



Graylin Thornton, International Mr. Drummer 1993 and leather political activist, contest producer and leatherman extraordinaire, was awarded the Leather Leadership Award at Creating Change in Denver the weekend of Jan. 31. Well deserved, Graylin!

Deserved accolade

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He was a San Jose leather man working at a PBS station when I met him; he got involved in leather video and contest production while a member of South Bay Leather Uniform Group and next thing you know won the Northern California Mr. Drummer who went on to become International Mr. Drummer 1993. Graylin Thornton moved to and got involved in the leather community of San Diego and produced porn videos and produced leather contests, mainly Mr. San Diego Leather.

His activism did not end there. Thornton got involved with the Leather Leadership Council and the **National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Creating Change conference. At the end of January, Thornton was honored in Denver, Colorado and received the Leather Leadership Award at Creating Change.** Graylin's accolades are too numerous to mention here, but know he has always been active in promoting community welfare and, of course, the leather community. Thornton has moved back to San Francisco, and more than one of us are happy he is back home. Kudos to one of our favorite sons, and well-deserved.