



Back by popular demand :

**JOIN US**...the Fourth Annual Elderberries Potluck Picnic will be held at the Dingle, aka Sir Sandford Fleming Park, 260 Dingle Road, on Sunday August 24, from 2:00 to



4:30 pm.



This year we have booked the Gazebo!

Pack up your favorite sandwiches, summery salads, delectable) desserts, and other goodies that don't need heating (kitchen facilities not available) Please bring something that you would like to eat and share, and remember to bring any serving implements needed (e.g., salad tongs, knives to cut cakes, etc) The gazebo has

seating, but if you have a folding table for laying out the assembled feast, please bring it along. Rainbow flags, banners, and windsocks would add to the festivities.

**NOTE:** Well-behaved dogs on leash also welcome. Please remember to bring a water bowl.



## — Pride Cape Breton



The Pride Parade in downtown Sydney took place on Saturday August 9, but Pride events continue. If you plan to be in Cape Breton this weekend, you might take in :  
Sunday August 17 : Beach Party CampOut, ages 19+ - Morrison Beach

### \* Permanent Raymond Taavel Memorial Discussion

Redevelopment is about to occur on the land where the temporary healing garden in memory of Raymond Taavel was created. On Thursday, August 14, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, interested people are invited to meet at Halifax North Memorial Public Library to discuss possibilities for a permanent memorial to Raymond on Gottingen Street.



Note:- This is the "Garden" as it is today

## — Jen Chapin Concert sings for Amnesty



On Friday August 15, at 8:00 pm, singer-songwriter Jen Chapin will present a concert at the Company House, 2202 Gottingen Street, to benefit the local branch of Amnesty International. Tickets, \$25.00. Chapin sings in progressive jazz and folk rock styles. She will be accompanied by her husband, Grammy-nominated bassist Stephen Crump, with Jamie Fox on guitar. With any luck, she will sing "Go away," winner of the 2013 USA Songwriting Competition, Lyrics Category.

### \* **Halifax Pride Post-Festival Community Meeting**

Wednesday, August 27, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Halifax North Memorial Public Library.  
Open to all - come and share your thoughts on this year's festival!

### \* **Jane Kansas : "My funeral : the dry run"**

Elderberries who enjoyed Jane Kansas' hilarious recounting of her journey across America with a handcart will be lining up for her first ever Atlantic Fringe Festival one woman show, "My funeral : the dry run," which will play from Friday August 29 to Saturday September 6 at 8pm at (((Parentheses))) Gallery, 2168 Gottingen Street, admission \$5.00.

"I was sitting in McDonalds," says Kansas, "talking with a couple of artistic queers about all the things I want to have happen at my funeral, and one of them said that I should just have my funeral now, and in a flash, I knew I had the makings of my first fringe show."

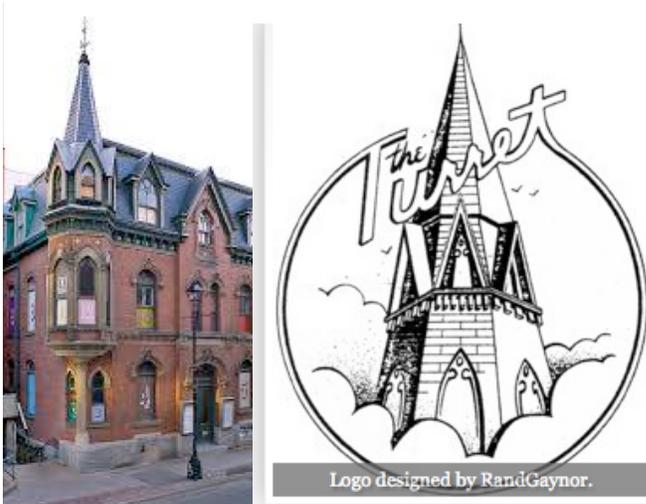
Bracketing the performance is an art show, "Kansas : fifty year retrospective," also at (((Parentheses))), running from Saturday August 23 to Sunday September 14 at 5:00 pm. An opening reception hosted by Jane Kansas and Kevin Lewis will take place Saturday August 23, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

### \* **Dying with Dignity Workshop in Planning Stages**



The Nova Scotia chapter of Dying with Dignity plans to offer three-hour workshops this fall, giving you a chance to work out your specific end-of-life wishes using their planning kit *Who Will Speak for You*. Sessions are free and are limited to twelve participants. If there is sufficient interest, Elderberries might co-sponsor a session of this workshop, offering an opportunity for interests and questions of LGBT members to be addressed in a confidential gay-positive setting. Residents from outside Halifax are

welcome to send in their names, as other locations may be available if there is enough interest. Please indicate the area where you live in your response. Indications of interest may be sent to [malm1@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:malm1@ns.sympatico.ca).



