

Elderberries Newsletter :



Sunday July 5, 2015, 4:37 am

July Elderberries Outing : Second Annual Bob Stead Memorial Barbecue and Potluck. Saturday, July 18, 3:00 pm

Location : 3 Chestnut Avenue, Wolfville

Danny Chandler invites Elderberries to his home in Wolfville for a social in the spirit of late Elderberries member and former Wolfville mayor Bob Stead. Lest we forget, there is a gay-positive obituary of Bob at www.wayves.ca/node/203.

JUST A FYI...This year Wolfville has painted a cross walk in the rainbow colours in honour of Pride.

Need a ride to Wolfville? Can you offer a ride? Please email the Newsletter at lynn.murphy46@eastlink.ca. Please let us know of any relevant health needs (if you need a "no smoking" or "no pets" car, or if you need to bring a walker) Also indicate the general area where you live (Dartmouth, Sackville, Ecum Secum, etc) We'll try to match you up, but it may not always be possible.

There will be no Elderberries Potluck Social at Northwood in July : please enjoy the many Pride events instead. The August Elderberries event will be the annual picnic : details to come in the August newsletter.

United States Supreme Court recognizes the right to same-sex marriage, June 26, 2015.



Location : The United States - all fifty of them!

O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave - yes, and rainbow banners, too!

O'er the land of the free - the millions of LGBT Americans now free to marry the partner of their choice.

And the home of the brave! - this step forward made possible by the work of LGBT activists and allies over many decades who championed LGBT visibility, human rights, domestic partnerships, and civil marriages

For more on the US Supreme Court decision recognizing same-sex marriage as a right nation-wide :

www.nytimes.com/2015/06/27/us/supreme-court-same-sex-marriage.html?_r=0

July Events:



Harmony Bazaar, July 10 - 12. "Atlantic Canada's Only Women's Music Festival"

Location : Various venues, Lockeport, N S

Showcases both amateur and professional musicians : come to hear Irish Mythen, the Mother Pluckers, Perpetual Detour, Erin Costelo, Melanie Doane, and many more. Saturday Late Night Dance with music by Roxy and the Underground Soul Sound. Saturday and Sunday performances of "A Child Like Me," by Natalie Meisner, based on the life of Lockeport Olympian Marjorie Turner-Bailey.

For Schedule : <http://harmonybazaar.com/schedule/> Tickets, both Festival and day passes (including campground information) : www.harmonybazaar.com/tickets .



Pride Week Events

Proclamation, Raising of Rainbow Flag, Mayor's Reception, Thursday July 16 - 5:00 pm



Location : Parade Square, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax

First official event of Pride Week. Tickets - free. Events go forward rain or shine!

To list all the Pride events would only be to repeat the extensive coverage provided by this year's Halifax Pride print and online listings. The Newsletter has selected a very few from among the musical offerings, drag performances, lectures, sports contests, women's dances, and other events that vie for our attention during the last two weeks of July. Many other Pride Week listings offer temptations sure to stir forth from our lairs the most determined couch potatoes - check www.halifaxpride.com/events/

Halifax Interfaith Pride Service, Friday July 17, 7:00 pm



Location : Shirley Bernstein Hall, Northwood Centre, 2615 Northwood Terrace, Halifax. Wheelchair accessible.

LGBTQ people, friends, and allies of all faiths and spiritual expressions invited. Followed by Rainbow Ice Cream Social and entertainment by North End Ukulele Ensemble. For more information, contact Rev Helen McFadyen at hmcfadyen101@gmail.com

East Coast Pride Kitchen Party, Friday July 17, 8:00 pm

Location : Halifax Club, 1682 Hollis Street, Halifax

Join AIDS Nova Scotia and friends for dancing, east coast wines and beers, music, games, and surprises. Tickets : \$15.00 from www.halifax.strangertickets.com/events/25386086/east-coast-kitchen-party

Dykes vs Divas Softball Game, Sunday July 19, 1:00 to 3:00pm

Location : Canada Games Baseball Diamond, Halifax Common

Here come the dykes, in sports attire and business-like running shoes, their hair bundled under backwards baseball caps. And here come the divas, in glittering gowns and three-inch heels, their eye shadow carefully applied and their long curls blowing in the breeze.

