

July 2011 Elderberries Newsletter

Making a Case for LGBT History

July 19, 12:00 - 1:00 pm : How can members of the local LGBT community preserve our own history and culture? Organization, activism, openly gay artistic expression - all these lie within the living memory of the Elderberry generations. Preserving these memories cannot just be left to future academics : we are the ones to ensure that our own voices are heard. As part of the annual NSRAP lecture series coordinated by Kevin Kindred, the Elderberries are co-sponsoring the panel “Making a Case for LGBT History,” at Spring Garden Road Public Library, Tuesday July 19, 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Panelists are Dan MacKay, founder of the GayHalifax website and its History Project; Dr James Morrison, Saint Mary’s University, recipient of the Order of Canada for services to oral history; and Lynn Murphy, amateur archivist.

Inclusive Health Care for the Aging GLBT Population

July 19, 12:00 - 1:00, Halifax Infirmary. Pride Health panel discussion moderated by NSRAP Chair Matt Numer. Other details not yet final.

Spirit Place Public Information Meeting

July 6, 7:00 pm. The long-awaited public information meeting on the development agreement for Spirit House, the LGBT-positive residence which is proposed for the present location of St John’s United Church, will take place Wednesday July 6 at 7:00 pm at the Halifax Forum (Maritime Hall), 2901 Windsor St, Halifax. For further information, please see <http://www.halifax.ca/planning/Case16417Details.html>

Pride volunteer training

July 9, 10:30 am to noon. Empire Theatres, Park Lane. Be part of the cast and crew of Pride Week - volunteer! Please bring along

your volunteer registration form, which can be found at the July 9 entry of <http://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents>

Queer and Rebel Days

Until July 16 : Queer and Rebel Days is designed as a “grass-roots, DIY, anti-corporate alternative to Pride.” Includes discussions on : Queer Activist History, How to Be an Ally, Are You Queer Enough?. For more alternate events, search “hal-gal queer and rebel.” Hal-gal’s events listing is more detailed than Queer and Rebel Days’ own.

Rainbow travel

July 14, 7:00 pm. Whether you’re traveling solo, in a couple, or in a group, there are LGBT-welcoming places to go and to stay. Need some help with planning? Find out more at a free travel talk presented by Adventure Travel Company, 5552 Kaye St. RSVP to halifax@atcadventure.com, or 482-8000.

TheMermaid and the Cow : women’s weekend

July 15-17. Find a relaxing environment amid new and old friends at Nova Scotia’s only campground for LGBT folks. For more on this unique campsite, see <http://www.themermaidandthecow.ca>
To register, contact jane.morrigan@gmail.com
Rates for women’s weekend, \$25.00 per woman.
Customer feedback : “The one time I remember being there during a weekend long rainstorm, hurricane, etc, it was the most wonderful and memorable weekend I have ever had...” AM

Pride Week : July 17 - July 24

Pride parade! Parties! Picnics! Softball! Plays! Drag shows!
Concerts! Dances! Wine tours! Flag raisings! Harbour cruise!
Dyke and trans march!

And on the 24th, don't forget the Manna for Health Pride Survivor Brunch....

Your Elderberries newsletter couldn't possibly cover all the wonders in store for you during Pride Week - you'd better have a look at <http://gayhfxns.org/LocalEvents>

Events listings

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

Gay Halifax : <http://gayhfxns.org/LocalEvents>

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

Elderberries members

If you have received this newsletter, you are a registered member of NSRAP Elderberries. To resign from Elderberries, or just to stop receiving this newsletter, please send an email to malm1@ns.sympatico.ca

All typos are the fault of the Strawberry Queen, who claims she has not received her due tribute of shortcake this month.