



QUEER

*a lgbtq+ pride project by
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about /

Queer is a photographic based project intended to draw out the different qualities and experiences of local LGBTQ+ individuals and what makes them, them. It motivated me to do something more, and so some friends and I threw a potluck in 2019 during Pride Month. Queer is more than just photos, it is a collection of experiences and has allowed for collective gathering of peoples.

RESOURCES

HOTLINES

Trevor Project LGBTQ+ Youth Hotline:

1-866-488-7386

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

1-800-273-8255

Georgia DFCS Child Protective Services:

1-855-422-4453

Trans Advisory Hotline of America: 1-877-427-3230

LOCAL

PFLAG(Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians And Gays) Atlanta Chapter:

Meets First Monday of every month. Register on EventBrite to do so virtually.

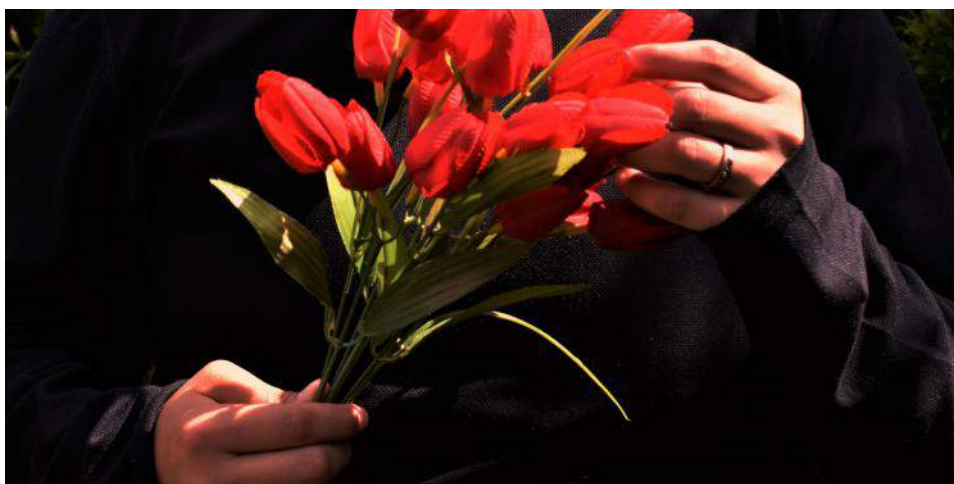
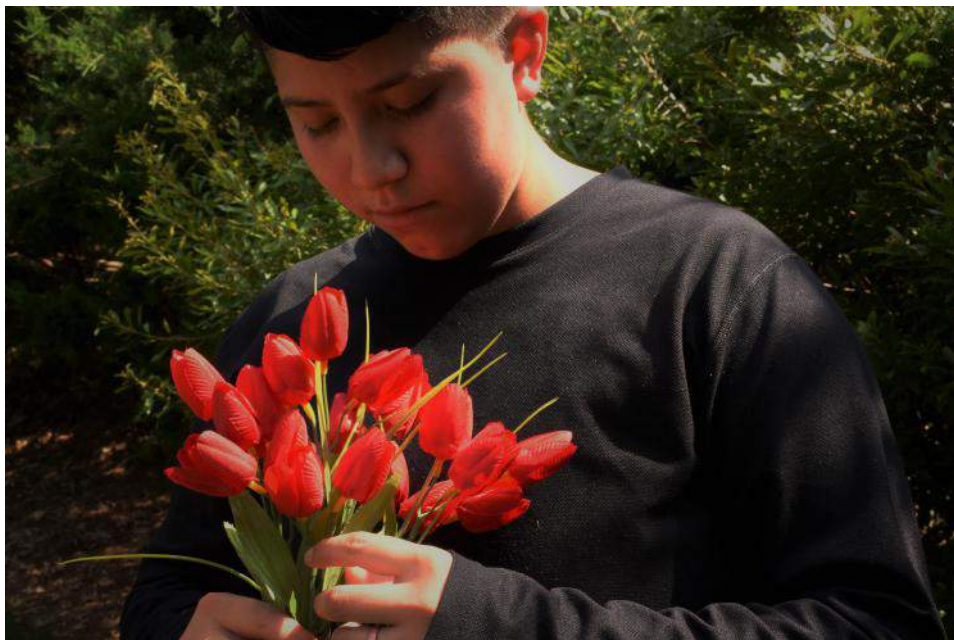
ThriveWorks Atlanta Mental Health Counseling:

