



1. Elderberries Potluck Social :

Saturday, May 9, 2015 : Elderberries Potluck Social, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Please note : in order to avoid conflict with Mother's Day and with the Ukuthula performance (see below), this Potluck Social will be held on the Saturday rather than on Sunday.

Location : The Penthouse, 2615 Northwood Terrace, Halifax. Wheelchair accessible.

The Program : Kaleigh Trace - disabled queer sex educator -

will read "*The Lady and the Butch*" from her Dartmouth Book Award nominated *Hot, Wet, & Shaking : how I learned to talk about sex*, and will talk about her emergence as a sex educator at Venus Envy, promoting safe, shame-free and consensual sex for people of all abilities and orientations.

The social : The Elderberries Potluck Social is a free monthly event, open to LGBT persons aged fifty plus, and our families, friends, and supporters. Not a member? Come and join us - bring a friend! Parking is often available in the surrounding streets, or there is paid parking in a lot across the street from the entrance. Please - no scents, no peanuts, no alcohol, no pets. Service dogs welcome.

The potluck : Please bring something you would enjoy eating and sharing. Kitchen facilities are not available, so something room temperature is best. Don't forget to bring any serving implements your dish requires - knife to cut cake, spoons for salad, etc. Coffee and tea are provided courtesy of Northwood.

2. Other May Events :

Saturday, May 2, 2015 : 4:00 pm

Location : Central Library, 5440 Spring Garden Road, Halifax. Wheelchair accessible.

Emma Donoghue : author of *Frog music*



Irish-Canadian author Emma Donoghue read from *Frog music*, her new lesbian mystery novel, set in 1876 San Francisco. She took questions from an audience of sixty plus about what it's like melding fiction with reality when basing a novel on an unsolved true crime. Donoghue confided that her next book, now almost complete, is a work of fiction for children.

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 : 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Location : Venus Envy, 1598 Barrington St., Halifax. Store is wheelchair accessible, but washroom is not : participants may use fully accessible washroom at Starbucks, next door.



Mouthing off : all about oral.

Includes information on anatomy, safer sex, techniques. Open to everybody aged 18+, regardless of gender or sexuality. Pre-paid registration required : \$20.00 (\$10.00 sliding scale). To register, call 902-422-0004 or email halifax@venusenvy.ca . Sign interpretation available on request : kaleigh@venusenvy.ca

Friday, May 8, 2015 : 6:30 pm

Location : Pacifico Club, 1505 Barrington St, corner of Salter, Halifax.

Third Annual Lifequest Financials QUEEN for a Night



Benefit for the AIDS Coalition. An evening of Halifamous QUEEN performances, performances by Trenas Dance Studio, many surprises. Tickets \$20.00, \$22.49 with fees (print at home) available online at <http://acns.ns.ca> . For more info call Kenda at 902-433-1601.

Saturday, May 9, 2015 : 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Elderberries Potluck Social : see top of Newsletter

Sunday, May 10, 2015 : 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Location : St Matthews United Church, 1479 Barrington St, Halifax

Ukuthula (Peace).



Don't Be Afraid, and VOX : a Choir for Social Change, present a music and spoken word commentary on the harmful effects of fear in society, as seen and expressed by the queer community of Halifax, and past and contemporary struggles for change. Music will range from South African protest songs to arrangements of Joni Mitchell and Kate Bush. Admission by donation, in support of the Youth Project and Don't be Afraid Campaign.



Saturday, May 16, 2015 : 1:00 pm

Location : Halifax North Memorial Public Library, Gottingen St, Halifax. Wheelchair accessible..



Halifax Pride Community Meeting. www.halifaxpride.com

Sunday, May 17, 2015 : 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm



Location : Spatz Theatre, 1855 Trollope St, Halifax

Tig Notaro. Lesbian standup comedian Tig Notaro was included on *Rolling Stone's* list of Fifty Funniest People Now. Her biography, due out in 2015, will touch both on her comedy career and on her life as a breast cancer survivor. The documentary *Tig* opened the 2015 Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Film Festival in April 2015. Tickets \$27.50.

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 : 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Location : Venus Envy, 1598 Barrington St., Halifax. Store is wheelchair accessible, but washroom is not : participants may use fully accessible washroom at Starbucks, next door.

Up yours : anal pleasure and health.

