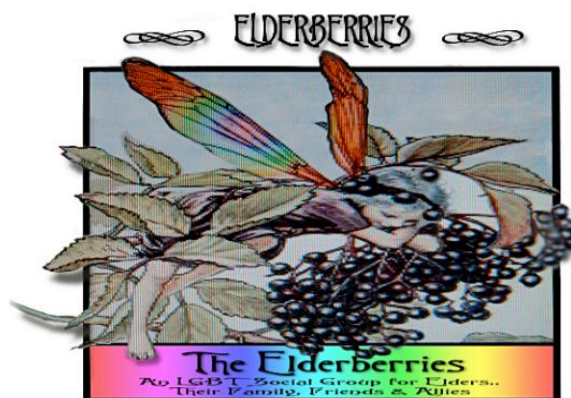


# Celebrating 10 Years of Elderberries - 2010 - 2020

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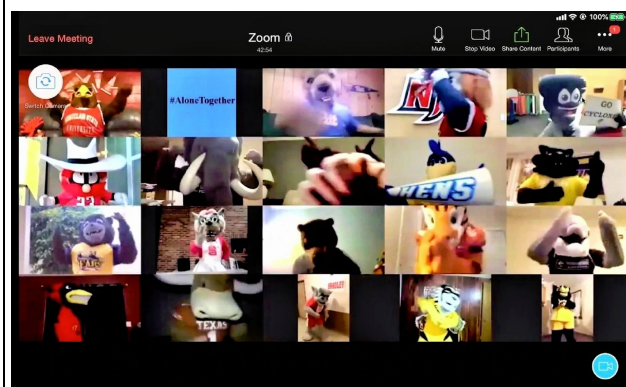
### 1– Salons Moved to “Zoom” for now

**Our Second Sunday Salons** will be held on line for now. People seem to be very much enjoying them, and we’re hearing from many people from out of town who can’t attend in person. Please put these in your calendar!

**Sunday, June 7, 2020, 2:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Sunday, June 28, 2020, 2:00pm - 4:00pm**

You can participate if you have a computer with a microphone or a camera, or you can participate by phone. Check your email before the time above; we’ll be sending out a reminder with directions and our topic for the day. Feel free to come and go, or attend to things while still listening in.



## 2 – Happy Birthday Patricia Martinson

On May 4th, a small team of Elderberries planned a no-contact flash sing outside of Patricia's window. Things didn't go as planned. Anita Martinez picks it up from there:

We had been thinking for a couple weeks...97 years...that should account for something way more than sitting the day alone in a room...WOMAN OF THE WORLD AND ALL...she just can't...we thought...we schemed...we worried..we checked in...we went to the back, front, side...kneeled and looked further ...and Allison Brewer finally said, THAT'S IT! ... and she disappeared into the interior of the building..that appeared well sealed..and she was gone...and then...with an absolutely incredibly big smile..we heard her yell..."I'VE GOT HER!, SHE'S HERE!" AND slowly out of the interior followed by a woman in a blue jacket with the biggest smile on her face...like she discovered GOLD...(and she did!)

Dan prepared Smoky for the exciting escapade..and picked up Barend...and they were off also...FINALLY TOGETHER..WE WERE ABLE TO WISH THIS AMAZING 97 YEAR OLD WOMAN OF THE WORLD ADVENTURER ...HAPPY BIRTHDAY...AND WE SANG... AND she looked happily over at Allison with a big old happy smile!!!

We all then slowly left for our little safe places in the world...BUT CERTAINLY NOT UNHAPPY at our little successful adventure...HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEK EVERYONE...BE HAPPY...BE HEALTHY...and big invisible hugs to all!



### 3 — National Liasons

In the last month or so, we've made connections with two sister organizations: the Over The Rainbow group at the Winnipeg Rainbow Resource Centre, and PCE, the Pride Centre of Edmonton. We'll be sharing ideas back and forth with both.



### 4 – A very nice shout-out to Elderberries Co-Chair, Allison Brewer!

Enchanté, a national organization connecting and supporting 2Spirit and LGBTQ+ communities across Canada, sent out a nice tweet honouring elders, and specifically mentioning Elderberries co-chair Allison Brewer.



**The Enchanté Network / Le réseau Enchanté** @enchantenet... · 1h  
May 16th is the National Honour Our LGBT Elders Day—a tradition that came out of the United States.

Today, we want to honour the 2Spirit & #LGBTQ+ elders in our network, including Albert McLeod, Allison Brewer, & Bill Staubi, who all play an important role in shaping our work.

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### 5 – Isolation Time History Work!

FROM: Dan MacKay, Provincial Queer Archivist

This is a great time to launch, or to continue working on your personal history! If you'd like to write your story, long or short, and want some coaching or talk about the publishing process, OR set up downsizing your archival materials to the Provincial Queer Archives, email me at [daniel@bonmot.ca](mailto:daniel@bonmot.ca)



### 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– 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.

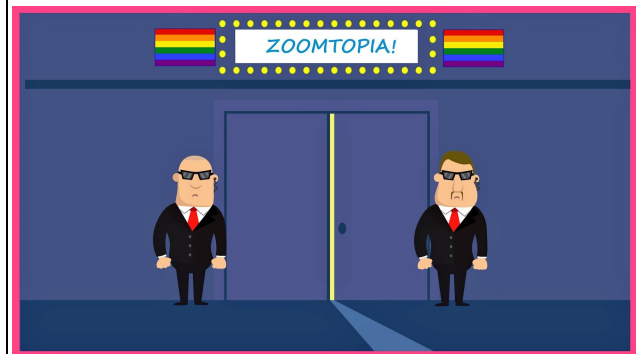


## 8 – Upcoming LGBT Events

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 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 – 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 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”.



