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Sorry! Still juggling with the Newsletter improvements. You will love it when we've got it working -promise!

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Note : Anita Martinez has been working on adding colour photos to the Newsletter. We are nearly there, but it isn't quite working yet. If we do get the bugs out, we will send you the new improved version in a couple of days.

1. No Elderberries Potluck Social in July :

As in previous years, we have scheduled no Elderberries event for July, instead encouraging members to take part in the many **halifaxPride** activities.

2. Pride Events - "Once upon a Pride" - July 17 to July 27 :

Pride flag raising and Mayor's reception - Cosmic Drag Queen Bingo - Trans Connect's All Bodies Swim - Dykes vs Divas softball game - Pride Vigil - night time cruise of Halifax Harbour - open air dance party - lesbian comedy at Yuk Yuks - Pride Parade - Manna for Health Survivor Brunch. This barely touches the surface. For more complete lists and detailed information, please see <http://gayhfx.org/LocalEvents> and <http://halifaxpride.com/event/pride2014>. Please check both sites, as each has events the other lacks.

3. Pride Parade : Shades of Grey Viewing Area :

Senior and accessible viewing area, sponsored by CBC. Sackville Street and Bell Road.

4. Queer Acts Theatre Festival :

Each play \$15.00 regular; \$12.00 student, senior, and underwaged; \$45.00 festival pass.

Tender Beast by Mary Fay Coady, and ***Chimera*** by Rory Jade Grey. Plays from the Emerging Queer Artists Program. Thursday July 17 to Sunday July 20, 6:00 pm. (2 shows, one ticket). Bus Stop Theatre, 2203 Gottingen Street.

Agokwe. Created and performed by Waawaate Fobister. Thursday July 17 to Sunday July 20, 7:30 pm. Bus Stop Theatre, 2203 Gottingen St.

Redheaded stepchild. Written and performed by Johnnie Walker. Thursday July 17 to Sunday July 20, 9:00 pm. Bus Stop Theatre, 2203 Gottingen St.

Let's not beat each other to death. Written and performed by Stewart Legere. Thursday July 17 to Sunday July 20, 10:30 pm. Bus Stop Theatre, 2203 Gottingen St.

A boy and his dog. Written and performed by Chris Aucoin. Friday July 18 and Saturday July 19, 7:00 pm. The Company House, 2202 Gottingen St.

5. TimeOUT lecture series :

Spring Garden Road Memorial Public Library. 12:00 noon. Free.

Monday July 21 : "Spectrum of Trans identities." Panel : Jude Ashburn, Kate Shewan, Cybelle Rieber.

Wednesday July 23 : "Dialogue on James Baldwin." Robert Wright and Robin Metcalfe.

Thursday July 24 : "Telling queer stories : the challenges, risks and rewards." Historian, journalist, and playwright discuss.

Friday July 25 : "How not to be offended." Kevin Kindred.

6. Gay men, prostate cancer, and what comes after :

Dr Tracey Rickards is a Registered Nurse and Assistant Professor of Nursing at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. She is looking to conduct research to help healthcare providers better understand the experiences of gay men and their partners after receiving treatment for prostate cancer.

If you are an English-speaking gay man residing in NS, NB, or PEI, she would like to speak to you about your experiences in one or two confidential interviews in a location convenient to you. A follow-up meeting will be held after two to six months.

Contact information for Dr Rickards is :

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7. Jim DeYoung RIP :

A message from Scott MacNeil informs Your Editor that Jim DeYoung died July 8, aged 67. Although not a member of Elderberries, he was well known to many former members of GAE/GALA.

8. Links to further sources re community events :

The Company House

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

Gay Halifax

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

Halifax Pride

<http://halifaxpride.com/events>

Menz Bar

<http://www.menzbar.ca/>

Venus Envy

<http://www.venusenvy.ca/Halifax>

<http://www.venuservy.ca/Hallidax>

Wayves

<http://www.wayves.ca>

9. Message from the editor :

If you have received this newsletter, you are a member in good standing of Elderberries, a social organization of LGBT persons aged 50+, and their families, friends, and supporters.

If you wish to contact Elderberries, or to pass on our contact information to potential new members, here it is : malm1@ns.sympatico.ca

or elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com

These email addresses also work if you wish to resign - but where else would you find an organization like this?

From time to time information is sent in for inclusion in the Newsletter. Inclusion does not necessarily imply that Elderberries or the Newsletter approve of or support this information.

10. Once upon a Fairy Tale - the Musical :

(Your Editor secretly believes that she, too, could become a Queer Acts dramatist)

Hansel and Gretel's parents, irate that they have produced not one but two LGBT children, drive them forth into the forest.

"We're hungry, we're starving, there is nothing to eat but elderberries," they sing.

The Elderberry Mother, disguised as a witch, offers them a home in return for domestic duties. "My hands are all wrinkled from dish washing," laments Hansel, while Gretel admires her new muscles, developed from chopping wood.

Meanwhile, Red Riding Hood skips through the trees, admiring her ruby slippers with every step. She reaches Grandmother's house, where the scrawny Granny, played by the Elderberry Mother/Witch, has just been eaten by the Wolf. "Oh, what rosy cheeks you have! Oh, what blue eyes you have!" sings the wolf, still hungry, as he pursues Red around the kitchen.

Suddenly Gretel jumps from the chimney like Santa Claus, brandishing her axe. She cuts off the wolf's head, rescuing the still-undigested Scrawny Granny (this is going to require some Special Effects), and saving Red from the frying pan.

"My heroine," whispers Red, clasping Gretel's muscular forearm. She clicks her Ruby Slippers, transporting them both back to Kansas. Kansas, also played by the Elderberry Mother/Witch/Scrawny Granny, then sings her aria, "Tres dames dans un chambre caseta (Three women in a one-bedroom apartment)" * before departing in a handcart pulled by three little pigs.

Prince Charming, riding through the forest, comes upon the cottage where Hansel, exhausted by his labours, is sleeping beside his leaking washtub. "These lovely hands shall wrinkle no more," Charming vows, sprinkling the washtub with water softener and diamonds, and awakening Hansel with a kiss. Clad in a tulip-shaped gown designed by the best drag queen couturier in Wonderland, Hansel rides off (side-saddle) into the sunset with the Prince.

The Elderberry Mother, no longer disguised, sings "God Save the Queens" and exits stage left.

* Your Librettist is a little vague about operatic languages.

Don't bother Your Editor with typos : she is busy composing the arias. Should Red sing "O Sole Mio" as a love song addressed to her shoes?

11. August picnic :

The Fourth Annual Elderberries Anniversary Potluck Picnic will take place at the Dingle Park Gazebo on Sunday, August 24, 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Please note that, owing to the availability of the gazebo, this will be on the **fourth** Sunday of the month and not the second. More details to come in the August newsletter.



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