

## **1. Do It Yourself Photographic Portraits**

This coming Sunday, March 25, from 2:00 to 4:30 pm, the Elderberries Potluck Social will feature a "Do It Yourself Portrait Session." If you have a camera, please bring it to the meeting. Nick Honig and Anita Martnez will be bringing professional studio lights, and they will help everyone to take a properly lit photo of whoever you want to photograph. If you have someone you would like to photograph, bring that person to the meeting. We can also photograph each other. Most of all we will be learning something and having fun. For those not interested in the photography session, there will be some games to play - if you have a board game you enjoy, please bring it along. (NO STRIP POKER - the Editor.) If you need more info on the photography you can call Nick at 880-6881, or email [nick.honig@gmail.com](mailto:nick.honig@gmail.com)

Please bring something you would enjoy eating to share at the potluck social that follows the program. This event will take place at Spencer House Seniors' Centre, 5596 Morris Street, Halifax : accessible entrance at the side, parking at the back. No alcohol, no scents, no pets (therapy dogs welcome), and NO STRIP POKER. There is no charge for attending this event, but we will be passing the hat to help pay Spencer House expenses.

## **2. Elderberries Organizing Committee Needs New Members**

The Organizing Committee for Elderberries consists of five (originally six) people, four of whom have served for the past year and a half, and two of whom will shortly be leaving due to other commitments.

What have we accomplished? In the past year and a half we have -

- \* signed up more than 120 members
- \* held more than eighteen programs, ranging from lectures on legal, medical, and historic topics; to round-table discussions; to presentations by other LGBT organizations; to artistic, literary, and musical events; to a well-attended picnic at the Dingle
- \* published a monthly e-mail newsletter, an Elderberries brochure and our first annual cookbook
- \* fundraised almost a thousand dollars
- \* acted as media and academic contact for groups and individuals interested in older LGBTs

The award-winning Elderberries organization should not fold after less than two years of existence!

We need new people to share the work of organizing events. Interested? Please

send your name to [malm1@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:malm1@ns.sympatico.ca)

We will have a meeting later in the spring at which new people can meet existing Committee members and find out more about what we do, and what we might do in the coming year. Don't worry - attending the meeting is not an iron-clad offer to serve on the Committee.

### 3. Halifaxpride Volunteers

Halifaxpride is pulling together a host of activities for Pride Week. If you would like to be part of the volunteer team, please check out the Volunteer Application form at <http://www.halifaxpride.com/index.php/volunteers>

### 4. Upcoming events :

March 22 : Atlantic Canada LGBT Business Meet and Greet, at Pipa, 1685 Argyle Street, 4:00 to 6:00 pm.. Possibly a first step toward forming a Nova Scotia Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. For more information and RSVP option, see [www.cglcc.ca/profile-business.cfm?businessid=2668](http://www.cglcc.ca/profile-business.cfm?businessid=2668)

April 22 : Elderberries Potluck Social. Speaker Aine Humble, from MSVU, will talk about her research on marriage between elder LGBTs in the Halifax area.

5. Any typos in this newsletter are due to distraction as the editor contemplates the bare possibilities of Elderberry Strip Poker. Particularly at an event to which everyone has brought a camera. The Shirtlessness Debate pales in comparison. So come to the Potluck Social on Sunday March 25. But NO STRIP POKER!