LGBTQ+ friendly counseling and therapy. Does telehealth/ online counseling.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Pediatric Endocrinology department is LGBTQ+ friendly and follows WPATH(World Professional Association for Transgender Health).

QueerMed: Gives affirming healthcare to trans and non-binary kids, teens, and adults. Must contact to get address. Located in Decatur, Georgia.





"It took me some time to figure out who I am.. you know being a religious trans person.. it shouldn't make sense. But I know that God made me and that if I'm His creation, I am Good. So what others say on that topic, it doesn't matter."









ALEX- (-andra)







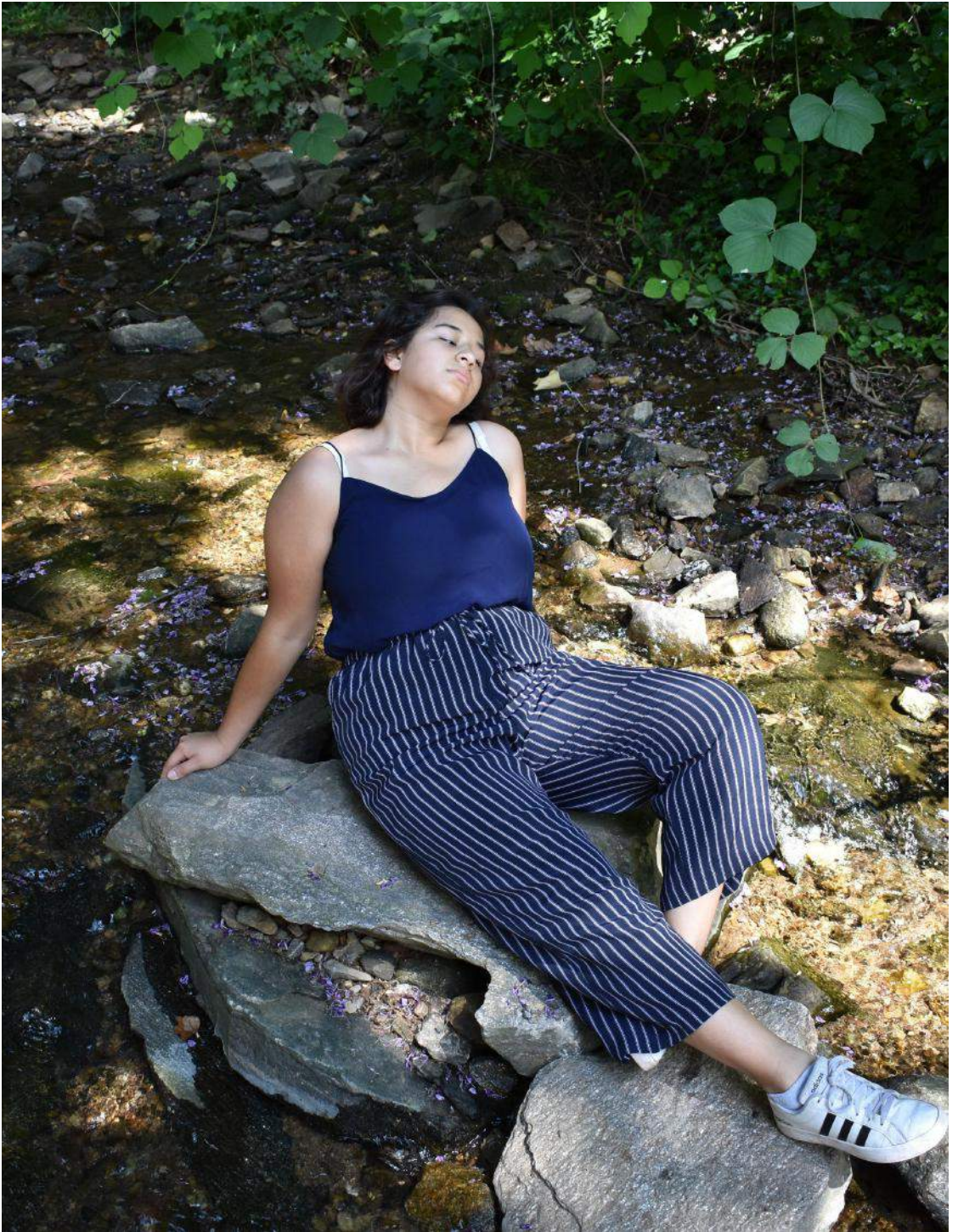
"yeah..change is necessary sometimes."





