

28 November, 2013

1. Don We Now Our Gay Apparel : Elderberries Potluck Social

Sunday December 8, 2:00 - 4:30 pm, at The Penthouse, 2615 Northwood Terrace, Halifax. Free. Wheelchair accessible. Open to LGBTs aged fifty plus; families, friends, and supporters. NSRAP Board members are also invited to join us. Gay apparel optional - but surely you have a sequined vest or a 'Rudolph in the Snowbank' sweater somewhere at the back of your closet?

Program : sing along to seasonal music with Garry Williams* at the keyboard

reading from Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, by Hugo Dann

Decorations already in place. Magnificent harbour view depends on the weather.

This potluck we are asking for sweets only. Please bring something that you would like to eat and to share with others, also any serving utensils needed (e.g. knife to cut cake, ladle for moosemilk, etc). There are no kitchen facilities, so room temperature dishes are best (no Flaming Pears Soaked in Cointreau, alas). Coffee and tea will be provided.

Surprise! Unlike our usual get-togethers, you may also (discreetly) bring in an alcoholic beverage of your choice. However, please make sure that alcohol is not visible or audible when you come in through the lobby and up the elevator.

No scents, no pets, no peanuts, please. Service dogs welcome. Parking is often available in the surrounding streets, or there is a cash parking lot right across from the main door.

* Note: We thank NSRAP for making Garry Williams' appearance possible.

Other events :

Wednesday November 27 :

Was the seventy-fifth birthday of Nick Honig, member of the original

Elderberries Organizing Committee. Happy Birthday from all the Elderberries!

Thursday November 28 : Gottingen Street for Scott Jones

More than forty performers in multiple locations will rally for Scott Jones, the gay musician stabbed in New Glasgow on Thanksgiving weekend. Events begin at 5:20 pm with a healing circle at the Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre, and continue with performances at the Marquee Ballroom, Menz Bar, the Company House, Bus Stop Theatre, and more. For further details and a lineup of performances, see <http://thechronicleherald.ca/artslife/1.170170-gottingen-street-for-scott-jones-to-help-stabbed-musician>.

Friday, November 29 : Queer Dharma

7:00 - 9:00 pm. Join Eve Rosenthal, Seth Levinson, and others at the Halifax Shambhala Centre, for a light meal, conversation, and reflection as LGBTI community, friends, and allies. Free. For more information, contact Melissa Howell at communityevents@shambhala.org.

Saturday, November 30 : Reverend Darlene Young Memorial Christmas Dinner

St Andrews Church Hall, Coburg and Robie St (entrance on Coburg), 6:00 pm. Free will cash donations go to Manna for Health. An evening of community, celebration, and Christmas spirit. For more information, email gbeazley@eastlink.ca

Sunday, December 1 : Halifax AIDS Candlelight Vigil

On World AIDS Day, shows support for the fight against HIV, and commemorates those who have died. Italian Canadian Cultural Association of Nova Scotia, 2629 Agricola Street, Halifax. 7:00 pm. <http://acns.ca/halifax-aids-candlelight-vigil/>

Monday, December 2 : Carolfest - RCCO Halifax Massed Choir and Organists

Organ prelude 7:00; Service 7:30. Cathedral Church of All Saints, 6732 College Street, Halifax. Snow date, December 3. Free will offering. For more information, contact <http://rccohalifax.com/>

Friday December 6 : Halifax Explosion Memorial Service

Fort Needham Bell Tower, 3372 Devonshire Ave, Halifax, 8:50 am to 9:20 pm. Public reception follows at United Memorial Church, 5350 Young Street, Halifax. For information on other memorial events, please see

<http://www.halifax.ca/HalifaxExplosion/>

Thursday December 12 : Intergenerational Queer Discussion

Open discussion and story telling among NSCAD students and Elderberries - Chris Aucoin, Hugo Dann, Jean Graveline Fyre, Jim MacSwaine, Robin Metcalfe, Vance Maxwell, and others. The Gender Pit, aka Anna Leonowens Gallery 3, 1896 (and a half) Hollis St, Halifax (sorry, this keyboard does not have fractions). Free, open to all ages, coffee and tea provided. The Gender Pit is smoke free and peanut free. Meeting room wheelchair accessible; washroom accessibility questionable.

Wednesday, December 18 : Elderberries Coffee Break

Northwood Coffee Room (Harbourview), 10:30 am. Refreshments available from adjacent Coco's outlet. Staff and residents of Northwood are invited to join Elderberries for conversation and getting-to-know-you.

Community event links :

The Company House :

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

Gay Halifax :

<http://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents>

Halifax Pride

<http://halifaxpride.com/events>

Menz & Mollyz Events Calendar

<http://menzbar.ca/calendar-events.html>

Wayves

<http://www.wayves.ca>

What programs would you like to see in 2014?

Presentations we are looking at now include the Rainbow Refugee Program, Finding Your Inner Artist, Coming Out at Fifty Plus. Usually one or two health-related topics are suggested to us by health organizations. But what would you like to see, hear, or do? Please email

malm1@ns.sympatico.ca

Message from the Editor :

If you have received this, you are a member in good standing of Elderberries, a free social group for LGBT persons aged fifty plus, and our families, friends, and supporters. Contact email for the group is malm1@ns.sympatico.ca, or elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com.

From time to time, information is sent to us for inclusion in the Newsletter. Inclusion does not imply that the information has the approval of the newsletter, or of Elderberries.

Seasons' Greetings!

Have yourself a merry little Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Solstice, and/or other holiday(s) of your choice.

Nasturally the good will of the season will prevent you from noticing or commenting on any little misspellings, grammatical errors, or other infelicities that maay mar your normally perfecgt newsletter. All such are the faault of Titivillus, a minor demon who haunted medieval scribes, and who may be the origin of the "printeer's devil." He once introduced himself as, "I am a poure dyvel, and my name is Tytyvyllus. I muste each day brynge my master [the chief Devil] a thousand pokes full of faylyngs, and of neglygences in syllables and wordes." (Wikipedia : spelling somewhat modernized). He seems to think that we poure mortals create the errors, and he only collects them, but I think if there is a dyvel around, it is only faair that we blame him for something.