Join in breaking myths and taboos surrounding anal play; pick up practical tips about lube, toys, safety and health. Open to all aged 18+. Pre-paid registration required : \$20.00 (\$10.00 sliding scale). To register, call 902-422-0004 or email halifax@venusenvy.ca
Sign interpretation available on request : kaleigh@venusenvy.ca .

Thursday, May 21, 2015 : 6:00 pm

Location : Front Plaza, Halifax Central Library, 5440 Spring Garden Road, Halifax. Wheelchair accessible.

International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia Rally
Theme : LGBTQ Youth and Allies

Sunday, May 24, 2015 : 2:00 pm

Location : TBA



Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project Annual General Meeting.

Reports on activities during the past year, and elections for 2015/16 Board. Those interested in applying or in nominating someone should check <http://www.nsrp.ca/about/call-for-board-of-director-nominees> for an outline of requirements and responsibilities. Deadline for nominations is May 10.

Sunday, May 31, 2015 : noon to 4:00 pm

Location : Bowlarama, 3459 Desmond Avenue, Halifax



Strike Out Homophobia Bowl-a-thon, 2015.

Join an existing team, start your own team, or volunteer to collect pledges in support of the Youth Project : www.gifttool.com/athon/AthonDetails?ID=2037&AID=2990

3. You can do it!

*** Elderberry profiles :**



Respondents to our recent

Newsletter survey were interested in seeing profiles of other Elderberries. Many of our members in earlier years were LGBT activists, or served on boards or committees of organizations now defunct. If you would like to write a short profile of one of these elders, please contact lynn.murphy46@eastlink.ca (Your Editor wants to make sure we do not have duplicates.) It's perfectly fine to profile yourself - describe all your contributions to the LGBT community. It is not Bragging, it is History! Or you could arrange with a friend to profile each other. A brief guide to profiling is in preparation.

*** TimeOut Lectures :** Coordinated by NSRAP, and annually featured at Halifax Public Libraries during Pride Week. Have you speakers to suggest or topics you would like to see addressed? Please send ideas to Chris at nsrap@nsrap.ca

*** Rainbow Refugee support :**



[for a 2015 donations needs list, see www.rainbowrefugees.com/news

*** Referendum on Same-Sex Marriage Constitutional Amendment in Ireland :** May 22. Polls say 76% of Irish voters are in favour. Volunteer Elderberries are needed to organize a celebratory outing to an Irish pub. Beer and buddies – sounds good!

4. Community contacts :

Coastal Braid (Cape Breton) : www.coastalbraid.com
Company House :
2202 Gottingen St, Halifax. www.thecompanyhouse.ca/may-2015.html
Gay Halifax : www.gay.hfxns.org
Halifax Pride : www.halifaxpride.com
Menz Bar : 2182 Gottingen St, Halifax www.menzbar.ca
Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project (NSRAP) : www.nsrp.ca
Venus Envy : 1598 Barrington St, Halifax www.venusenvy.ca/halifax
Wayves : www.wayves.ca

5. Message from the Editor :

If you have received this newsletter, you are a member in good standing of Elderberries, a social organization of LGBT persons aged fifty plus, and our families, friends, and supporters. Our main activities are holding a monthly potluck social, publishing this newsletter, linking with other organizations interested in LGBT seniors, and encouraging the preservation of documents and other materials relating to LGBT history in Atlantic Canada. Membership is mostly Nova Scotian, but Elderberries welcomes residents of other provinces and of other countries. Membership is free : contact elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com to join.

From time to time, people send announcements etc to include in the Newsletter. Inclusion does not necessarily imply that this material has the approval either of Elderberries or of the Newsletter.

Your Editor regrets to inform you that she was recently a victim of Alien Abduction.



Upon her return to the Public Gardens via a purple beam of light, medical experts sworn to secrecy by the federal government conducted an in-depth evaluation of her physical and mental faculties. It has been determined that the aliens removed her Funny Bone. In addition, they srambled her tax edditing abilities. This accounts for any type Os that may appear in the above document. It is too bad about the Funny Bone, as Your Editor was working up a piece about the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Traditional Family trying to rent an Irish pub on May 22, only to discover they were all filled to the gills with carousing members of the Oscar Wilde Society celebraating the victory of same-sex marriage in Ireland. Or perhaps drowning their sorrows should the proposed constitutional amentment fail.

Note : credit for last month's opening poem : *All in Together : Rhymes, Ditties, and Jingles of Newfoundland and Labrador* [collected and edited by] Robin McGrath. *Portugal Cove : Boulder, 2009.*