

# OUTstanding JUST asking

## To Your Health

by Jaymee R. Cuti

Word spread quickly six years ago that Old Town Clinic had a physician specializing in the health of transgender people.

What began with a few patients soon became a specialty for Dr. Sara Becker, who practices family medicine in Milwaukie.

Becker continues to volunteer at Old Town Clinic every month, and she lasers off gang tattoos at Outside In, a social services agency. She says she has a long-term interest in trans health, a field highly understudied.

"I've found some interesting things," said Becker, who regularly lectures about her experiences with trans clients.

She has lectured at most major medical conferences in the United States and recently lectured to students at Oregon Health and Science University for a physicians assistant program.

"I usually talk about medical treatment for transgendered people, hormone therapy and the nature, medical, psychological and transitional aspects of transgenderism," Becker said.

Not only does Becker teach nationwide, but she is a resource for her trans patients locally, connecting them to services offering trans-specific support.

"I feel honored to care for a segment of the



population that is very worthy but very underserved," said Becker.

For more information visit [www.sarabecker.com](http://www.sarabecker.com).

OUTSTANDING identifies and celebrates the unique contributions of the queer community to the larger fabric of Portland life. If you would like to nominate a person, place or thing to be featured in this column, e-mail [sarah@justout.com](mailto:sarah@justout.com).

## Just Out visited with gay and lesbian business owners and asked them, "Has your business felt any impact from the current local political climate?"

Photos by Marty Davis



CELIA LYON  
Broker, Bella Casa Realty

"Lots of people are calling asking if their inability to get married impacts their ability to buy a house.

I always recommend that they check with their accountant first."



JIM MCVITTIE  
Attorney

"Only in that the current climate has raised awareness of the need for estate planning. There's an increased awareness of the need to make alternative plans."



BRIAN HARRIMAN  
President, Ad Coasters

"Yes, because I sense that some people are moving away from marketing their own business to gay and

lesbian consumers. And, in hiring for my business, I'm having problems finding people who want to work directly with gays and lesbians."



BECKY BILYEU  
Owner, Touchstone Coffee House

"I see positive impact in that Touchstone is a place of subtle activism where perceptions about gay and lesbian

issues are changed. I have experienced many incredible and transforming exchanges with customers as they learn and grow politically."

## Fine Arts & Crafts Festival

### Labor Day Weekend

September 3-5, 2005

Free Admission

Over 100 national & regional artists  
World Music stage  
Artist demos

Bruce Pizzichillo & Dani Gordon  
Glass

Vladimir Ovcharov  
2-D Mixed Media

Faye Nakamura  
Ceramics

NW Park Blocks  
Between Burnside and Glisan  
Portland, Oregon  
[www.artinthepearl.com](http://www.artinthepearl.com)

TRI & MET The Oregonian OPB MEDIA SPONSOR OregonLive.com

## Healthy Pets Northwest

The Natural Alternative for Pet Foods & Supplies

Voted "Best Place to Shop to Avoid Pet Food Allergies" by *Willamette Week*

and "Best Health Food For Pets" by *Portland Monthly Magazine*

BY PRODUCTS CHEMICALS PESTICIDES

Yes! We Deliver

[healthypetsnw.com](http://healthypetsnw.com)

All Natural Foods · Herbal & Homeopathic Remedies · Pesticide Free · Allergy Products

**Southeast Location**  
1402 A SE 39th Ave  
(39th & Hawthorne)  
Portland, OR 97214  
503.236.8036

**Alberta Location**  
2224 NE Alberta  
Portland, OR 97211  
503.249.6571

Let me help you navigate Portland's fast & furious real estate market.

LISA GRISSOM  
BROKER

COLDWELL BANKER  
BARBARA SUE SEAL PROPERTIES  
DIRECT: 503-699-3844  
FAX: 503-626-5137  
12725 SW MILLIKAN WAY SUITE 100  
BEAVERTON, OR 97005

COLDWELL BANKER 503-643-7325