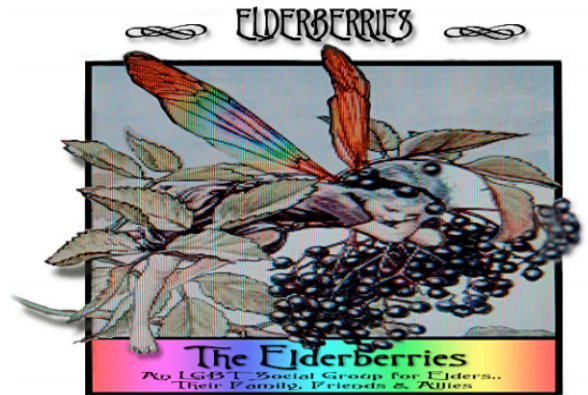


*Celebrating 13 Years of Elderberries - 2010 - 2023*  
**April 2023 Newsletter**

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## 1. April Second Sunday Salon

**Where:** Northwood. Use the 2630 Gottingen Street entrance

**When:** April 16, 1:00pm - 3:00pm. We now have a compressed time slot, so please show up a few minutes before 1:00

**Program:** Emily Davidson, founding member and President of the Turret Arts Space Society, will be speaking. The Salon is free and open to all. A longtime member of several organizations who devoted years to fundraising for support of the Turret Building (AKA the Khyber) and to saving it from demolition, Emily is a past Chair of the NSRAP and a past President of the NSCAD Students' Union.

In early March, the federal government announced a \$200,000 gift to the Turret Arts Space Society towards an "accessible downtown cultural hub." On March 27, the Province of Nova Scotia announced a further \$200,000 investment for the remediation and design of the 1888 vintage building.

Questions for Emily are welcome. Masking is required to enter and exit the building. As ever, we welcome both home-made and store-bought potluck refreshments for the social break.



## 2. March's AGM, SGM & book talk

At the AGM, the Chair's, Membership, and Financial reports were presented, questions got answered, and they were voted on by the members present; all were approved. Copies of the reports are available on request. Your new board is: Erick Bickerdike, Stephanie Brown, Wayne Collette, Richard Crooks, Kevin Dadouses, Pauline Fedrick, Barend Kamperman, Daniel MacKay, and Lynn Murphy. Then we had a very quick Special General Meeting where our new By-laws were approved.

After those, Lynette Richards talked about her stained glass art, her new graphic novel, *Call Me Bill*, and answered questions about her inspiration, creative and technical processes, and we all had a bit of lunch.



## 3. March Brunch

On the 19th Richard Crooks hosted an RSVP Brunch at Le Bistro by Liz. It was noisy but friendly inside. Conversations were had. Dessert was served. Brunch prices were reasonable. Richard will let us know when the next Elders Brunch will be.



## 4. Turrets Art Photo Project Fund Raiser

Artist Liam Ross & archivist Dan want to take some photos, make some photographic art, and record some stories of The Turret before a massive reno starts in a few weeks, and we need a few hundred bucks for hazmat suits.

For more information, to donate a little or a lot, go to the [full story in Wayves](#) .



## 5. Rainbow Refugees needs boardmembers

The Rainbow Refugee Association of Nova Scotia (RRANS) is a grassroots, registered non-profit society, established in 2011, to advocate, support, and privately sponsor LGBTQI+ refugees seeking to resettle in Nova Scotia.

We are currently looking for new board members to join our organization. The time commitment for these volunteer positions would be 5-10 hours per month, with monthly board meetings, and some work or reading between meetings.

We are looking for individuals with the following skills and experiences:

- Skills: Accounting, Fundraising, HR, Legal, Media, Policy, Government, etc.
- Demographics: Newcomers, 2SLGBTQIA+ community, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour)

If you are interested, please reach out to with a resume and summary of your interest and skills to: [rtransprojectcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:rtransprojectcoordinator@gmail.com)



## 6. Chebucto Links: activities in Halifax.

Exec director Rachel Shepherd says: “Our focus is to help keep seniors active, connected and informed. We do this by offering programs, many are accessible by zoom and in-person. Many of our programs are free, or low-cost (\$2), and we can waive any fees if this is a barrier. Follow our social media to learn about new events!”

More information at: <https://www.chebuctolinks.ca/programs>



## 7. Square Roots: fruit & veggies delivered

**Square Roots** is a bimonthly program designed to bring fresh produce to seniors on the Halifax peninsula. For just \$5 you can get a 10lb bag of veggies (such as potatoes, carrots, parsnips, squash, etc.) delivered to you by one of their wonderful volunteers. To register for the program please contact Samantha by email at [admin@chebuctolinks.ca](mailto:admin@chebuctolinks.ca) or call 902-422-3525.



## 8. Michele Barbara Rodgers

1952 - Feb. 27, 2023

Michele is survived by her great friend and partner, Marilyn Lamb, many stepdaughters and step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to your local SPCA or take a moment of your day to have a bit of fun with someone in her memory, and take a picture of it.



## 9. Isolation Time History Work

FROM: Dan MacKay, Provincial Queer Archivist

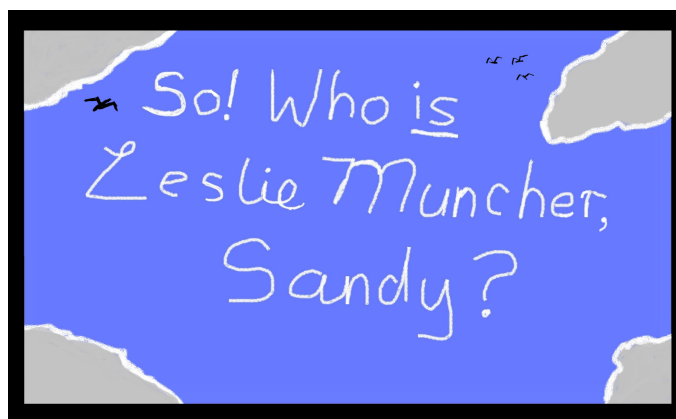
This is a great time to launch, or to continue working on your personal history! If you'd like to write your story, long or short, and want some coaching or talk about the publishing process, OR set up downsizing your archival materials to the Provincial Queer Archives, email me at [daniel.mack@dal.ca](mailto:daniel.mack@dal.ca)



## 10. 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](mailto:AtlanticCanadaElderberries@gmail.com)



## 11. 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.



## 12. 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”



## 13. 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) • We have a Facebook group too! Join the Facebook Group, “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”.

