

Elderberries Newsletter

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1– Last Month's Salon

We had a large turnout to listen to two authors read from their works and answer questions about being writers and the craft itself. Most were women but men too listened intently as Anne Bishop and Jaqueline Dumas read and answered questions. Who knew there were so many Elderberries bookworms out there. We should do more of these. Do you have some suggestions?



2 – December's Holiday Salon

What: Our Christmas salon. We'll review our 2019 New Year's Resolutions. There'll be a carol singalong and a (voluntary) White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Where: The Penthouse, the Northwood Centre 2615 Northwood Terrace, Halifax

When: Sunday December 8th, 2 pm to 4 pm.

Food: Scones, butter, tea and coffee will be supplied. Feel free to share some goodies with others.



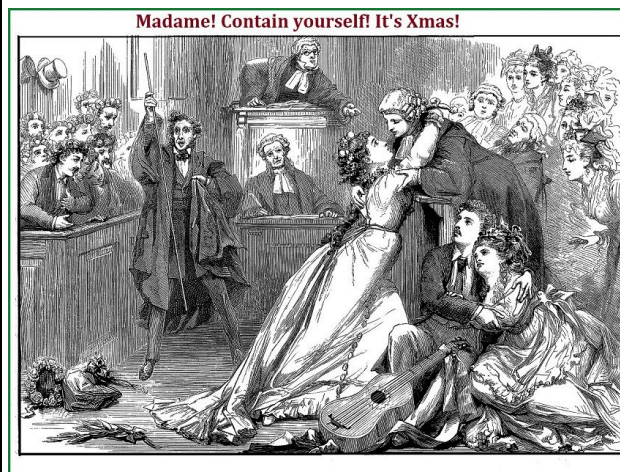
3 — White Elephant Gift Exchange!

Part of the fun for the December event will be a White Elephant Gift Exchange! Please wrap something *of no value to you* to give away more or less at random to

another member. It can be new or used, nice or tacky, practical or extremely silly - the sillier the better!

4 — Rules for the WEGE

- Emcee puts numbers in a hat 1, 2, 3, 4 up to the number of guests
- Guests pick numbers out of a hat
- Emcee calls out numbers, 1, 2, 3, 4
- When your number is called you may either “steal” an opened gift from anyone who has one, or pick an unopened gift from the pile and open it.
- Game is over when the last guest has stolen or opened a gift.



5--The Halifax Gay Men's Xmas Concerts

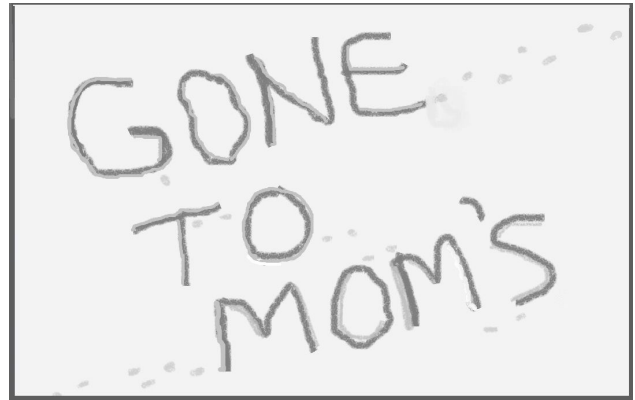
Come join the guys for a warm and moving holiday experience of seasonal music on Thursday December 12th And Saturday December 14th 7:30 PM at St.Andrew's United Church 6036 Coburg Road, Halifax.

Online ticket sales are moving quickly. Your best bet is to buy them at the Scotiabank branches listed on the poster. Use cash unless you're a Scotiabank customer.



6 – Members’ Notices

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



7– Elderberries Mugs Are Back!

Christmas is coming! Do you need to buy gifts? Elderberries mugs are perfect.

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.



8– Upcoming LGBT Events

LGBT Halifax 45+ [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) group
Find your tribe of like minded spirits. There are various interest groups meeting at different times. Once you're on [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com), look for Halifax-45-LGBTQ-Commingle-group

You can find all local LGBT Events in one place! Check out: <http://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents> or google “gay halifax local events”



9-- The Speakers Bureau

You have a story to tell that can help some young person today! You could give a Dal med class some insights to being an LGBTQ patient.

We're revitalising the Speakers Bureau. November 9th we gave two presentations at a big NS GSA Conference in Halifax. Local schools and school boards want to hear from us too. Commit only as much time as you wish and where. The presentations are usually to small groups or classes. Thank you to all of you on our Speakers list. If you'd be interested in trying it, please contact us!



10 – Allergy Policy

If you have allergies -- to dogs, cats, cellphone signals, peanuts, tree nuts, pineapple, shellfish, pork products, perfume, mustard, anything -- and plan to attend an Elderberries event, please tell us. We'll 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. We have little control over the environment at picnics. 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.

