

## **Elderberries Newsletter Supplement : September 12, 2011**

### **NSRAP GALA**

NSRAP's Eighth Annual Community Heroes Gala, *Takin' It To The Streets!*, will take place on Saturday October 22 at the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel, beginning at 6:00 pm.

The Gala is the annual celebration of the important work completed by NSRAP, and the event where we celebrate a member of our community with the Rev. Darlene Young Community Hero Award.

We are proud to welcome Matt Alber as our keynote speaker. Matt is a gay American singer/songwriter, who is a supporter and advocate for organizations who provide services to LGBT Homeless Youth. Prior to launching his solo career, Matt was a member of Chanticleer - an award-winning professional classical men's ensemble.

Candy Palmeter will be reprising her role as our Celebrity Mistress of Ceremonies. She is a self-proclaimed recovered lawyer who turned from the courts to the comedy stage. She is the creator, producer and star of **The Candy Show** for the APTN network. The show is a night time variety program showcasing the talent of the East Coast of Canada.

Who could resist an evening of cocktails, silent auction, three course dinner, keynote speaker, and presentation of the Rev Darlene Young Award! Tickets to the Gala are \$125.00 per person, or \$1250 for a table of ten. If you would like to sit with other Elderberry members, but don't know who is coming, just include a note with your payment and NSRAP will try to group you together. Profits from the Gala go to support the work of NSRAP throughout

the year. Among current ongoing initiatives are :

- \*Rainbow Community Centre Committee
- \*Training for health care providers on issues relating to LGBT Elders
- \* Lobbying MPs and MLAs re government legislation and policy
- \*LGBT-related lectures, panels, and special events

Purchase tickets securely online at [www.nsrp.ca/gala](http://www.nsrp.ca/gala), or by cheque to NSRAP, 2100-1801 Hollis Stret Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2X6.

### **Committee opportunities with NSRAP**

NSRAP became the parent organization of the Elderberries when it hosted a “Gathering of Elders” in April 2010, at which increased social opportunities for LGBT elders, and support for elders in long-term care were identified as priorities. Several participants followed up by organizing the first of the monthly potluck socials in August 2010.

Elderberries members are welcome to become active in NSRAP’s other areas of interest :

NSRAP has several active committees associated with its governance and its active projects. Many committees are open to non-members and offer an ideal way to learn more about NSRAP while giving back to the community. To learn more about joining any of these committees please call us at 902.444.3206 or e-mail us at [nsrap@nsrap.ca](mailto:nsrap@nsrap.ca). The following committees are currently active:

- [Communications Committee](#): Communications with members via e-mail and social media. Handles media inquiries.
- [Elders Committee](#): Advocates on behalf of senior LGBT Nova Scotians.
- [Gala Committee](#): Develops and produces NSRAP’s Annual Gala and Darlene Young Community Hero Awards dinner.
- [Health Committee](#): Works in health advocacy; ensuring equal medical treatment for all.
- [IDAHoT Committee](#): Oversees the planning of events to mark the International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia.
- [Rainbow Community Centre Committee](#): This is a new committee formed with the aim of developing a resource centre for the LGBTQ Community in Nova Scotia.

**And don’t forget these September events!**

**Thursday September 15, 7:00 pm : Spirit Place**

Second Public Information Meeting, re proposed construction of Spirit Place at the former site of St John's United Church. Persons not heard at the first meeting may speak. Maritime Hall, Halifax Forum, 2901 Windsor St, 7:00 pm. For further information : <http://www.halifax.ca/planning/Case16417Details.html>

**Saturday, September 17, 1:00 - 2:00 pm : LGBT Refugees**

Doctors without Borders offers Elderberries and friends a guided tour of the free "Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City." Garrison Grounds. Please pre-register at [rainbowrefugee.ns@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowrefugee.ns@gmail.com)

**September 17, 8:00 pm : "Canadian Girl," CD release**

Singer/songwriter Bonnie Ste Croix introduces her new CD at the Company House. \$10.00

**Sunday September 18, 2:00 pm : Elderberry Social**

"Falling in Love with Photography," talk by Nick Honig, Spencer House Seniors Centre, 5596 Morris St, Halifax. Potluck follows. Alcohol-free, scent-free, and pet-free : assistance dogs welcome. Event is free, but we'll be passing the hat for Spencer House.

**September 18, 21, 23 : Atlantic Film Festival : LGBT interest**  
**Cloudburst - September 18**

**Wish me away - September 21**

**Circumstances - September 23**

For more details, see <http://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents>

**Monday, September 19, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

"Sex and gender what difference does it make?," panel and discussion on sex, gender, health, and wellbeing. Company House, 2202 Gottiingen St. Please RSVP to [acewh@dal.ca](mailto:acewh@dal.ca)

**September 23 : Out Golfin', noon to 10:00 pm**

**[HalifaxPride](#)'s 1st Annual Golf Tournament** at Penn Hills Golf Course

Registration 12noon and Shotgun at 1pm sharp. \$100 entry fee includes green fees, golf cart and dinner. Great prizes and sponsor opportunities available.  
For more information, contact: Krista Snow, Tournament Administrator, 902-499-3605, kristacanada@gmail.com

**September 25, 430 pm : Mystery panel**

Lesbian mystery writer Nadine Lapierre joins Anthony Hyde and Joy Fielding : Word on the Street, Halifax Magazine main stage.

**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 :**

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All errors are the fault of the editor. Whoever she is. Wherever she is. Whenever she is. Lost in a time warp, circa 1712. But Halifax did not exist in 1712. You're on your own! Don't forget to come to the pootluck Sunday 18. Bring food. Or poots.  
Thanks!