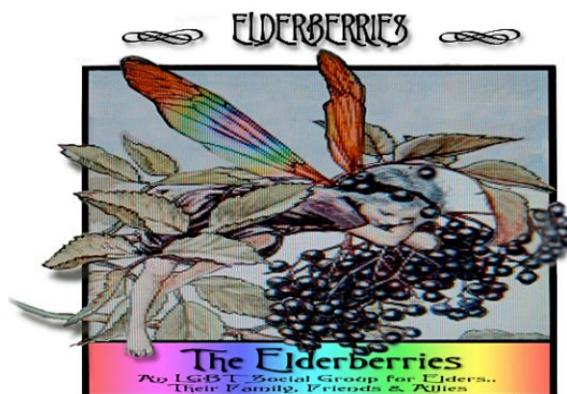


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February 2020 Newsletter

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1– This Month's Salon

What: Our (brief) AGM, then a talk by Carolyn Gesner about her time at a polar bear research station in Manitoba!

Where: The Penthouse, the Northwood Centre 2615 Northwood Terrace, Halifax (directions below)

When: Sunday February 9th, 2 pm to 4 pm.

Food: Scones, butter, tea and coffee will be supplied. Feel free to bring something to share.

Directions: Enter Northwood via the door at North Street & Northwood Terrace. Take any of the three elevators on your left to “P” the Penthouse. We have that whole space for the afternoon.:

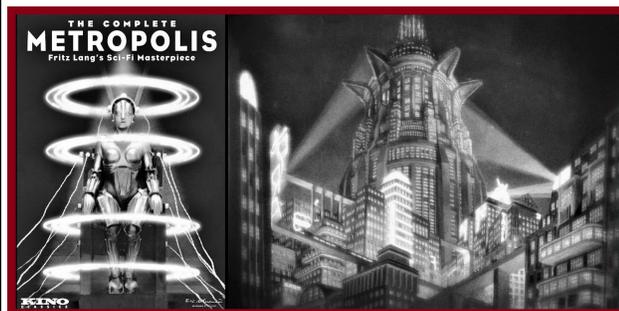


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2 – Last Month's Salon

What: Your Most Memorable Movie and Why.

Movies discussed: Orlando (1992), Sally Potter, Rocky Horror Picture Show, Mighty Joe Young (1949), Gone With The Wind, Knives out, Fanny & Alexander, Desert Hearts, Antonia's Line (1995), Question of Silence, Portrait of a Lady On Fire (2020: coming next month), Strangers In Good Company (1990), Stepping Out, Billy



Elliott, Mamma Mia!, Barry Lyndon (1975), War And Peace (Russian language version.)

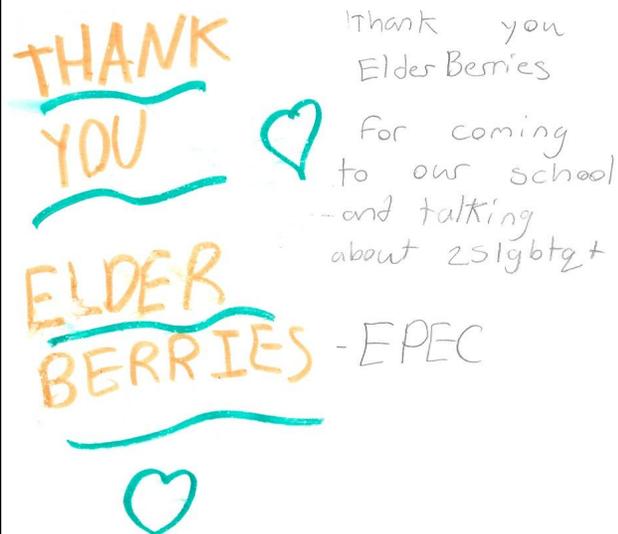
3 -- School Visits

This month several members visited high schools representing the Elderberries to the LGBT student groups, (the GSAs - Gay Straight Alliance groups.) We do introductions, we talk briefly about the good & bad ol' days, and we take anonymous questions written on recipe cards. Here's a sample of the questions: Did teachers do anything to stop bullying? How were you treated back then if you were gay? What did your parents think / act when you came out? Any ideas on how to come out with humour? I'm non-binary, does that mean that whoever I date, it will always be gay? How hard was life? Is it possible to be one gender and feel like the other but not want to make any changes? Can someone change their personal orientation if they wanted to? How do you stop from getting bullied by your siblings because you're bi? What's your worst bullying experience?

THANK YOU ELDER BERRIES

Thank you Elderberries for coming to our school and talking about 2slgbtq+

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4 -- In Memory of Ann Gorman

Ann Gorman was a Board member of the Elderberries and our Treasurer, for a brief time. She became ill. Her sudden passing in hospital was a shock to all. Some Board members attended her memorial service on the 20th. Despite being in a wheelchair, she attended our Salons and volunteered to be the Treasurer. Her friends shared their memories of Ann.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggested that donations be made to the Canadian Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Atlantic Division. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Ted Hubbard and, grandchildren, Louise and Paul.

In Loving Memory Of
Shirley Ann Gorman

September 29th 1945 - January 8th 2020



5 --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



6 – Elderberries Mugs For You!

Need a cozy gift? 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.



7 – 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”



8 – Allergy Policy

If you have allergies – to dogs, cats, cell phone 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. 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.



Avoid doing harm.
Be aware of others
allergies!

9 – 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 here](#) • We have a Facebook group too! Join the Facebookgroup, “NSElderberries” • We have Elderberries mugs and cookbooks for sale. If you're interested, please email us at the address above. • To be removed from this mailing list, just <Reply> with the word “Unsubscribe”.

LOVE is LOVE

