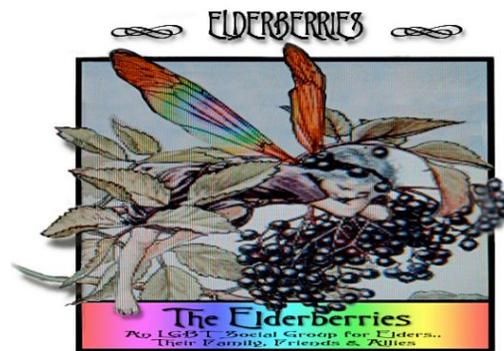


# Elderberries Newsletter

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## 1 - This Month's Event

What: Picnic at Raymond Taavel Park!

Where: Corner of Barrington and Inglis Streets, Halifax

When: Sunday August 11th, 2 pm to 4 pm.

Food: Bring something to eat and share, and water to drink. Iced tea, scones and butter will be provided. There are very few seats, so bring camp chairs or a picnic blanket.

There's no latrine there, but Tim Horton's and Superstore are nearby so stop in there first.

Weather: retreat to our usual space, Northwood Penthouse if the weather's bad.



## 2 - July Storytelling Salon

Despite the heat our Pride Salon was well attended. Arrivals were greeted and given information and directed to the gathering room. Some wrote questions for the speakers. Food and drink was available in the back room that led to a deck and a shady yard. The moderator drew out questions and posed them to the storytellers. Thank you to Halifax Pride for the financial support and promotions, to the Unitarian Universalist Church for this, the latest of a half-century of loving support of the LGBT Community, to our storytellers, and especially to



the team of volunteers, mostly your Elderberries Board, who made the magic happen.

### 3 -- Recipe: Scott's Punch

While we were planning the 2019 Storytelling Salon, there was a request for longtime board member Scott MacNeil's punch again. It was a big hit again this year, so we thought we'd share so you can make your own.

Over ice, pour equal parts pineapple juice, orange juice and ginger ale. Float on top: a dozen maraschino cherries and some combination of strawberries, raspberries, sliced oranges, limes & lemons.



### 4 - Halifax Gay Men's Chorus Open Rehearsal

The chorus was very busy during Pride Week. They're on break till September. If you'd like to join in, come to the Open Rehearsal on September 12th from 7 pm to 9 pm (arrive at 6:45pm.) It'll be held at First Baptist Church 1300 Oxford Street.



## 5 - Mike Dempsey

Requiescat in pace character-about-town Mike Dempsey passed away July 21, 2019 age 64.

Back in the day, Mike loved roller skating and hosting wonderful parties. At work at the Agricola Street NSLC, he was as well-known for his witty retorts as he was for his efficiency at the checkout. In the late 1990s and early 2000s he was owner of *Mike's Pets & Plants* on Almon near Agricola.

There will be no visitation; a funeral service will be held at a later date. An interment will be held in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a local animal charity of your choice.

If you have a photo of Mike that you can share, please contact us.



## 6 - Elderberries Mugs Are Back!

We have *lots* of Elderberries mugs to sell.

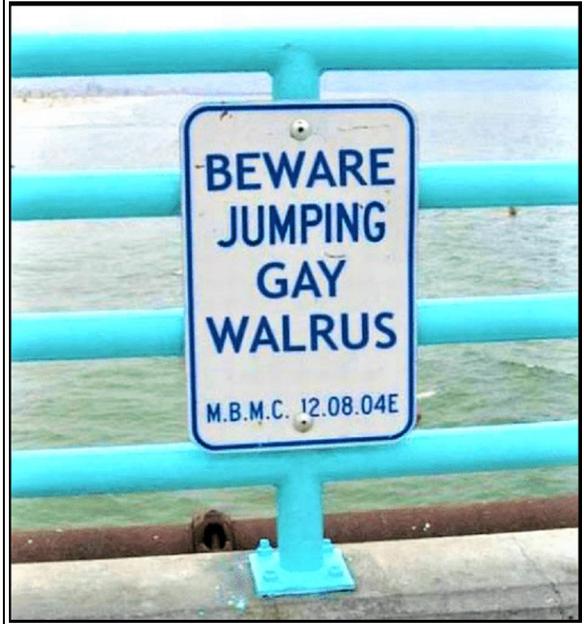
The Elderberries logo is on the front. On the back is the grey pride ribbon and the words: ***We are old. We are tired. We can get away with things. So... don't piss us off!***

The price is \$15.00; you can get one at our events or we can mail one to you.



## 7 - Members' Notices!

You just have to tell somebody? Got a grandkid, moving, planning a vacation, looking for shared accommodations? Your Elderberries Newsletter now has room for Hatch, Match & Dispatch announcements! If you have an announcement about a birth, a Graduation, moving, wedding, of you, your partner, kids, your grandkids etc, just <Reply> with them, or send them to [AtlanticCanadaElderberries@gmail.com](mailto:AtlanticCanadaElderberries@gmail.com)



## 8 - Allergy Policy

If you have allergies -- to dogs, cats, cellphone signals, peanuts, tree nuts, pineapple, shellfish, pork products, perfume, mustard, anything -- and are planning to attend an Elderberries event, please tell us and we will notify our members a few days before the meeting.

We can't guarantee an allergen-free experience on the way to, or at our venue; but, generally, our members will read and heed. Our picnic will be outdoors, so we have little control over allergens. If you're sharing food let everyone know what's in it. If you're not sure say so.

Everyone, always, however, appreciates a no-scent policy. Hint.



## 9 - About The Elderberries

The Elderberries is the social, educational, and activism group for LGBT Elders in Atlantic Canada.

- To join the Society and the mailing list, send an email to [AtlanticCanadaElderberries@gmail.com](mailto:AtlanticCanadaElderberries@gmail.com)
- To be notified of Elderberries Events via Meetup, join the Meetup group, “Halifax-45-LGBTQ-Commingle-group” or click <http://meetu.ps/c/3Xqzj/BWpGw/d>
- We have a Facebook group too! Join the Facebook group, “NSElderberries”
- We have Elderberries mugs and cookbooks for sale. If you’re interested, please email us at the address above.

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