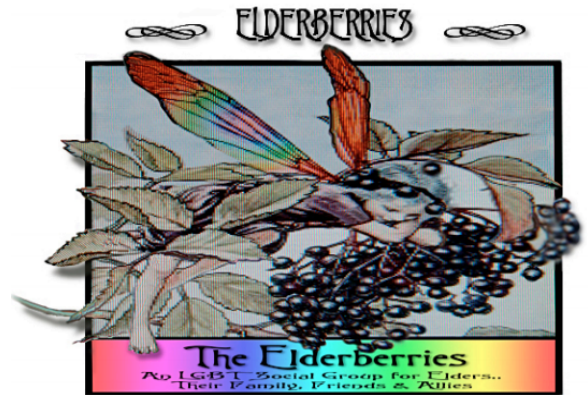


Celebrating 13 Years of Elderberries - 2010 - 2023

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1. February Event

February 12th, 2 P - 4 -PM At Radstorm 2177
Gottingen St. Halifax.

Topic: How I do my favourite hobby. Get up and show us how you do your craft, artwork, build, sew, paint, dance. Anything really.

What do you enjoy about your pastime? What benefits do you get from it?



2. January Salon

No Talent / Know Talent show! The program: Alan: original song on guitar + encore. Cecil told a pen pal story; Barend sang Jambalaya on the Bayou a capella! Dan did an intro to theremin + Morning Has Broken. Erick & Jeff did Billy Joel's Mr Pianoman a capella + harmonica + singalong. Caitie recited an original poem + encore, and Dan & Alan: played I'll Be Seeing You and Autumn Leaves. And there was a mountain of food!



3. January Book Sale!

The Book Sale was an unmitigated success! We had about six hundred books donated and sold about half of those; the remainder will be going to a possible new library at the Glitter Bean, and to Books Behind Bars. We had over 70 customers through Radstorm and many volunteers - thank you, volunteers! And Bruce Bishop was signing books.

Thank you, Venus Envy for helping in many ways with this, including lending us tables, being a dropoff for books, and printing beautiful bookmarks.

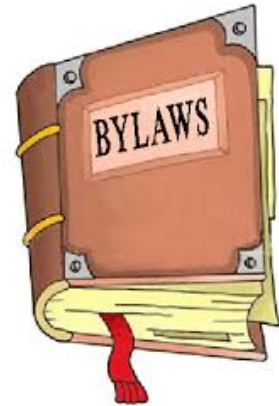


4. March: New By-Laws & AGM

For the last few months your Board has been meeting and talking about a new set of By-Laws to replace the template By-Laws we adopted when we first formed 13 years ago, with ones that more match the way we actually work. The By-Laws are the rules by which we run the Society - how meetings are run, how many people are needed to make decisions, who can be a member, etc etc. It's time to put those into place, and to do that, we need two things: 1) for you to see the new By-laws and 2) a Special General Meeting of the members to approve them. The Special General meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held at our regular Second Sunday Salon time on March 12th,

Then we'll have a special guest: local stained glass artist, illustrator and author Lynette Richards presenting her remarkable very local, very LGBT, graphic novel, *Call Me Bill*.

We'll send out a summary of the new By-Laws and a link to the full text in the next week or so.



5. 211 is for YOU!

Nova Scotia has a 211 service, to help people navigate all kinds of services and needs. They have several thousand listings curated by professional librarians. There are lots of resources of specific interest to elders... and yes, the Elderberries is there.

211 is not a government agency; it is coordinated mostly by the United Way. They had 64,000 calls last year.

The navigators who answer 211 are trained in solving complex problems, and to detect and ask about underlying needs - for example, someone calling about needing groceries may also need help with mental health or addiction issues.

You can call 211, or you can visit the website ns.211.ca and either search by hand, or use the chat function.



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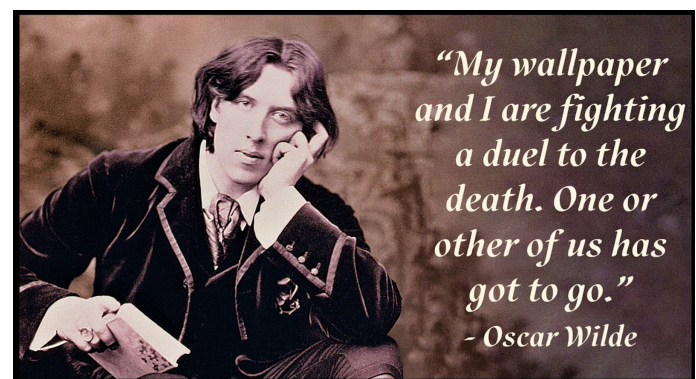
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6. Isolation Time History Work!

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.mackay@dal.ca.



7. Members' Notices

Broadcast your news! 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



8. 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.



9. Upcoming LGBT Events

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



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 • We have a Facebook group too! Join the Facebookgroup, “NSElderberries” • We have Elderberries mugs 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”.

