

# Elderberries Newsletter

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## 1– October's Event

On October 13, a dozen people got together for several discussions. We discussed:

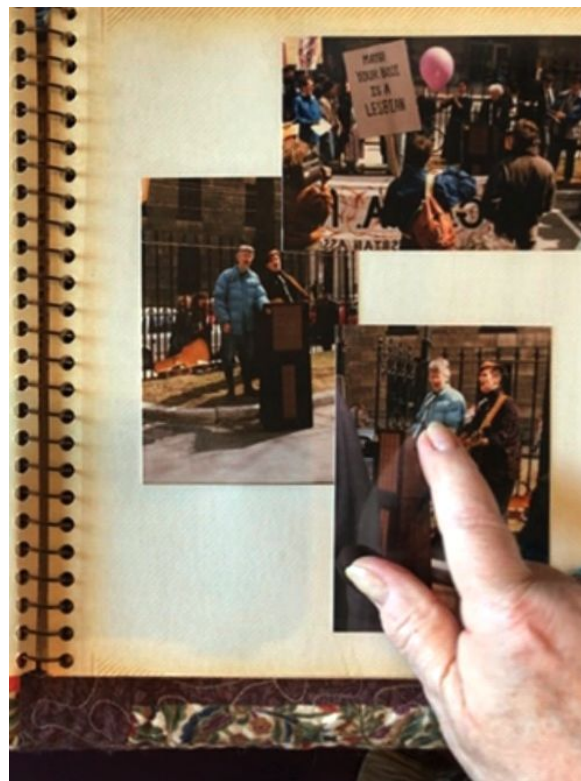
- plans for Scott MacNeil's Celebration of Life to be hosted later in the month.
- end-of-independence planning: who will take care of you when you can't live independently any more? Who might you be taking care of?
- then Dan MacKay talked about the Nova Scotia LGBTQ Archives. Researcher Dr Jacqui Gahagan talked about helping sponsor the project via monetary donations. Members brought the usual cornucopia of food.



## 2 – Photo Advice Available

Archivist Dan MacKay has just completed an archival photo care & handling course and is currently an expert.

If you have any questions about care and handling of old photos, don't hesitate to talk to him at an event or email him at [daniel@bonmot.ca](mailto:daniel@bonmot.ca)



## 3 – Volunteer Needed

The LGBT community food bank Manna For Health, is seeking a volunteer for approximately three hours a month, every second Monday morning. This rewarding activity takes approximately 40 minutes to an hour. The work is simply stocking the shelves with the food order from Feed Nova Scotia.

Thanking you in advance, Kirby Geddes 902-414-9039.



## 4 – November's Event

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

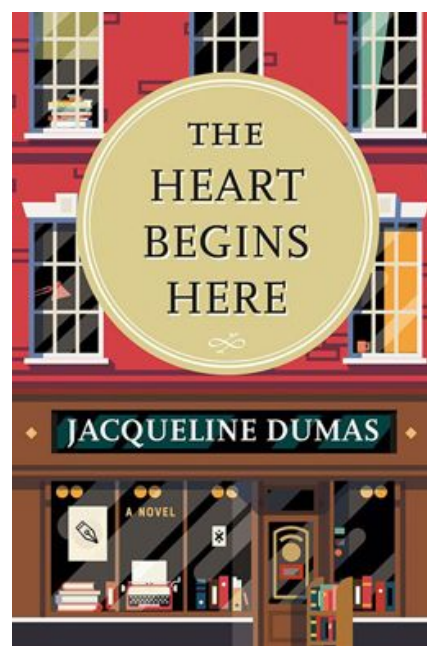
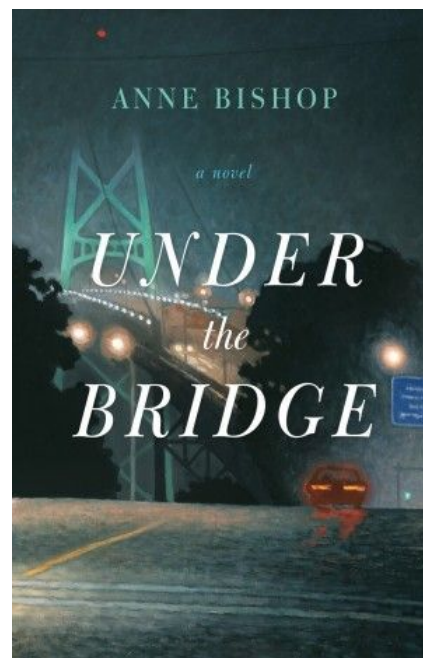
**Where:** The Penthouse, the Northwood Centre  
2615 Northwood Terrace Halifax

**When:** Sunday November 10th, 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.





## 5 – Condolences - Allison Brewer

We extend our condolences to Allison Brewer over the passing of her mother, Jackie Webster. She was a passionate woman deeply interested in the welfare of the people of New Brunswick and beloved by her family and friends.