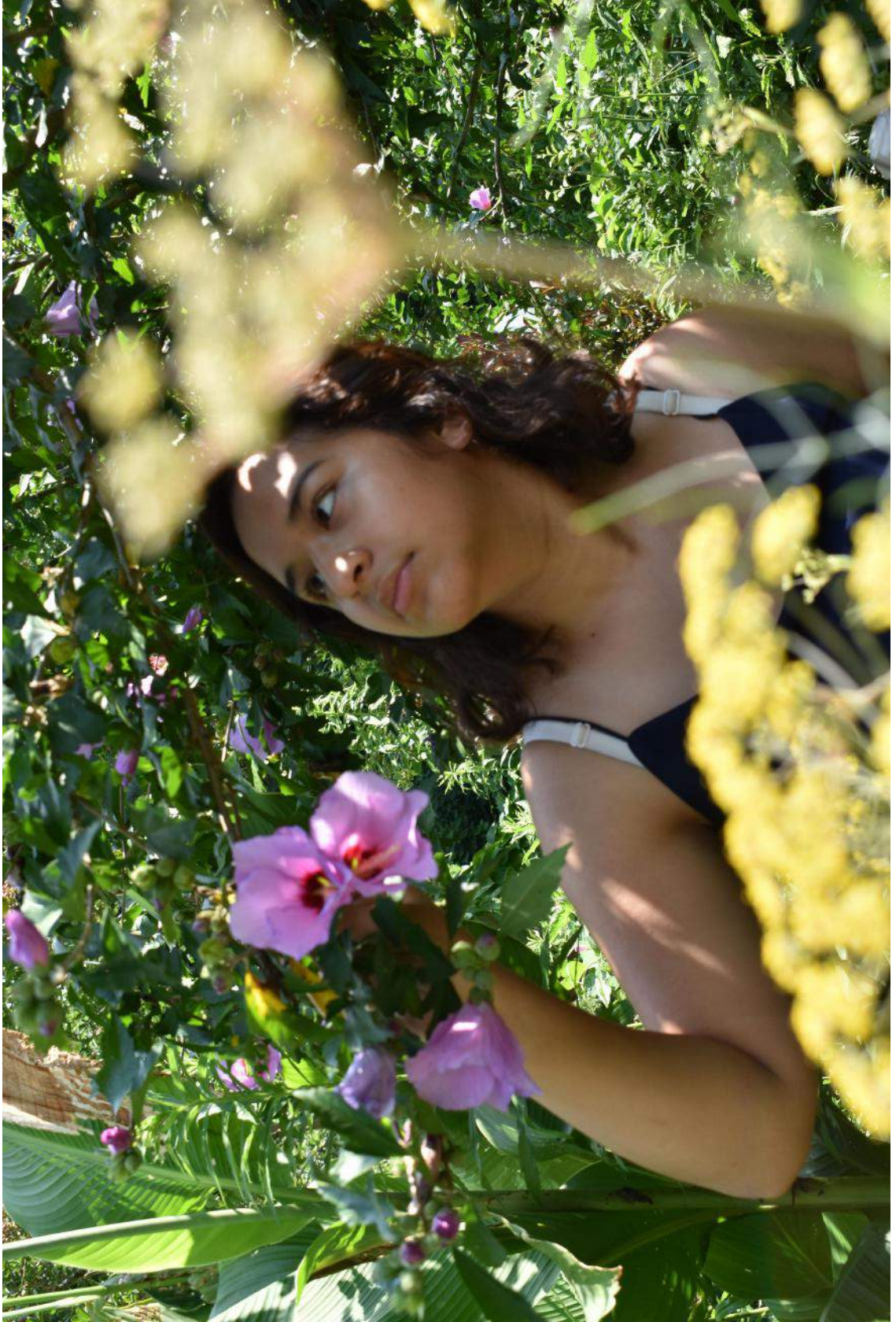
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*"i wore a
women's suit
to prom..., it
was nice"*



