

Elderberries Newsletter - December 1, 2011

December 18 Elderberries Potluck :

The Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project Board invites the Elderberries to a seasonal event on Sunday, December 18, 2:00 to 5:00, at the Company House, 2202 Gottingen Street. Some light refreshments will be provided, but members are encouraged to bring some food for the potluck as well. Finger food only, please, as kitchen facilities are not available.

In order to help us plan for this event, please RSVP to malm1@ns.sympatico.ca. Have you not been attending our potlucks? If you receive this newsletter you **are** a registered Elderberry and you are invited - only don't forget to RSVP, preferably by December 13 (there may be a little wiggle room for late registrants). No time like the present - RSVP right now!

Elderberries Recipe Book

As Elderberries members know, over the past couple of months your planning team has been putting together a sixty-page book of YOUR recipes.

After much double checking, proof-reading, and taste testing (our duty, you know!) the book is now ready. We are very happy with the quality and accuracy of the recipes, and the book is beautiful, so it will make an excellent Christmas gift and stocking stuffer.

Proceeds will go toward Elderberry events : gifts for guest speakers, coffee and tea supplies for the potlucks, room rental expenses, etc.

For those who contributed recipes, your first two books will cost \$10.00. For others the cost is \$10.00, or \$8.00 each if you purchase multiple copies.

Copies are available from Venus Envy, or directly from the Elderberries organizing committee : Anita Martinez, Dan MacKay, Lynn Murphy, Nick Honig, or Norval Collins. For more information about the book, including table of contents and sample

recipes, http://gay.hfxns.org/2012_ElderBerries_Cookbook

Donations for Christmas Dinner

On Sunday November 27, the Elderberries Potluck Social passed the hat for the Rev Darlene Young Memorial Christmas Dinner, and presented organizers with a donation of fifty dollars. If you would like to help support the Dinner, donations may still be made to Safe Harbour, and tax receipts can be issued until December 31. For more information, please contact gbeazley@eastlink.ca

December 1 World AIDS Day

For news of today's special events around the province, see www.gov.ns.ca/aids/

December 2 TRANS* 101 : a Workshop on Allyship, Privilege, and Language

Dalhousie Student Union Building, Room 224, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Discussion of Trans* issues, concepts of identity and gender, language use, how to be an Ally to Trans* people everywhere.

December 5 Carol Service

On Monday December 5, the Royal Canadian College of Organists, Halifax, presents their Annual Carol Festival, featuring the RCCO Organists, Massed Choirs, and Brass Impact. Organ Prelude 7:00 pm; Carol Service 7:30 pm. All Saints Cathedral, 1330 Martello Street. Open to the public. An offering will be taken during the presentation.

Dec 13 Halifax Community Health Board Holiday Event

Fort Massey Church Tobin Street entrance, 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Interactive drumming, Sit and Get Fit session, music and art from the Spot musical group. Cider and snacks. Please bring warm winter clothing, and/or helmets and skates to donate to the as-yet-unnamed Oval. Please RSVP to Laurie.MacNeil@cdha.nshealth.ca

December 17 Rev Darlene Young Memorial Christmas Dinner

This year's dinner will be held at 6:00 pm, December 17, at St Andrew's United Church, corner of Spring Garden Road and Coburg Road. If you have further questions, please email gbeazley@eastlink.ca

URLs

For more information about upcoming events, please check out these listings:

www.thecompanyhouse.ca/

wayves.ca

gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents

Elderberries members

If you have received this newsletter, you are a registered member of Elderberries. Our membership fees are reasonable (none), but we do collect un-burnt offerings (dishes for the potlucks). We are a group of gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans, and two-spirited people (and our allies) aged fifty plus. If you have friends who would like to join, they may sign up at an Elderberries event, or e-mail us at nselderberries@gmail.com

If there are *still* typos in this newsletter, please send your Editor the name of your optometrist. Your Editor knows that the instant she sends this off, she will spot a typo. It keeps her humble. (Not that you've noticed, but she would be even more un-humble if there were no typos).