

**Free Rapid HIV testing & STD screening** for guys into guys. (11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Pivot, 209 SW 4th, pivotpdx.org)

## THURS MAR 31

**International Transgender Day of Visibility.** A time for everyone, everywhere, to show their support for the transgender communities.

Poison Waters hosts **Portland Drag Race: Season Three**, a weekly live version of Logo Channel's Ru Paul's Drag Race. (8:00 p.m., Red Cap Garage, 1025 SW Stark, 21+, No cover)

**GO** Mother's Velvet Lounge & Cafe presents **Mad as a March HAIR Cabaret Karaoke**, a night of big hair and awesome hair-don'ts. (8:00 p.m., Mother's Bistro, 212 SW Stark, 21+, No cover!, CabaretKaraoke.com)

**Rocky Rhodes karaoke.** (9:00 p.m., Local Lounge, 3536 NE MLK, 21+)

**Mary-Go-Round Mary-oke!** (8:00 p.m., Hamburger Mary's, 19 NW 5th, 21+ after 9:30 p.m.)

**Trans Life:** A Communi-T Program. A weekly drop-in night for anyone on the trans spectrum to explore identity and socialize through active/hands-on workshops. (7-9:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, \$1-5, pdxqcenter.org)

**Bisexuality: Fact or Fiction?** We all know it's fact. But what's up with the tension between sexual orientations? (7:00 p.m., Pivot, 209 SW 4th, pivotpdx.org)

**Sex & Women Over 50**, a helpful class and discussion. (7:00 p.m., \$15. Must register and pre-pay, itsmypleasurepdx.com, 503-280-8080)

## FRI APRIL 1

**Q Center Film Screening Series: SISSYBOY.** They've been called "Gender Terrorists" and the "Kind of Drag Queens your mother warned you about"; but underneath all the spectacle is a group of insightful and sensitive individuals who have found an outlet for their self-expression that often leaves their audience simultaneously delighted and horrified. Q&A session to follow. (7-10:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, pdxqcenter.org)

**GO** **Homomomentum: Birds & the Bees!** Homomomentum's last show of the season welcomes the blossoming of Spring, starring some of Portland's more infamous performers, including Felice Shays, Shazaam, Chi Chi & Chonga, Swagger, Baby Le Strange and many more! (8:00 p.m., Fez Ballroom, 316 SW 11th, 21+, \$5-10 sliding scale, pantsoffpdx.com)

**GO** The men of Rose City Softball auction off their "fancy" jockstraps at **April Jewels**, a fund raiser to benefit the RCSA James Hernandex Memorial Player Assistance

Fund. Hosted by Bolivia Carmichaels and featuring DJ Dougalicious, this will be an April Fools day to remember! (9:00 p.m., CC Slaughters, 219 NW Davis, 21+)

**GO** **Bitch** (previously of Bitch & Animal) fiddles her way into town with a little electro-folk tastiness. (6:30 p.m., Mississippi Studios, 3939 N Mississippi, 21+, \$10 adv/\$12 dos, bitchmusic.com)



**GO** **The Heroine's Journey: Rewriting Our Stories, Reclaiming Our Lives.**

Trace your journey from maiden to mother to crone. Workshop includes ritual, storytelling, guided visualization, & creative play to birth new stories as women. (1-5:00 p.m., Sage Wellness Center, 2534 SE 35th Ave, \$25, Register at info@shaktifire.com or 973-570-6530)

**Hilarious at the Hawthorne.** (9:00 p.m., Hawthorne Theatre, 39th and SE Hawthorne, 21+, \$5)

**LIVE ART.** Create live art from a selection of models. (1-3:00 p.m., Backspace, 115 NW 5th Ave., \$10)

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## SUN APRIL 3

**GO** **The Rose Empress Show.** Come join Her Most Imperial Majesty Rose Empress LII The Endearing Tsunami Foxx. It's sure to be a fun, exciting evening. (6:30-9:00 p.m., Darcelle XV, 208 NW 3rd, 21+, \$5)

**GO** Screening of **Inlaws & Outlaws**, a remarkable film that weaves together true stories of couples and singles, gay and straight, to embrace what we all have in common: we love. (3:00 p.m., Friendship Hall, Vancouver Heights Methodist Church, 5701 MacArthur, Vancouver, \$5)

**Mary's Matinee.** Watch classic films while you dine. (All day, Hamburger Mary's, 19 NW 5th, 21+ after 9:30 p.m.)

**Dirty Porn Bingo**, hosted by Chi Chi and Chonga. \$2.50 well drinks from open to close. (8-10:00 p.m., Boxxes, 1035 SW Stark, 21+)

