

January 31 version

1. February Elderberries Event :

Instead of our regular Potluck Social, please join other members of the LGBT community and friends on Sunday February 9, 2:30 to 4:30 pm, Spring Garden Road Memorial Public Library. Brenda Hattie and Brenda Beagan will speak on : Pride Talks : Queer Spirituality Paths II. Free.

What does spirituality mean for LGBTQ folks in the Halifax area? What is the place of spirituality in local LGBTQ communities? What could it be? What should it be?

Queer Spirituality Paths I, presented during Pride 2013, attracted a full house, so if you want to be sure of a seat - arrive early! PS- those with back problems might be well advised to bring a cushion.

Refreshments will be available.

And coming March 9 - a speaker from Happily Ever Active!

<http://happilyeveractive.org/WP/about>

2. Elderberries Coffee break

Wednesday February 12, 10:30 am. Northwood Coffee Room (Harbour View), 2615 Northwood Terrace. Wheelchair accessible. Refreshments available at adjacent Coco's outlet. Residents and staff are invited to join Elderberries for coffee and getting-to-know-you.

3. News and connections :

ISCANS Rainbow Community Awards and Bachelor Auction

Saturday February 1, 2014, 7:00 pm, Waegwoltic Club. Cover \$10.00.

Women's Valentines Dance

Saturday February 8, 2014, 8:00 pm to 1:00 am, CFB Halifax, 6441 Hawk Terrace. Tickets \$7.00 in advance at Venus Envy, or call 433-1601, or text 223-7482. \$10.00 at the door.

Cosmic Drag Queen Bingo

Saturday February 8, Halifax Forum, Windsor Street. Help raise money for Laing House, a peer support organization for youth living with mental illness.

<http://www.lainghouse.org/about-us.html>

La Vie en Rose

Friday February 14, 8:00 pm to 12:00 pm, Imperial Ballroom, Lord Nelson Hotel. An inclusive, Paris-inspired Valentine's swing dance and music concert for LGBT and straights, singles and couples. Presented by Swingology "the gypsy jazz swing band" : <http://www.swingology.ca/>, \$25.00 advance via email : lavieenrose2014.eventbrite.ca, or \$30.00 at the door. Free swing dance lesson starts at 7:00

Pink Triangle Day

Friday, February 14, 2014. 35th anniversary of Pink Triangle Day, Nova Scotia's gift to LGBT Canada. On July 1, 1979, the seventh annual conference of the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Rights Coalition adopted a resolution put forth by Robin Metcalfe on behalf of the Gay Alliance for Equality, proclaiming February 14 as an annual gay holiday, to be known as Pink Triangle Day.

The Pink Triangle became an LGBT symbol in honour of gay men who were forced to wear them in Nazi concentration camps. Lesbians and other "antisocial" women wore black triangles.

Launch of the second edition of Robin Metcalfe's catalogue Queer looking, queer acting will take place February 14 in Halifax at a location not yet set. The launch was previously announced for the Turret building, but it is now closed due to asbestos issues.

4. Community Links :

The Company House

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

Gay Halifax

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

Halifax Pride

<http://halifaxpride.com/events>

Menz & Mollyz Events Calendar

<http://menzbar.ca/calendar-events.html>

Wayves

<http://www.wayves.ca>

5. Message from the Editor :

If you have received this, you are a member in good standing of Elderberries, a free social group for LGBT persons aged fifty plus, and our families, friends, and supporters. Contact us at malm1@ns.sympatico.ca, or elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com

From time to time, information is sent to us for inclusion in the Newsletter. Inclusion does not imply that the information has the approval of the Newsletter, or of Elderberries.

Enjoy Canada's own national LGBT holiday, Pink Triangle Day. For more on the triangles, see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nazi_concentration_camp_badges and for more on how the triangle became a symbol of the modern LGBT movement, see Robin Metcalfe's 2013 talk at http://gay.hfxns.org/pics/PinkTriangleDay/2013-02-12_Pink_Triangle_Day_Robin_Metcalfe.mp4

Your editor has proofread this again and again. There are no little gremlins in the house. She has not been distracted by the pangs of unrequited love, or indeed of requited love (sigh). Santa's elves are enjoying a well-earned vacation amid the snows of Virginia Beach, Georgia, where Your Editor's vacationing brother is known to the envious populace as the only man in town who has snow tires : therefore neither the elves nor her brother are providing error-causing distractions. Your Editor is sending off this Newsletter in the sure and certain hope that it contains no typos or other errors. Your Editor knows that three minute it is sent, she will spot at least two glaring errors. It is Fate. Kismet. She was hoping for a more romantic type of Kismet, but some of us are princesses and some of us are stable hands. It is the Year of the Horse. What can she expect.