-ZOE-



"i think..."

when I was younger I was obsessed with labeling myself as LGBTQ+ and I saw others that took this singular aspect of their identity and used it for their entire identity... and.. growing up using the internet to participate and learn about the LGBTQ+ community and being on Tumblr.. it wasn't entirely healthy. Like it's one thing to go online -butch lesbians reinforce toxic masculinity- and then to be actually active in the real life local LGBTQ+ community and realize that online academic and nitpicky dialogue and debate doesn't matter and isn't really true. So that's why now, I don't really care about defining myself and having to fit a cookie cutter identity or anything. '





small note from the creator

zoe was my senior buddy when i was a freshman. i remember i was sooo anxious entering high school because i knew i wanted to come out eventually. i can still remember sitting in zoe's car and talking about being lgbtq+ and at the time i was nervous i wouldnt be accepted by my family if i came out. and she truly introduced to me what a chosen family meant, as she felt like family to me. that conversation in the car made me feel safe despite how uncertain, at the time, the future felt to me. i don't think she realizes the impact she made on me, i'm thankful for that. thank you zoe.



A young woman with red hair is sitting on a large, light-colored rock in a dark, wooded area. She is wearing a light blue t-shirt and shorts. The scene is dramatically lit from the side, highlighting her face and the rock she is sitting on, while the rest of the environment is in deep shadow. The text "god is a woman" is overlaid on the image in a white, italicized font.

god is a woman



RESPECT









BECKER













COLVIN





















DAYANNA







" in the latino community you don't talk about it. you barely even see any gay people in tele-novelas or in movies...there's machismo, there's homophobia and girls are expected to behave a certain way. i can't say anything near my family but around my friends i can be who i want to be."













"it was hard to find a local community..., but after i did it felt nice, it's nice to know we're stronger together."



