

Hi everyone!

I'm Chenoa, I'm part Ecuadorian and Part US Citizen, if you count my lineage, I'm also (grandparents level), French, Italian, and Native American and Spanish (Ecuador). I am a proud mixture of cultures and heritages. I grew up in 3 countries. Overall I consider myself part of the universo. I live in Puerto Rico.

About me: (Brief History)

Ever since I was little, I wanted to join the Amish, or a Native American Tribe, because I wanted in a sense to "escape" the "real" world, but as I grew, studied and observed, I learned that there is no "escaping" in a complete sense, and some of these communities are ultra conservative which upon discovery, drained my appetite for them. I've worked in different communities that are farm based, including farm summer camps, and a year-long educational environmental educational community. During my studies in PR, I became more involved with local community projects like *Huerto UPR*, *PR CONCREA*, *Amnistía Internacional*, several farms, and even founded a non-profit for LGBTIQQA people and allies called *Metamorfosis*. I've always been a go-getter with intrinsic motivation and enthusiasm, but I've learned the hard way that this is not enough. Finding equally committed, motivated and hard working people is not easy, but I haven't lost faith! My inner light and my motivation has been re-charged and currently focused on creating an intentional farm based, holistic, harmonious and multi-disciplined community in Puerto Rico.

Background:

I am 100% Bilingual from birth (English/español) and 1/3 Français (vía studies). I have various degrees and certificates and one of the most expansive work history you can imagine starting at age 13. I am computer Savvy in both MAC & PC, an experienced artist in the broader sense, (visual art, literary, music, performance), as well as a swim teacher, permaculture practitioner, a Mental Health Counselor with a holistic healing mentality and Reikiist. My specialties are Fine Arts, Education, Professional Counseling, Gender and Sexuality studies, and Ecological Agriculture. In addition, I have more than 5 years of experience in the administrative arena, as I was the Executive Director of *Metamorfosis* for many years, and worked in 3 professional offices in an administrative capacity. Last but not least, I have recently completed my comprehensive Permaculture Design course with the most internationally recognized program via the Permaculture Research Institute, Australia.

Whatever I'm interested in and don't know about, I teach myself or seek out wise people in that area to teach me. I suppose if I'd have to describe myself in a sentence it would be A Renaissance woman with a huge heart, who is a perpetual student.

Currently under personal projects:

- 1) Fixing things so they don't end up in landfills,
- 2) Working harmoniously in my permaculture garden,
- 3) Self-publishing a poetic story,
- 4) Obsessing excitedly about the OZ farm-community project, O and a little water color painting!

With Love & Light~*

Chenoa Ochoa

PS: This picture metaphorically truly describes me!



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