But who is the "diva" sporting an ill-fitting purple bustier, an apron, and a sou-wester? Doesn't that ringer look suspiciously like the mayor? Or possibly your MLA? I'm pretty sure it isn't Peter MacKay....

This game is the highlight of the LGBT sports season, a free funfest brought to you by the East Coast Rainbow Softball Association, and Halifax Pride.

First Annual Heritage Gathering, Sunday July 19, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Location : Gottingen Street between Cunard and Cornwallis

Street closed for an afternoon of music, friends, and culture. Reclaim community space and celebrate our history.

Times of Harvey Milk [film], Monday July 20, 6:00 pm



Location : Central Library, 5440 Spring Garden Road, Halifax

Winner of the 1985 Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature. The film will be introduced by Stuart Milk, international LGBT and Human Rights activist, founder and president of the Harvey Milk Foundation, and the nephew of Harvey Milk.

Candlelight Vigil, Monday July 20, 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm



Location : Central Library Plaza, 5440 Spring Garden Road, Halifax

Honour those who have passed. Special guest speaker Stuart Milk, sponsored in part by the U S Consulate General, Halifax.

TimeOut Lectures at the Library - Monday July 20 - Friday July 24, Noon to 1:00 pm

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

Monday, July 20 : Making Space for LGBTQ Patients in Healthcare
Tuesday July 21 : Fabulous History of Drag, Part 1
Wednesday July 22 : Two-Spirit Identity in the Atlantic Region
Thursday July 23 : Exploring the "B"
Friday July 24 : The Case of the Anti-Gay Law School

Last Chance [film], Tuesday July 21, 2015, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location : Canadian Museum of Immigration, Pier 21, 1055 Marginal Road, Halifax

This 2012 film by award-winning Nova Scotia film-maker Paul-Emile d'Entremont tells the story of five asylum-seekers who fled homophobic violence in their native countries to embrace an uncertain future in Canada. Guided tours of two new exhibitions precede the screening. Panel discussion follows.

Reading out Loud, Thursday July 23, 7:00 pm

Location : Halifax North Library, 2285 Gottingen Street, Halifax

An eclectic event : LGBTQ Haligonians read from their favorite books -LGBT authors, censored works, inspirational favorites, children's books, fiction, poetry, plays. This fourteenth annual reading is hosted by Robert Wright and co-sponsored by Venus Envy.

Opera Backwards : a Very Queer Show, Thursday July 23, 7:30 pm

Location : Bus Stop Theatre, 2203 Gottingen Street, Halifax

Halifax Summer Opera Festival salutes Halifax Pride with arias and duets of opera and operetta retold as gay/lesbian stories. Hosts Kristi Davidson and Bunni Lapin. Tickets : \$15.00 general, \$10.00 student/artist.

Strip spelling bee! Thursday July 23, 9:30 pm

Location : The Company House, 2202 Gottingen Street, Halifax

Would you rather win? Or lose? Dress accordingly! Compete for prizes. Tickets \$7.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door. Remove an item of clothing for every word misspelled. Mispelled. Mispelt. And later in the second act, when she began to peel.... For more information, <https://www.facebook.com/events/363981680466427/> Yer Edditor has had a lot of practice with spelling, sometimes assisted by Santa's elves or little green Irish fellas, so you needn't expect an easy time of it.

Glamazon Army Atlantica Drag Show, Friday July 24, 9:00 pm

Location : Atlantica Hotel Guild Hall, 1980 Robie Street, Halifax

Hosted by Eureka Love, Farrah Moan, and Rouge Fatale. Tickets \$10.00.

It's Your Pride! Halifax Pride Parade - Saturday July 25

Parade Marshall is Kate Shewan, Executive Director of the Youth Project and former Chair of Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project.

