

Elderberries : August Newsletter

Elderberries Picnic :

Pack up your coolers with soft drinks, salads, and delicious desserts for the First Annual Elderberries Potluck Picnic. Cold foods are most practical, but you are welcome to bring your own Coleman stoves, solar ovens, etc.

Please join us (and feel free to invite prospective members) on Sunday August 21 at 2:00 pm at Sir Sandford Fleming Park, aka The Dingle. This is the anniversary of Elderberries' first potluck social in August 2010, so Happy Birthday to us!

Elderberries potluck events are scent-free and alcohol-free.

If you need a ride, or can offer a ride, please email back and we will try to coordinate.

Hero Awards

Who is your local LGBT hero? Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project will once again present the Reverend Darlene Young Community Hero Award at the NSRAP Gala on Saturday October 22, 2011. New this year are : an Allies Award, a Media Award, and a Corporate Stewardship Award. NSRAP invites members of the LGBT community to put forward the names of people or organizations who are deserving of these awards. Nominations close August 22 at 7:00 pm. Nomination form and list of requirements available at the NSRAP website.

Avoiding the Shoals : Courage Roundup (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Courage Roundup, <http://www.halifaxgayaaroundup.org>
August 5,6,7 at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 5500 Inglis Street, Halifax, includes fellowship, speakers, and workshops on

recovery topics. It is open to alcoholics and to those affected by the alcoholism of others. This is the only gay and lesbian Roundup east of Montreal. Registration fee is \$25.00, but nobody will be turned away for lack of funds. See website above for online registration form.

Take Back the Night

Organizing meeting for Take Back the Night : Monday August 8, 6:00 pm, at Just Us Café, 5896 Spring Garden Road.

Art and Theatre

Pride Week's event-an-hour feast of happenings is over for another year, but here are a couple of August events you may want to take in.

Jacques Brel is Alive and Living in Paris and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* at the Chester Playhouse, 22 Pleasant Street, Chester, both feature Cliff LeJeune in lead musical roles.

<http://www.chesterplayhouse.ca/html/summer-festival.html>

Marilyn Kellough's exhibition *New Watercolours* runs through August 22 at her studio, Coastal Queens Place, 8100 Highway 103 (formerly Port Mouton School). See some of her previous work at <http://www.marilynkellough.com/MyStudio.html>

What Elderberries Did This Summer

Program : Elderberries co-sponsored the first of NSRAP's 2011 Pride Week **timeOUT** lecture series, which centred on recording and preserving LGBT history. Thanks to series coordinator Kevin Kindred for making this program possible. See http://www.xtra.ca/public/National/Local_historians_document_Halifax_queer_history-10508.aspx.

Pennant : Before the Pride Parade, Elderberries produced a set of handmade pennants which sold for \$3.00 each. This enabled

members and supporters to join the group of their choice while still displaying the Elderberry colours. A few pennants remain, and will be available for sale at the picnic. Thanks to work crew Hal, Lucy, Nick, Nora, Pat, and Tuma, and to Jane for the pennant idea.

Pamphlet : If your friends ask, “Who are the elderberries, anyway?” you now have the perfect answer : our new pamphlet *NSRAP Elderberries : LGBT Seniors* explains who we are, what we do, how to join, the role of NSRAP in founding Elderberries, and the uses and folklore of the Elderberry plant.

Elderberries e-mail address : The new Elderberries e-mail address is nselderberries@gmail.com. Please report any difficulties with this new address to malm1@ns.sympatico.ca. The latter is the Newsletter editor’s personal address, and now that we have more than 100 members the time seemed ripe for Elderberries to have their own group address.

Events Listings :

The Company House

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

Gay Halifax : <http://gayhfxns.org/LocalEvents>

Wayves : <http://www.wayves.ca>

Elderberries members :

If you have received this newsletter, you are a registered member of Elderberries. To resign from Elderberries, or just to stop receiving this newsletter, please email nselderberries@gmail.com.

All typos are the fault of lingering electrical activity from today’s seven hour thunder and lightning storm.