MICHAEL













throwing *shade*





Lgbtq+ potluck celebration



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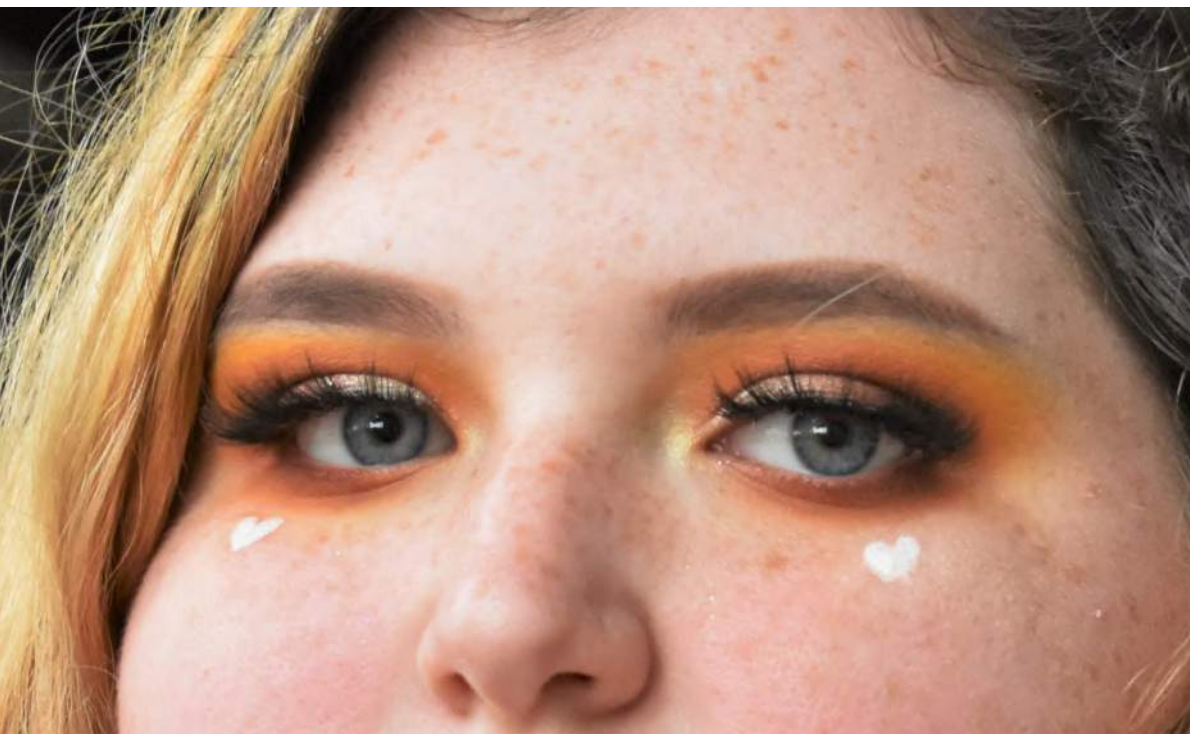
Lgbtq+ potluck celebration

WHY?

Georgia has no Pride events in June and everyone I know has been bummed out about the lack of festivities and being able to participate in the community, so I kind of wanted to scrap together an event for ourselves here in Gainesville! The plan is to decorate and have the event at one of the little gazebos at Longwood Park, everyone can bring a dish or some cash for the potluck part, aaaaand to spice it up more, after everyone's eaten we can have our own little "ball" or celebration and people can compete and walk in categories such as "Femme Queen Realness" and "Virgin Vogue Walk". In the end there will be a photoshoot session.

We just want to have FUN!









SIERRA





HONOR US WHILE WE'RE HERE







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CAMP







thank you so much to everyone who let me take your photos and learn more about your story. i've learned so much. i feel more connected with everyone and like there's a stronger sense of community now, hopefully others feel the same.

-matthew

THE PEOPLE

Ian

Alex

Esme

Zoe

Becker

Colvin

Dayanna

Michael

Sierra

Jose

Kathy

i highly encourage everyone to get in touch with their local community. get on facebook, join your schools or university's lgbtq+ club, look up your local drag queens and kings and attend their shows(many are doing virtual ones now). you are not alone. you will have to do some looking, but it will be so so worth it. trust me.



LOCAL LGBTQ+ ORGANIZATIONS



**Wussy Mag
ATL**



**Solutions Not
Punishment Co.**

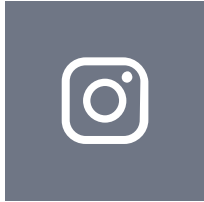


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LOCAL LGBTQ+ ORGANIZATIONS



**Southern Fried
Queer Pride**



SWEET TEA



**UNG GVL
Spectrum
Alliance**



**Queer
Appalachia**