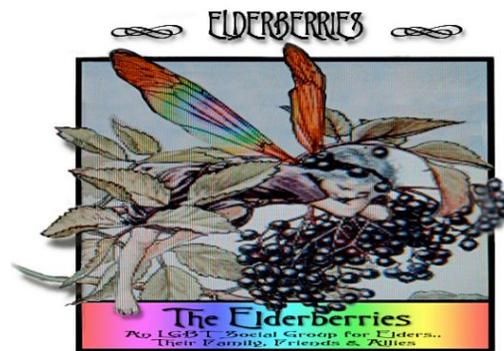


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1 --September's Event

What: Anne Bishop and Jacqueline Dumas will read from their recent novels.

Where: The Penthouse, the Northwood Centre
2615 Northwood Terrace Halifax

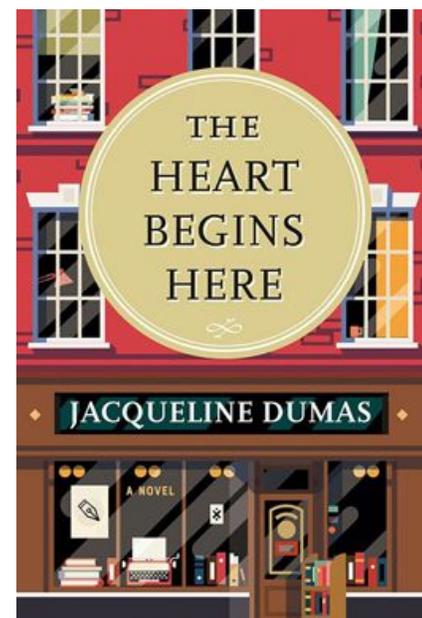
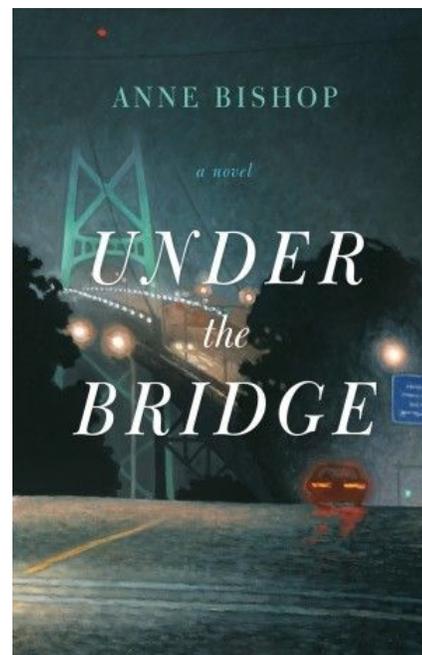
When: Sunday September 8th, 2 pm to 4 pm.

Food: Coffee, tea, scones and butter will be provided.

Under the Bridge is Hantsport writer Anne Bishop's first novel. It opens with aging Lucy, a former anti-poverty activist, now homeless, hungry, and on probation, seeking shelter under Halifax's Macdonald Bridge – but Lucy has more friends than she knows. Bishop, herself a longtime LGBT and anti-poverty activist, is perhaps best known for her nonfiction book **Becoming an Ally**, now in its third edition.

In **The Heart Begins Here**, Jacqueline Dumas' third novel, Sara Requier slowly realizes that market forces are pushing her feminist/progressive bookstore into failure. At the same time, her long-time lover is attracted to a younger woman.

The Heart Begins Here is also filled with comedy – notably a darkly hilarious author reading. Dumas, a native of Alberta, was a bookstore owner for many years. She moved to Nova Scotia in 2013.



A question period will follow the readings.

2 -- August 12th Picnic

We held a friendly chat fest in shady Raymond Taavel Park. Iced tea, scones and butter were provided. Others brought food with some to spare. We sang Happy Birthday to Janet (in the pink ball cap.) Dan barbecued up hotdogs and burgers. Some new, some regular and old faces showed up. It was nice to be somewhere cool during the heatwave with friendly people.



3 -- Doctors Taking New Patients

A couple of doctors have announced that they're taking new patients:

In Dartmouth: Dr Dibangshu Roy, 245 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth, 902 404 4003

In Halifax: Dr. Ryan Normore, Northwood Medical Centre, 2615 Northwood St, 902-454-3316.

Northwood also has a Nurse Practitioner, Dentist, Dental Hygienist, Chiropractor, Massage Therapy, Audiology, Esthetics, Foot Care & Physiotherapy.



4 -- Members' Notices: New Baby

Elderberries board member Paula and her partner Jane are delighted to announce the arrival of their new bouncing baby bundle of joy, Scout. Scout is named after the protagonist in *To Kill A Mockingbird* and is just two months old.

If you have an announcement about a birth, a Graduation, moving, wedding, of you, your partner, kids, your grandkids etc, just <Reply> with them, or send them to

AtlanticCanadaElderberries@gmail.com



5-- The Halifax Gay Men's Chorus

Are you interested in trying out for HGMC? There will be an open rehearsal on Thursday September 12th 7 pm to 9 pm (please arrive 6:45 pm.) It will be held at the First Baptist Church at 1300 Oxford Street, Halifax. The chorus has a varied membership of men from all ages. It's friendly group. Come join in if you love singing.



6 - A Women Only Event?

Would you attend an Elderberries women only event? (It may not be exactly as pictured.)

Yes or no? We want to hear from you. Please click on the link for the poll to vote.

<https://forms.gle/rPNW9V7YYeRB3Tjp8>



7 - Elderberries Mugs Are Back!

We have *lots* of Elderberries mugs to sell.

The Elderberries logo is on the front. On the back is the grey pride ribbon and the words: ***We are old. We are tired. We can get away with things. So... don't piss us off!***

The price is \$15.00; you can get one at our events or we can mail one to you.



8 - - Upcoming LGBT Events

LGBT Halifax 45+ [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) group

Find your tribe of like minded spirits. There are various interest groups meeting at different times. Once you're on [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com), look for the group:

Halifax-45-LGBTQ-Commingle-group

You can find *all* local LGBT Events in one place! Check out: <http://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents> or google "gay halifax local events"



9 - Allergy Policy

If you have allergies -- to dogs, cats, cellphone signals, peanuts, tree nuts, pineapple, shellfish, pork products, perfume, mustard, anything -- and plan to attend an Elderberries event, please tell us. We'll notify our members a few days before the meeting.

We can't guarantee an allergen-free experience on the way to, or at our venue; but, generally, our members will read and heed. Our picnics will be outdoors, so we have little control over allergens. If you're sharing food let everyone know what's in it. If you're not sure say so. Everyone, always, however, appreciates a no-scent policy. Hint.



10 - About The Elderberries

The Elderberries is the social, educational, and activism group for LGBT Elders in Atlantic Canada.

- To join the Society and the mailing list, send an email to AtlanticCanadaElderberries@gmail.com
- To be notified of Elderberries Events via Meetup, join the Meetup group, "Halifax-45-LGBTQ-Commingle-group" or click <http://meetu.ps/c/3Xqzj/BWpGw/d>
- We have a Facebook group too! Join the Facebook group, "NSElderberries"
- We have Elderberries mugs and cookbooks for sale. If you're interested, please email us at the address above.

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