An accessible viewing platform, sponsored by TD Bank, will be available in the Central Library Plaza from twelve noon to 3:00 pm, for those with mobility devices or those who cannot stand for the duration of the parade. First come, first served.

Whether marching or cheering from the sidelines, remember sunscreen, hat, and water.

From 3:00 to 6:00, gather at Garrison Grounds for Festival Stage, Community Fair, Kids Can entertainment, Pets Cool Down Area, and Beer Garden.

Women's Dance - Saturday July 25, 8:00 pm

Location : Atlantica Hotel, 1980 Robie Street, Halifax

Music by Daisey M. Tickets \$15.00 in advance from Venus Envy in Halifax or Blossoms Dartmouth; online from <http://daiseym.com> or \$20.00 at the door.

Other Pride Weeks :

1. Stand up, Stand out : Pride Cape Breton - August 7-16, 2015

Locations : Sydney, Membertou, Louisbourg etc

Pride Cape Breton includes a fabulous drag show, Proclamation and Flag Raising, Parade, Music Fest, Variety Show, and more. <https://www.facebook.com/PrideCape/Breton/Society>

2. Fredericton Pride, August 9-15, 2015

Flag Raising August 8, Parade August 9, Trans panel, Espresso Yourself readings, Queer and Sober meeting, drag pride bingo, and more. www.klemieux.wix.com/frederictonpride#!events/cjg9

Volunteer Opportunities :

1. The Gay Men's Health Project needs volunteers to help promote their new information campaign this July at events during Halifax Pride Week. Shifts are only two hours long and you get to meet lots of people in the community! If interested, phone Chris at 902-425-4822, ext 222 for more info, or email GMHC@acns.ns.ca .

2. Halifax Pride Volunteer Orientation. Saturday July 11, two sessions offered at 10:00am or 11:00 am.
Location : Cineplex Park Lane Cinemas, Cinema 8, 5657 Spring Garden Road, Halifax.

All Halifax Pride volunteers are required to have this orientation. Any questions? Please email volunteer@halifaxpride.com

3. Rainbow Refugee Association



The Association is looking for volunteers to help with the resettlement of the latest LGBT refugee from Iran. Can you help with ESL tutoring, mentoring, and providing basic orientation and maritime hospitality? If interested, please contact www.rainbowrefugeens@gmail.com

4. Housing Needs of Older Lesbians

Housing needs of older lesbians have not received much attention. Long-term care facilities and their employees may not have much knowledge of LGBT persons and their issues, or do not feel equipped to care for members of LGBTQ communities. Lesbian residents may slip back into the closet in their final years. This study seeks to identify what lesbian elders are concerned about and what they are looking for in seniors' housing. Findings will help to better inform healthcare providers re how to address the housing needs of elder lesbians.

The study is looking for English-speaking lesbians aged 55 or older, who are residents of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, or PEI. Participants will take part in a one to two hour interview with a researcher : there may also possibly be a second shorter interview. Interviewees will receive a thank you of a \$25.00 gift card to a local grocery store.

For contact information, please see www.rickardsresearch.weebly.com/contact.html

OFF The Cuff

*A comment overheard "I am a gay 76 year old male, what now?"
How might you respond?*

Message from the Editor :

If you have received this newsletter, you are a member in good standing of Elderberries, an organization of LGBT seniors aged fifty plus, and our friends, families, and allies.

We occasionally receive information to be posted from various sources. We welcome voluntary submissions, but reserve the right to edit them. Publication does not imply that Elderberries organization or Newsletter is necessarily in agreement with the information sent to us.

Your Editor is resolved to go out to a lecture, play, drag performance, or musical offering every day during Pride Week. If she does not wave to you, or even seem to recognize you, it is not necessarily incipient Alzheimers : it may simply be a case of Pride Overload. Immediate internal application of caffeine may prove helpful, and if that does not work, try a dry martini. Ten am or not - "the sun must be over the yardarm somewhere!"

Editor
Lynn Murphy
lynn.murphy46@eastlink.ca

Photo Editor
Anita Martinez
anitabanita@hotmail.com