

## **June 2011 : Elderberries newsletter**

### **Apologies**

An error occurred re the June Elderberries newsletter, which was accidentally deleted. This is a re-creation. Please accept my apologies for this late posting. - Lynn Murphy

### **Diversity and Potluck**

What!?! Not on Sunday? Not at Spencer House? Nope! Instead of our usual Potluck Social, NSRAP Elderberries invite you to attend a talk by Dr Rani Srivastava on diversity in medical care, and how personal values, beliefs, and biases may influence the care that clients receive. Response panel includes Hugo Dann, former Executive Director of NSRAP. The talk is at the QEII Royal Bank Theatre, Halifax Infirmary, 1796 Summer Street, Monday June 13, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. A dessert potluck (get out your baking bowls) hosted by Dan MacKay will follow at 3247 Union Street (two below Gottingen, off Young), Halifax, B3K 5H2. Note to those with allergies : there is a pet in the house. You are welcome to bring a beverage of your choice. For more info on the diversity talk, see <http://gay.hfns.org/2011-06-13>  
The event previously advertised for June 19 will NOT take place.

### **NSRAP Annual General Meeting**

The Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project Annual General Meeting will take place Saturday June 18, 2011, 2:00 pm, at the Company House, 2202 Gottingen Street, Halifax. All are welcome, but only members of NSRAP will be able to vote. You can join before the meeting at <http://nsrap.ca/wordpress/get-involved/membership>

### **Hello sailor!**

The Hello Sailor! exhibit at Maritime Museum of the Atlantic continues all month. Looking at the lives of LGBT seafarers, this exhibit was originally created by National Museums Liverpool in England, and has been enriched with oral histories provided by Canadian LGBT mariners. Admission fees are regular \$8.75, and \$7.75 for seniors 65+. A telephone contact said that Wednesday evenings are free 5:00 to 8:00, but this doesn't appear on the website, so best to call ahead. For a review, see <http://www.globalnews.ca/story.html?id=479849>

### **Award for intersex-themed novel set in Labrador**

A child born with both male and female genitals, "Wayne" is brought up as a boy, but "Annabel," his female side, keeps breaking through. Review : <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/arts/books/annabel-by-kathleen-winter/article1617909/>  
*Annabel*, by Kathleen Winter, was nominated for the Writers' Trust Award, the Governor General's Award, and the Giller Prize. The Newfoundland writer's first novel, it won the Thomas Head Raddall Atlantic Fiction Award in May.

### **Safe Harbour farewell**

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church will host "Sailing into the future," a final celebration worship service, on Sunday June 19, at 11 a.m., 3115 Veith Street. Speaker is Rev Elder Diane Fisher. For the back story, see "Safe Harbour's ship has sailed," page 1 of the latest *Wayves*. [http://www.wayves.ca/online/Wayves\\_2011\\_05.pdf](http://www.wayves.ca/online/Wayves_2011_05.pdf)

### **World AIDS Day and HIV/AIDS Awareness Week Planning**

Dr Bob Fredrickson attended the planning committee meeting on behalf of Elderberries. Elders and AIDS will be a focus of HIV/AIDS Awareness Week planning this year. Among elder-related issues raised were : snowbirds visiting high-incidence locations in the southern US, the ability of persons with Alzheimer's to maintain safer sex practices, and policies of long-term care residences re residents and sexual conduct. Universal testing was also discussed.

### **Events listings :**

The Company House : <http://www.thecompanyhouse.ca/html/calendar.html>

GayHalifax : <http://gay.hfxns.org>

Wayves : <http://www.wayves.ca>

### **Elderberries members :**

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All typos are the fault of yours truly, who managed to screw up the entire first edition of this month's newsletter, a feat never before accomplished. Don't ask.