You can read more about her life and achievements by clicking the link below.

[www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/jackie-webster-journalist-dies-1.5339109?\\_\\_vfx=medium%3Dsharebar&fbclid=IwAR0xBeMxCBLx3QKHpmNYi9uhqjZjTgnb6wdSetAd95-gKMJeaOL3esIvWss](http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/jackie-webster-journalist-dies-1.5339109?__vfx=medium%3Dsharebar&fbclid=IwAR0xBeMxCBLx3QKHpmNYi9uhqjZjTgnb6wdSetAd95-gKMJeaOL3esIvWss)



## 6 – Members' Notices

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](mailto:AtlanticCanadaElderberries@gmail.com)



## 7-- A Celebration of Scott MacNeil's Life

On Sunday October 27, friends and family gathered to share their memories of Scott's life. JJ Lyons, Janet Conners, Dan MacKay and Dr. Bob Fredrickson spoke about their dealings with Scott. Club music from the 1990s served as a backdrop as people socialized in small groups and pairings, and friends who'd been unable to attend the service in New Glasgow dropped by. Thank you to all who worked and contributed to organize the gathering.



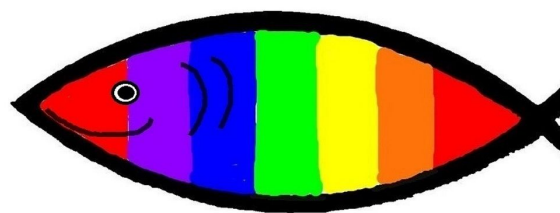
## 8-- Agape Rainbow Bible Study/Prayer Group

**When:** Every Wednesday in November from 5 pm to 6 pm at St. David's Presbyterian.

**From:** Barend Kamperman

Many of us have been wounded by "born again heterosexualism" that claimed to be christian; that became a nightmare for us. Come and study about Jesus unconditional Love for you and every human being. In Christ we are all equal. There will be a brief study time with Q & A, followed by prayer and prayer requests. Your personal pronouns will be honoured, and your right to your beliefs or unbelief will be respected. Study materials will be provided.

I've been studying the bible daily since 1991 and served for years as a licensed Anglican Lay Reader and Eucharistic Lay Minister. I'm a gay, white cis gendered male and will lead the group. Discussions can continue elsewhere after the study. Your interests and questions are welcome.



**AGAPE RAINBOW BIBLE  
STUDY/PRAYER GROUP  
@St.David's Presbyterian  
Church 1544 Grafton St.  
Halifax NS.**

**Proclaiming Christ's Love  
inclusion and provision to  
our LGBTQ+ community.**

## 9-- Elderberries Mugs Are Back!

Christmas is coming! Do you need to buy gifts?  
Elderberries mugs are perfect.

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.



## 10– 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 Halifax-45-LGBTQ-Commingle-group

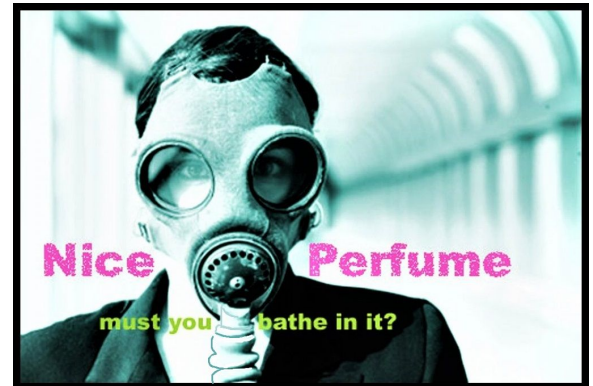
You can find all local LGBT Events in one place! Check out: <http://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents> or google “gay halifax local events”



## 11 – 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. We have little control over the environment at picnics. 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.





## 12– 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](mailto: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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