

Elderberries Newsletter

June 2016

ELDERBERRIES



My apologies to all the members! I was so eager yesterday to get out my final newsletter (as editor) that I made a foolish mistake that held up the whole process! Thanks to Dan for putting out an emergency edition this morning!

Here is the June edition as originally written, containing ILLUSTRATIONS, INVITATION TO AN AWARD-WINNING FILM (FREE TICKETS!), many more EVENTS, a TOUCHING FAREWELL, our EMAIL ADDRESS, and an Urban Legend DEBUNKED.

Hope will find it worth reading!

Mea culpa, mea culpa. (That's old-time Catholic for **Sorry! I screwed up!**)

Elderberries Events

Elderberries Potluck Social: Sunday June 12, 2:00 - 4:30 pm: The Penthouse, Northwood Centre, 2615 Northwood Terrace. Doors open at 2:00; presentation begins at 2:30.

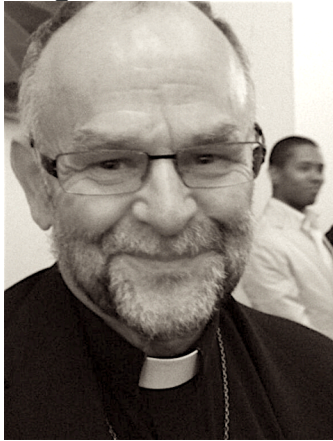
Elderberries is a free organization open to all LGBT persons aged fifty plus, and our families, friends, and supporters. All are welcome to attend our socials - bring a friend! Bring three!

Accessibility:

The Penthouse is wheelchair accessible, including washrooms. Parking is often available in the surrounding streets, or there is a pay-for-parking lot directly across from the front door. Please be considerate of audience members with sensitivities: no alcohol, no scented products, no peanuts, and no pets. Service

dogs welcome.

Program:



Reverent Brent Hawkes

Earlier this year, long-term LGBT activist Rev. Brent Hawkes was charged in Nova Scotia with the crimes of indecent assault and gross indecency in connection with an alleged assault on a minor that occurred between 1974 and 1975. Lawyers Doug Elliott and Bruce Walker will talk about how Canada's Criminal Code in the 1970s and in the present has influenced the way charges like these were handled, and their impact on LGBT people including Mr. Hawkes.

Potluck:



Please bring something you would enjoy eating and sharing: homemade and store-bought items are both welcome. Don't forget any serving utensils your dish requires - knife for cutting cake, salad serving spoons, etc. Coffee and tea are provided courtesy of Northwood. Kitchen facilities are not available, so finger foods and room temperature items are best.

Valley Picnic Invitation to All Elderberries



Paul and Tim would like you to join us on Saturday June 25, 2016, at our home 1703 White Rock Road, Wolfville. Afternoon mingle and BBQ for supper, with a campfire into the evening for anyone who would like to visit longer....
Potluck and BYOB.

PS (I have been there a few times to this event. What a wonderful place to spend time. Everyone is so kind and country friendly, even the many animals they have there are friendly and so interesting. It is such a beautiful area overlooking the Gaspereau Valley. Hard to believe you are not only in a beautiful amazing area but to have a place as warm and friendly as this with incredible food..WOW!! Once you have been there you wouldn't want to miss it next time).just saying... Anita

Urban Legend Debunked

You have to be over fifty to join Elderberries.

This is BUNK

When Elderberries first formed, we had an age limit - fifty or older. But some years ago this was changed to LGBT persons aged fifty plus, *and/or* their families, friends, or supporters. Anyone who wants to join probably qualifies as a friend or supporter, so tell all your friends they are eligible - sign up now at elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com

Other June Events:

Venus Envy June Workshops: 1598 Barrington Street, Halifax
halifax@venusenvy.ca
<https://venusenvy.ca/Halifax>
 902-422-0004

Sunday, June 12, 2016, 6:00 pm: Celebration: self-portraiture, fat acceptance, self-love, and journaling. Led by Sarah Mangle. Guided, private drawing time: no previous drawing experience necessary. Fee: \$20.00

Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm: Introduction to BDSM. Led by Heather Chamberlin. Beginner level. Fee: \$20.00

Wednesday, June 15, 2016, 7:00 pm: Remember your life. Open only to those who identify as two-spirit, trans, or queer. Led by Elisha Lim, "graphic novelist and trans troubador." You remember how you lived your life - but how can you write it as a fresh and interesting narrative? No fee.