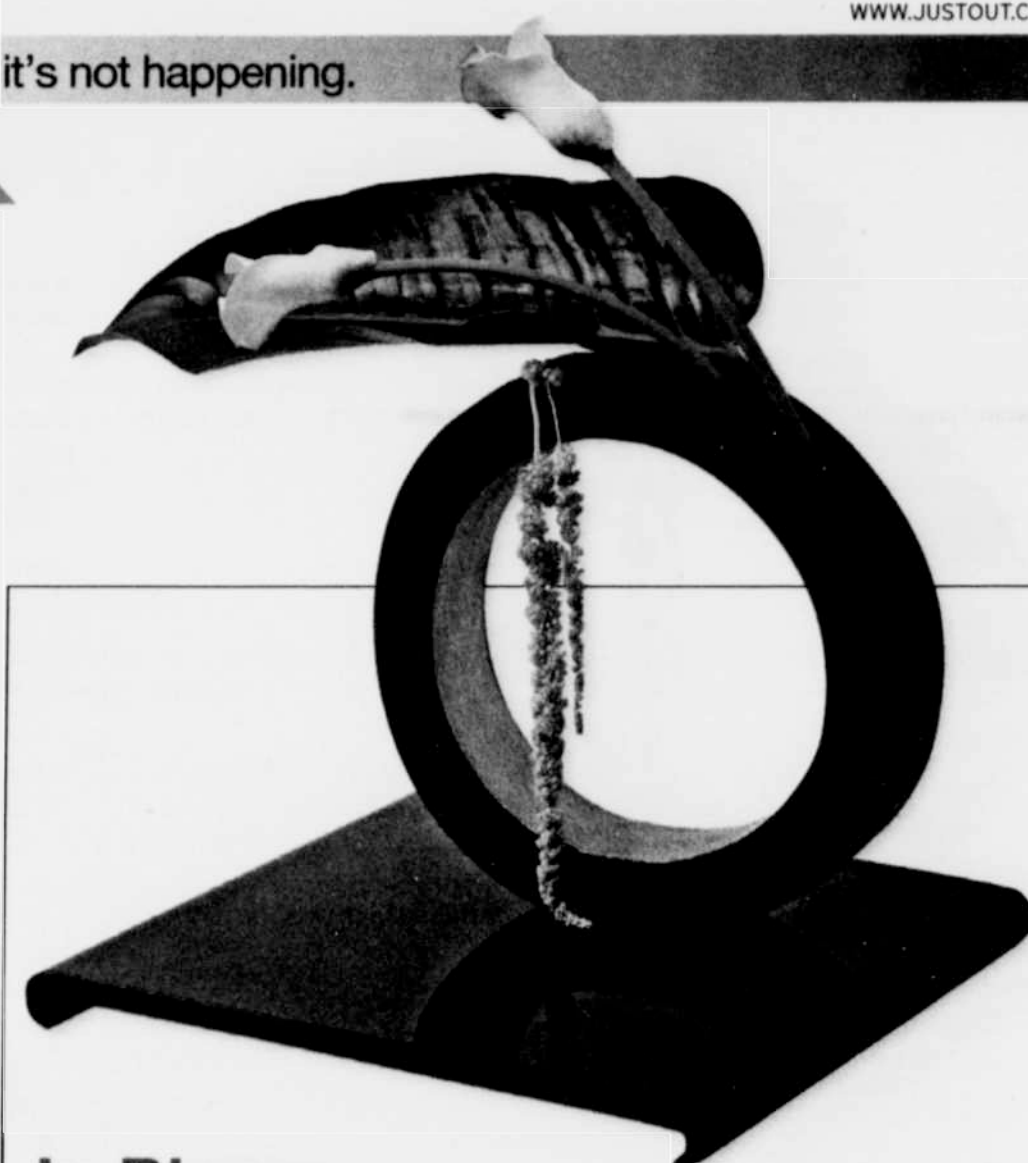
Repeat! **The Church of the Poison Mind** welcomes all sinners. Poison Waters presents the best hangover cure: no cover, free food, \$1 shots, beer bust, and a healthy dose of your favorite Silverado dancers. (4-9:00 p.m., Silverado, 308 SW 3rd, 21+, Free)

**Superstar Divas Mega Show!** (8:00 p.m., CC Slaughters, 219 NW Davis, 21+, ccslaughter-spdx.com)

**The Power of One**, the Northwest LGBT Student Leadership Conference, hits Reed College. Read Just Out's coverage on Pg. 15. Visit [nwlgbtleadership.wsu.edu](http://nwlgbtleadership.wsu.edu) for more information.

Calendar additions, love letters and complaints can be sent to [calendar@justout.com](mailto:calendar@justout.com)

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## In Bloom

Ikebana a timely reminder of Japanese beauty

While coastal Japan continues to reel from the effects of the devastating earthquake and subsequent tsunami on March 11, thoughts and prayers worldwide are going out to the Japanese people. As a culture teeming with artistic fortitude, creativity and tradition, it's a bit of a bizarre coincidence that the Portland Japanese Garden is scheduled to showcase an array of ohara ikebana—the art of floral arrangement evolved from the Buddhist ritual of offering flowers to the spirits of the dead. This tribute to a centuries-old Japanese art, it seems, is bittersweet in light of the tragedy in the Far East.

Members of the **Portland Chapter of the Ohara School of Ikebana** combine the asymmetrical, empty-space aesthetic of traditional ikebana with the progressive moribana approach. Moribana breaks from the formal vertical style of ikebana of the past to create horizontal landscape arrangements, with flowers "heaped" (moru) in lower, plate-like containers, which likewise mirror a great transition in Japan. Color harmony, linear perfection, space and form are all crucial to the quality of each configuration.

The Ohara School encompasses chapters in more than 20 countries and in 14 states nationwide, teaching students the nuances needed to craft these oft-times breathtaking floral arrangements.

To serve the community, the Portland Japanese Garden has also erected a "Wish Arbor" for people to visit, pray and reflect. Visitors are encouraged to write wishes and condolences for victims of the disasters and tie them to the memorial.

*Ohara Ikebana Exhibition, Sat., March 26-Sun., March 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Portland Japanese Garden Pavilion, 611 SW Kingston Ave.; free with garden admission, \$9.50 adults, \$7.75 seniors 62+ and college students with ID, \$6.75 youth 6-17; 503-223-1321 or [japanesegarden.com](http://japanesegarden.com).*

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