

**"Chocolate Making"**

Learn how to make perfect, melt-in-your-mouth, chocolate truffles, taught by a professional chocolate maker. This class is a favorite and fills up fast  
 Tue - 4:20 PM  
 Sept 26th

**"Preparations"**

Learn about making glycerin and alcohol tincture, butter and oil; expand your medicinal uses.  
 Thurs - 4:20 PM  
 Sept 25th

**"Bubble"**

Various methods of gleaning medicine from waste, using water, ice and more.  
 Tues - 4:20 PM  
 Sept 23rd

# September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Labor Day</b> CLOSED	2	3 ** Class <a href="#">Joy of Life</a>	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 ** Class <a href="#">Joy of Life</a>	11	12 <b>Bend Social</b>	13
14	15	16	17 ** Class <a href="#">Joy of Life</a>	18	19 <b>ACMM Meeting Portland</b>	20
21	22 ** Class <a href="#">Harm Reduction</a>	23 ** Class <a href="#">Bubble</a>	24 ** Class <a href="#">Joy of Life</a>	25 ** Class <a href="#">Preparations</a>	26 ** Class <a href="#">Chocolate</a>	27 Cardholder Party <b>"Farwell To Summer"</b>
28	29	30				

**MAMA will be sponsoring 2 social events this month**

**Fri. Friday Sept 12th**

**Cardholders Only Party**  
**Pot Luck and Game Night**  
**Bend Community Center**  
**1036 NE 5th Street—Bend**  
**4:20 to 7:30 PM**

**Sat. September 27th**

**Cardholder Only Party**  
**Farewell to Summer**  
**MAMA Backyard 5217 SE 28th Avenue—Portland**  
**4:20 to 7:30 PM**

**Fri. September 19th**

**Advisory Committee on Medical Marijuana (ACMM) Meeting**  
**10:00 AM-2:30 PM**  
**Portland State Office Building - Room 1E**

8-27-08 Sandee Writes

Yesterday, I was able to fulfill a long held dream; to speak before the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs. When MAMA first formed we looked to see which government agency addressed the issues about which we are concerned. It seemed like this Council, which addressed "prevention, education and treatment", filled the bill. It has been disappointing through the years to see a close-minded, almost mean, attitude regarding cannabis use. There was little effort for almost 10 years to understand administration of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program or how it was affecting patients. In 2007 the Council published "The Domino Effect", which had alarming things to say about the Program and called for raising the OMMP patient fee \$50.

This report is available online:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/addiction/publications/07-09businessplan.pdf>

Due to this report the Advisory Committee on Medical Marijuana (ACMM) began a dialog with the Council, which culminated in Tawana Nichols, OMMP Director, and me being invited August 26th to speak regarding the OMMP. Though nervous, I was calmed when I saw the room fill up with the friendly, beautiful faces of MAMA members/OMMP patients. Thank you! They weren't alone, as the Governor's Drug Policy Analyst, a representative from the State Police and others joined them. Tawana gave a PowerPoint presentation that explained what the OMMP Administration and the OMMP Law did and did not do. She was well prepared. I told the Council how happy I was that after 10 years they finally were going to try to understand the OMMP and provided them with a great deal of information. See <http://www.mamas.org:80/GovCouncil.htm>

Now came the questions for Tawana and me. The Council has 15 members and it is quite apparent they are not all of the same mind on this issue, Some support the OMMP and others are angry that we are even talking about it. With now over 20,800 patients registered in the Program, I think that they believe my statement, "This Program is not going to go quietly away." Soon they will send their next report into the Governor. Let us hope that truth and reason prevail.

They could say, "The Federal Law is a lie." But then, I always was a dreamer.

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