



**1. Elderberries Potluck Social : Sunday, December 13, 2015, 2:00 - 4:30 pm**

**Location :** the Penthouse, 2615 Northwood Terrace, Halifax.  
Wheelchair accessible.

**The social :** Elderberries has not specifically planned a holiday party this year, as a joint holiday party for LGBT groups will take place December 17 (see below), but our regular potluck social will go forward as usual. The Elderberries Potluck Social is a free monthly event open to LGBT people aged fifty plus, and our families, friends, and supporters. Are you a member who does not usually attend? Here's your chance to meet some of our other members! Bring a friend! Parking is often available in the surrounding streets, or there is paid parking in a lot just across 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. Homemade or storebought are both welcome. Coffee and tea are provided courtesy of Northwood. There are no kitchen facilities, so cold dishes or finger food are your best options. Please bring any serving utensils your dish requires : for example, knife for cutting cake, serving spoons for salad, etc.

## **2. Halifax Pride Holiday Social : Thursday December 17, 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

Location : Just Us! Coffeehouse, 5896 Spring Garden Road. Ground floor accessible (ramp on Spring Garden Road side : wheelchair accessible washrooms).

Seasonal potluck event shared by Halifax Pride, NSRAP, Youth Project, and Elderberries. Just Us! staff will be on hand to sell coffee and other hot drinks.

Program : social and singalong



## **3. Dan's Christmas Potluck Dinner : Saturday December 12 - 8:00 pm to Sunday December 13 - 1:00 am. Hosted by Wayves.**

Location : 3247 Union Street, Halifax. Wheelchair accessible (including bathroom).

Potluck food and drink : if you can't decide what to bring, please make a main course or salad - desserts usually go a long way. Christmas punch, mulled wine, and roast turkey will be ready when you get there.

## **4. Bipocalypse! Open discussion on forthcoming workshops and performance. Saturday December 12 : 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Location : Multipurpose Room, George Dixon Center, Gottingen Street

Discussion hosts : Alita Jamal and Cristina Raquel

An invitation for "Queer/Trans/Two-Spirited Black and Indigenous People of Color"

Accessibility notes : Multipurpose Room is accessible via the Gottingen Street entrance. No scents, please.

Community gathering and discussion to plan a workshop series beginning in January for performers and aspiring performers who are Queer, Trans, and Two-Spirited, and Black and Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC). The workshops will be held from January-March 2016, and will focus on different types of performance (music, dance, theatre, spoken word, poetry, burlesque, short stories). No previous performance experience is required. All of this leads up to a final performance in March. For further information, contact [bipocalypse@gmail.com](mailto:bipocalypse@gmail.com).

## **5. Seasonal Music at the Library (Free) :**

For listings of music programs by date and location, please see :

<http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/programs.html?cat=9>

Among this month's performers are :

Christmas Gift of Song with Cantatrice Girls' Honour Choir

East Coast Carolling, with a capella quartets

Celebrate the Winter Solstice with Wyndrock Quintet

Holiday Classics, with Steve Dooks, The Piano Guy

Holiday Ukulele and Band Concert with Dartmouth High School Students

Musical Favorites with the Lunch Bunch Choir

Ring in the Season, with the Acabella Handbell Choir

## 6. Become an ally



While you're Christmas shopping, or while you're downsizing that unworn pair of winter gloves that don't fit you : soon-to-arrive Syrian refugees could use many items of winter clothing or personal care products. Not sure what they need or where you can deliver useful items? See <http://www.thechronicleherald.ca/novascotia/1326864-drop-off-centre-set-up-in-halifax-to-help-syrian-refugees>

## 7. Message from the (again!) interim editor :

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

From time to time information is sent in for inclusion in the Newsletter : inclusion does not mean that the information has the approval of the newsletter or of Elderberries.

Owing to the high volume of mail, email, snailmail, faxmail, males, females and transmail activities of all kinds at the North Pole, the Association of Accredited Elf Copy-Editors was unable to supply Yr Editor with enough Assistant Sub-Editors to check spelling, Grammer, Grandpaw, Political Correctness and Union Contracts covering number of reindeer per sleigh. Thus sum miner errors may have crept into your December newsletter. The attempt to hire a Refugee Proofreader fell through, as the applicant with the three degrees most unfortunately was familiar with only the Arabic, Greek, and Sumerian alphabets. And a smattering of Coptic. Yr Editor's familiarity with Greek is mostly limited to the names of vegetables (useful for bargaining in the market - melitzanos is eggplant, isn't it?) and as for Arabic and Sumerian, it's all downhill from there. I think perhaps Sumerian is no longer spoken, even in Iraq's most remote mountain regions.

Anyway, as they say on Hawaii Five Oh, Mele Kalikimaka. Hope to see you at some of the events listed in the Newsletter, and good luck with that chocolate-basted roast turkey.

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