

QUEER IT YOURSELF '17 @ GROUNDSWELL INSTITUTE WORKSHOP PRESENTER BIOS

CHRISTINA "BAM BAM" KOSSA, boscar@msn.com

Bam Bam wears many hats, and one of her favorites happens to be spun and knitted from 100% Groundswell alpaca fiber.

GRACE TOWERS, thegracetowers@gmail.com

Grace Towers has changed the face of what bearded drag is. Drawing inspiration from icons both classic and current, she's timeless. She's a passionate performer, an intentional curator, and a talented emcee. As the Queens of the Castro's Creative Producer, Grace has created the Grace Towers Scholarship for the Arts, an established fund for our community's future artists. This queen knows how to make everything she does look effortless, and is impossible to ignore, don't fight her... enGRACE her!

MATEO PICON, picon@me.com

Mateo Picon is a San Francisco based visual artist, stylist and designer, who specializes in LGBTQIA production and events. Largely focused on building a community, he is a creative producer for the HAUS of Towers, and works with SF iconic people and events in many capacities. His collaborative includes such names as, Folsom Street Events, Juanita More, Hard French, and Grace Towers, among many others.

MITCHO THOMPSON, theshamanastary.com, mitcho@theshamanastary.com

Mitcho is the current Vice President of the Sonoma County Herb Association. Mitcho is the Community Liaison for Peace in Medicine in Sonoma County as well as for SPARC in San Francisco, CA. He is Chancellor Emeritus of Oaksterdam University's former North Bay Campus. Mitcho is Vice President of the Sonoma Chapter of ASA. He attended CSHS where he now teaches the advanced students yearly. Mitcho is the current Professor of Potions at Grendel Gravenstein's School for Witches and Wizards.

ROB "ROBRIEL" WOLF, robriel.com, solamenterob@gmail.com

Robriel Wolf is a Holistic counselor who is in the final stages of licensing as a Marriage and Family Therapist in the state of California. He specializes in Eco Therapy, Animal assisted therapy, Expressive Arts Therapy and the specific counseling needs and concerns of the LGBTQI community.

SPRING COLLINS & KYLE DEVRIES, springcollins16@gmail.com & kyle@groundswell.institute

Spring and Kyle live at Groundswell and share a love for home brewing, among other things. Spring heads up our budding garden project while Kyle is the executive director of Groundswell Institute, the nonprofit retreat center.

THOR YOUNG, thor@groundswell.institute

Thor Young is a renaissance viking of many passions. Working as executive director of The Crucible in Oakland, he gained many skills regarding crafting metals, which he will be sharing with you in this workshop. He also serves as Treasurer of Groundswell Institute's board.