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Yes We Cann: Cannabis market and symposium

The Reader, MOCA & Emporium's joint effort takes place October 19 at Emporium Logan

CHICAGO - The [Chicago Reader](#), [MOCA](#) modern cannabis dispensary, and [Emporium Arcade Bar](#) have joined together to present Yes We Cann, a cannabis market and symposium, Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019.

This will be a day focused on educating and empowering Chicagoans about cannabis and hemp, while giving a platform to local businesses, educators, and professionals dedicated to the field. A marketplace will be held at Emporium Logan Square at 2363 N. Milwaukee Ave. while cannabis panel conversations take place next door at [Chicago Distilling](#), 2359 N. Milwaukee Ave. 12-4 p.m. Emporium Logan Square and Chicago Distilling are 21+ venues.

A separate two-credit CME/CMU course for medical and related professionals will be offered from 10 a.m.-noon; tickets are required for the continuing-education credit course and are available for purchase [here](#). The marketplace and cannabis conversations are free, and the first 100 people to [RSVP](#) will receive game tokens for the Emporium arcade.

This event is supported by Grassroots, Hoban Law Group, Cresco Cannabis, and aeriz.

“With cannabis culture evolving so much in Illinois, we believe it’s our responsibility to provide opportunities to help educate our community as the perceptions shift and laws change,” says Tracy Baim, the *Reader’s* publisher.

The marketplace will feature vendors selling goods and sharing resources, including: Grassroots, Hoban Law Group, aeriz, Green Care Medical, MOCA, Cresco Cannabis, GTI, Third Wave Coffee Roasters, Bliss CBD Shop, Club Canna, Cornbread Hemp, Equilibria, FUFLUNS Foods, Grass Fed Marketing, Hemp For Fitness, High Haven Education, IESO, Root 66, Space Babes, Momaquilla, Early 2 Bed, Wazwan Supper Club and Sacred. DJ All the Way Kay will provide music.

The cannabis conversations at Chicago Distilling will feature a diverse array of professionals, leaders, and activists discussing the following topics: The medical benefits of cannabis,

understanding the new laws that will be enacted in 2020, cooking with cannabis, and social justice and racial equity in the cannabis industry.

The ticketed class from 10 a.m.-noon for continuing education credits is \$75 for two CME credits and \$40 for two CEU credits and will take a dive into learning cannabis terminology, the molecular components of the plant, and how they interact with the human body. Tickets are limited.

The *Chicago Reader* will present its inaugural “Cannabest Awards” at 12:15 p.m. during the expo at Emporium. The four key legislators who lobbied for the change in cannabis law will each be honored for their work. They are: state senators Toi Hutchinson and Heather Steans, state representatives Jehan Gordon-Booth and Kelly Cassidy. Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx will be honored for her social justice efforts.

Illinois Women in Cannabis and Clergy for a New Drug Policy will be honored for their work on lobbying for change in Illinois.

Cannabis Conversations at Chicago Distilling:

12 p.m. - Medicated and Educated: How cannabis works as medicine. Dr. Stephen Salzman and Dr. George Gavrilos of Green Care Medical discuss plant-based medicine. Learn how cannabis works as a medicine and have the opportunity to ask questions from a pharmacist and physician who have supported thousands of patients in their use of medical cannabis.

1 p.m. - The Low Down on Cannabis Laws: What to expect in 2020. Larry Mishkin of Hoban Law Group, one of the top cannabis law firms in the country, breaks down the adult use laws going into effect in 2020.

2 p.m. - More than Smoke: The journey to equity for the recreational cannabis industry. Richard Wallace, founder of Equity And Transformation (EAT), leads this conversation about building social and economic equity in the cannabis industry, with panelists Kiana Hughes (NORML), Anton Seales Jr.(Grow Greater Englewood), Seke Ballard (Good Tree Capital), and Barrington Rutherford (CRESCO).

3 p.m. - Cooking with Canna: Consumption education and cooking techniques. Learn about methods of consumption such as sublingual, ingestion, inhalation, and topical, and cooking and baking techniques from Mindy Segal (Hot Chocolate), Manny Mendoza (Herbal Notes) and Rocio Vargas (Planda). *Reader* food critic Mike Sula moderates.

Please note that no THC products will be permitted or distributed on site, and that all attendees must present identification proving they are 21 or older.

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