

Elderberries Newsletter : July 8, 2012

1. Elderberries at the Pride Parade :

Please join the rest of the LGBT community at the 25th Pride Parade on Saturday July 28, 1:30 to 3:00 pm.

No matter how cute the fire-fighters are, you don't want to be fire-engine red - remember lots of sunscreen and a bottle of water to keep you hydrated as you march. Also, bring along that Elderberries pennant you bought last year. It has no date on it - timeless, right?

At the after-march Pride Festival on the Garrison Grounds, Elderberries and the Pride Committee are sponsoring an Elders gathering place, near the refreshment area. It's an ideal spot to sit back and talk with friends old and new, from the afternoon right into the post-fireworks closing at 1:30 am.

For much, much more on Pride events, see:

<http://www.halifaxpride.com/index.php/pride-week/calendar>

2. August 19 - Afternoon : Second Annual Elderberries Anniversary Potluck Picnic

Back by popular demand! Yes, it's the Picnic at the Dingle, August 19 (raindate August 26).

Start ransacking your cookbooks for main dish salads, dynamite desserts, boiled eggs stuffed with lobster, and any other excellent edibles you enjoy and would like to share with your friends (if you are bringing eggs stuffed with lobster, you will have more friends than Facebook). Well-behaved dogs are welcome - don't forget a water-bowl. More details coming in the August newsletter.

3. Red, Hot and Oscar : Sunday, July 8, 3:00 pm

Fluffer Theatre presents a tribute to the songs of Cole Porter and the wit of Oscar Wilde. The Company House, 2202 Gottingen Street. Featuring Kevin Kindred, Ciff LeJeune, Hugo Dann, and many more : hosted by Bryden Macdonald. A benefit for the forthcoming presentation of *Love Me Always*. Refreshments will be served. \$20.00.

4. Northwood Flag Raising : Thursday, July 19, 1:30 pm

Northwood invites the Elderberries to join them for the raising of the Pride Flag on the Harbourview Deck, followed by a piece of Celebration Cake. Over the past few years, Northwood has worked to raise staff awareness of the issues faced by LGBT residents, staff, volunteers, and visitors. Let's show our support, and perhaps meet some oldtime friends who are now living there - the people who blazed the way for *our* coming out into the LGBT community. The Northwood bus will be in the Pride Parade, and if you'd like to help with decorating it, call Faye LeBlanc at 454-3378.

5. Queer Acts Theatre Festival, July 19-22

Sissydude, a rock musical set in Halifax's North End; *NonMonog and the grey scale dwellers*, a one-person show by Halifax poet laureate Tanya Davis; *Short Skirt Butch*, by Lee Anne Poole, a hit at the 2011 Atlantic Fringe Festival; *Love Me Always*, with Hugo Dann as Oscar Wilde speaking from his prison cell, and many more. For schedule and ticket information, www.halifaxpride.com/index.php/pride-week/queer-acts

6. Changes at NSRAP

Elderberries is an affiliate of the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project. The recent Annual General Meeting of NSRAP saw many changes. For a list of the new Board of Directors, see <http://nsrap.ca/about/board-of-directors>

NSRAP's Annual Report, also at nsrap.ca, gives an idea of NSRAP's accomplishments over

the past year, and where they plan to go in future.

7. Community event links :

The Company House

<http://www.thecompanyhouse.ca/html/calendar.html>

Gay Halifax

<http://gayhfxns.org/LocalEvents>

Wayves

<http://www.wayves.ca>

7. Making Elderberries Happen :

We are still looking for new members for the Elderberries Organizing Committee. If the organization is to survive and flourish, only members can make it happen.

The Elderberries' accomplishments in our short existence have been substantial :

- * building a province-wide membership of more than 120
- * presenting monthly information/recreation programs relating to LGBTs and/or seniors, ranging from legal and health issues (nutrition, exercise, role of prideHealth) to artistic expression (music, poetry, photography, guest authors) and community history
- * coordinating a panel on how to preserve LGBT community history, as part of NSRAP's Pride Week lecture series, 2011
- * publishing a monthly email newsletter, an organizational brochure, and a fundraiser cookbook
- * providing contact people and/or information to researchers and media regarding LGBT senior issues

If any of this sounds like something you would like to take part in, please respond to malm1@ns.sympatico.ca, or to elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com

8. Coda

If you have received this newsletter, you are a member in good standing of Elderberries. If you wish to resign, please email elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com.

All typos are the fault of fog so thick it has invaded my balcony door and settled down on my keyboard. Just you try typing when the fog is saying "come out with me and climb the ropes...the tall ships need adventurers...the docks are teeming with rumrunners...the pirates of the *Saladin* were hanged right at this corner...now I'm a broken man on a Halifax pier..." It's true about the *Saladin*, by the way, I can see the spot from here.