Tuesday, June 28, 2016: Everybody's Doing It: talking about sex and disability. We may have a cane, or a disabled parking hanger for the car, but that doesn't mean we are not sexual beings. In this session: how people, who experience pain, or altered mobility and/or sensation, can spice up their sex life using toys and position accessories. Led by Kaleigh Trace. Fee: \$20.00.

Saturday June 11, 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Outwinning with MADO. From Montreal's Cabaret Mado, Halifax Pride presents the Halifax debut of Mado Lamotte and her queens, with performances from the Mado Follies. Come along for a wild evening of pinot and pageantry. Tickets \$50.00 online (www.eventbrite.ca) before, and \$60.00 at the door: includes price of admission, entertainment, and all you can drink wine (invite your Designated Driver now!) Must be 19+. Location: Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel, 1919 Upper Water Street, Halifax.

Sunday June 12, 19, and 26: East Coast Rainbow Softball Association, games at 2:00, 3:30, and 5:00. See schedule at <https://ecrsa.ca>

Monday, June 13, 7:00 pm: Swing into Spring, with the Chebucto Big Band. Paul O'Regan Hall, Halifax Central Library. "Contemporary jazz favourites and classic hits from the big band era."

Thursday June 16, 2016: "Does it matter that dementia is mostly a problem of old age?" Kathryn Allen Weldon Public Lecture, ("Public" means "Elderberries Welcome!") presented in conjunction with the conference, "Our Future is Aging: Current Research on Knowledge, Practice & Policy." Lecture presented by Dr Kenneth Rockwood, Kathryn Allen Weldon Professor of Alzheimer Research, Dalhousie University. Free. 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Multi Purpose Room, 3rd Floor, Rosaria Student Centre, Mount St Vincent University.

Thursday June 16 to Sunday June 19: OUTEAST Queer Film Festival. Various venues, ticket prices, etc.

RSVP: Thursday June 16, 7:30 pm:



Award-winning documentary film MAJOR, the story of 74-year-old Miss Major Griffin-Gracy, a trans activist for more than fifty years. INVITATION TO ELDERBERRIES: Location: Neptune Theatre's Fountain Hall. Building and theatre are fully wheelchair accessible: film will be subtitled for attendees with hearing challenges. Andria Wilson of OUTEast invites Elderberries to attend: please respond to elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com by noon on Tuesday June 14, and she will arrange for FREE TICKETS to be left for you at the box office, Neptune Theatre, 1593 Argyle St., Halifax

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 fifty-plus, and their families, friends, and supporters.

The Elderberries e-mail is elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com



*Our Amazing Editor says..***"FAREWELL"**

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Elderberries will be six years old in August (yes, plans for the annual picnic are underway). For most of this time I have happily been Editor of the monthly newsletter. The newsletter is a little old-fashioned - people now tend to rely on social media - but digging out information on local LGBT events has been

enjoyable. I only wish I had attended more of them!

It is too bad that my last issue as editor should have turned out a fiasco - and all my fault, too: I can't blame this one on Santa's elves, or little green men from Ireland, or even from Mars! Thanks to Dan for ensuring that at least a short-short version reached you, the members, earlier today.

You may be disappointed (or possibly relieved) to hear that, although departed from the Newsletter, I have not resigned from Elderberries. Like the Loyal Opposition, I reserve the right to gnash my teeth and grumble in the background.

The next editor may make a completely different Newsletter: timelier publication, more news, fewer events listings, legends of the Bad Old Days in Tusket or North Sydney, interviews with the Not-yet-Elder Berries now leading LGBT organizations. An embrace of the Q-word in editorial content. I look forward to reading it!

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Lynn Murphy

Former Editor

(Yeah, this time I really mean it!)

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