

Halifax Elderberries Newsletter

September 2017

Website: <http://gay.hfxns.org/ElderBerries>

Hello Cherished Elderberry!

Here's a bare-bones newsletter done up by yours truly, Dan MacKay, while our next newsletter editor comes up to speed! Who will that be? All will be revealed in the October issue.

In the meantime, here are the facts and just the facts, for September!

September Elderberries Event

When: Sunday, September 10, 2:00PM

Where: Usual Location: Northwood Penthouse

Topic: A Workshop On Inclusive Pronouns

Pot Luck: The usual! Bring something you like to make (or buy) and eat & share. There are power outlets there for warmers etc.

For those who haven't been to the Northwood Penthouse: it is spectacular and a sumptuous space! If you don't know how to get there:

- * Use the door at the corner of North St & Northwood Terrace: one block "West" - away from the harbour - from Gottingen Street
- * Take the first elevators you see and hit "P"
- * When the doors open on P you're in our space!

Offer Of Assistance

From: Marshall Haywood
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2016 5:10 PM

Hi Lynn,

It was a pleasure to meet you again last week with LeZlie Lee Kam. Hanging out with her reminded me that there are so many folks in our community that don't drive, so I wanted to ask you if any of the Elderberries are ever looking for volunteers: drivers, errand runners, heavy lifters, cooking, that sort of thing. If so, please let me know. I'm interested in helping where I can, and I know some other folks who would want to, too.

Hope you are well, Marshall

Planned Events

- * October: All Things Hallowe'en! Also: voting for next year's topics.
- * November: Do you want a partner? Boyfriend? Girlfriend? Don'tcarefriend? Best Friend Forever? Friend With Benefits?

Local Queer & Elders News

* The Halifax Fringe Festival is on! There is LOTS of LGBT content! Here's a lineup of

* Sensitivity Training For Longterm Care Workers

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/health/trainers-helping-lgbt-seniors-1.4256155>

* Course: Mental Health First Aid For Seniors

<http://arpeggio.anchor87.com/product/mhfa-seniors-halifax/>

* k.d. lang is bringing her 25th Anniversary tour, "Constant Cravings" to Halifax on September 9

<https://www.thecoast.ca/halifax/kd-lang/Event?oid=6287380>

* LGBT Jews Social Group

"A monthly social coffee group for LGBTQ+ Jews will be having their first meeting at the Humani-T cafe on South Park (1451 South Park St. @ The Trillium) at 8:30 pm, Tuesday August 15th. All ages welcome."

* Halifax-born fantasy writer Tanya Huff will be a featured guest at Hal-Con 2017. Hal-Con is self-described as the biggest, geekiest sci-fi, fantasy and gaming convention in Atlantic Canada, running September 22-24 in Halifax. Check with Hal-Con for details. Huff's best-known work is the Blood series featuring private detective Vicki Nelson and her sidekick, vampire Henry FitzRoy. The series was adapted for CBC television under the title *Blood ties*. She won a 2013 Aurora award for her werewolf-themed novel *The Silvered*. Auroras are presented by the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association.

Her most recent novel is *A Peace Divided*, a military science fiction adventure with a female lead - former Gunnery Sergeant Torin Kerr. Huff lives in rural Ontario with her wife and four cats.

In Other News

* On being older and gay. Good fodder for our November discussion http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/im-an-older-gay-man-and-i-know-it-will-get-worse_us_599dc086e4b02289f76191ce

* How Canada has been secretly giving asylum to gay people in Chechnya fleeing persecution <https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/news/canada-chechnya-gay-asylum/article36145997/>

* Better Than Brokeback Mountain? <http://www.dazeddigital.com/film-tv/article/37193/1/gods-own-country-film-francis-lee-interview>

* Discussion: Would you have wanted to hear these “Gay Sex Ed” lessons in high school?

<https://www.advocate.com/sexy-beast/2017/8/25/23-gay-sex-ed-lessons-i-wish-i-had-learned-high-school>

* Do Straights Belong In Gay Bars? Some ideas presented in a rather silly way:

http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/michael-henry-straight-people-gay-bar_us_599ef6fce4b06d67e335f9bf

* And here’s a slightly more thoughtful look at it

<https://www.advocate.com/commentary/2017/8/08/straight-folks-there-are-some-spaces-you-dont-belong>

Erroribus

From a former newsletter editor: "All errors are the result of the copywriter elves having flown away to Houston on flood duty."