**QUAKE : Queers and Allies for the Khyber Enduring** The Khyber Building, once home to the venerable Turret Club, is in danger of being sold to developers who may demolish it.

A July 26 story in The Coast, Reality Bites, reports that city staff have recommended the building be sold due to poor conditions and hazardous materials. They estimate that it would cost \$4.15 million to repair it, and would require yearly maintenance of \$33,000.00. District councillor Wayne Mason, who has been working on ways of saving the building, was taken by surprise. He says an Administrative Order requires councillors to be informed of such decisions in advance so they can discuss public interest with the residents. However, in this case the procedure had not been followed. "I feel like it's a real lack of imagination for us to go right to a sale," The Coast quotes Mason as saying.

A "Save the Khyber" group has been established on Facebook under the name QUAKE - Queers and Allies for the Khyber Enduring, but so far no actions or events have been posted.

**\* Lesbian Guest Lecturer(s) Wanted**

Ingrid Waldron, Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at Dalhousie, is looking for lesbians to participate in a course she is teaching this fall on women and ageing. She seeks someone to speak on social and/or health experiences of older gay women/lesbians. If interested, please email [dalally@dal.ca](mailto:dalally@dal.ca) , subject line Guest Lecturer for Women and Ageing Course, or call Ingrid directly at 494-4267.

**\* Elderberries get-together after Pride Parade to talk about our history**

NSRAP Chair Kate Shewan writes about the planned get-together : "It turned out that the volume of the music from the main stage made it almost impossible to have a sit down and chat at our booth. I ... think Pride were trying to give us a prime spot, but this also meant it was close to the stage, and even at other booth locations the noise would have been challenging. We did get a number of people stopping by and talking, but the coffee house idea didn't work so well due to the noise.

"That being said, I think everyone agreed that it was a concept that should be resurrected and promoted at a different time and place. I have talked to a few younger community members who have said they would love to chat with people about the history of activism in Halifax. So we need to talk more on this."

Elderberries has responded to her letter, and we hope to meet in September. If any of you were among those who dropped by to talk amid all the noise, please email [malm1@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:malm1@ns.sympatico.ca) so we can alert you when the meeting with NSRAP takes place.

**\* Links to further sources re community events :**

The Company House

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

Gay Halifax

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

Halifax Pride

<http://halifaxpride.com/events>

Menz Bar

<http://www.menzbar.ca/>

Venus Envy

<http://www.venusenvy.ca/Halifax>

Wayves

<http://www.wayves.ca>

**\* Message from the Editor :** If you received this Newsletter, you are a member in good standing of Elderberries, a social organization of LGBT persons aged 50+, and our families, friends, and supporters.

If you wish to contact Elderberries, or to pass on our contact information to potential new members, here it is : [elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com](mailto:elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com)

This email address also works if you wish to resign - but where would you find another organization like this?

From time to time people send us information for inclusion in the Newsletter. Inclusion does not necessarily imply that Elderberries or the Newsletter approve of or support this information.

***Dying : we'll do it our way!***

Between thee proposed Dying with Dignity workshop and Jane Kansas' ***My funeral : the dry run***, your editor's thoughts have bin consumed by her final days, rather than by grammar and orthography (that means spelling, for any unfortunates who have not had the benefit of elementary education in a one-room school).

Dying takes a lot of planning, and we 67-year-olds realize we had better get busy while we still remember the names of those we intend to disinherit. First on my list, of course, is Kansas, who turned down my offer to be one of the wailing mourners at her theatrical event...but I digress. She is only fifty, she will learn as time goes on.

I was thinking of having a chorus singing *and* dancing to the disco hit "*Gloria*," but when I reread the lyrics about "voices in your head," I decided they mmight be used to overturn my will on the grounds of mental incompetance. I mean to leave Elderberries the contents of my purse at time of death, currently around \$43.00, so you don't want that to happen.

Back to the drawing board!