

GREEN QUEENS

Cannabis meets high fashion in the lifestyle blog of this trendy duo.

JADE DANIELS & HARLEE CASE

WHY DID YOU TRANSITION 'LADIES OF PARADISE' TO A CANNABIS-FRIENDLY LIFESTYLE BLOG AND ONLINE SHOP?

Jade: Ever since I moved across the country in 2015 to open up a dispensary with my boyfriend, I've been completely fascinated and excited by the emerging cannabis industry. After two years of running the Ladies of Paradise online shop (and simultaneously working in our shops and farms), I thought it would be super rad and unique to merge the fashion and style aspects from what I was doing with LOP to everything I was doing with cannabis. Teaming up with my best friend/co-Girl Boss Harlee Case was a no brainer, and couldn't have come at a better time for both of us.

HOW HAS MARIJUANA IMPACTED YOUR LIVES?

Harlee: Personally, I have struggled with pretty severe ADHD my whole life. I've been prescribed Adderall, Ritalin and Concerta off and on since I was 10 years old. It is insane to me now how easily children are prescribed these mind-altering drugs. As a child and teenager I remember getting off them every time because I had no "highs" or "lows." The last time (and this really will be the last time I ever take Adderall) I lost myself completely. I am a very confident, happy person naturally and after taking Adderall for two weeks I found myself obsessively thinking that everything I did was wrong, stupid and not good enough. It was truly the worst two weeks of my life. I have never struggled with depression or anxiety but those were daily battles during that period. I was not me and I never want to feel the way again. Since then, I've been testing different strains and products to see what works best for me. My favorite is a CBD vape pen from Select Oil. They use peppermint and spearmint essential oils in their blends to help with focus.

Jade: A lot of my family members have suffered from anxiety and depression, so seeing them prescribed to pharmaceutical drugs made me want to look into other avenues of medicine. I



On Jade (left): Vintage shirt, pants, jacket, scarf, jewelry and glasses. On Harlee (right): Vintage jacket, shorts, tights, hat, shoes, jewelry and glasses. PHOTOGRAPH BY MADISON REAMES. LOCATION: PORTLAND

IN ACTION

Check out the pair's blog at ladiesofparadise.com!

think it's important to do research and be educated on different strains and what they can do for you medicinally, and know that there are alternative options to prescription drugs. Sticking with cannabis instead of turning to pills has made me retain my personality, my motivation to do things (I love sativa!) and overall just have a better quality of life. Working in the cannabis industry, alone, has also changed my life for the better because (and Harlee and I were just talking about this the other day) we actually feel like we're doing a genuine service to women now, and feel inspired and moved by

the badass women we meet every day. We want to shine light on women who are kicking ass in the industry and have awesome stories to tell.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE CANNABIS-INSPIRED FASHION BRANDS?

Jade: There are so many cool brands out there that are starting to mix cannabis and fashion, and we love Backbite, Top Knot Goods and Jacquie Aiche jewelry, to name a few.

Harlee: As for accessories, High Society Collection has the most amazing roach clip necklaces. They are stunning and so practical. You can't help but feel like a modern day Audrey Hepburn using one of her pieces to smoke. My two favorite ceramic companies are Summerland ceramics and Stonedware Co. You have to look these brands up! Each pipe or bong is a work of art. My electric pink geopipe from Stonedware is always displayed proudly on my coffee table. People are blown away when I start to load a bowl. 🌿

—Kristin Scharkey