

Celebrating 13 Years of Elderberries - 2010 - 2024
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1. January Second Sunday Salon

What: Robert Wright: Mental Health & The Q Community

When: Sunday, January 14, 1pm - 3:30-ish

Where: Northwood: 2630 Gottingen Street Door

Particulars: A talk by Robert about his career as a social worker and counsellor to the Q community. Pot Luck is NOT Required.

This event is produced by the InvestiGAYtors - see the article below.



2. Elderberries + InvestiGAYtors

For the next few months, the Elderberries will have guest event producers! Investigaytors is a free community research and mental health leadership program for 2SLGBTQIA+ people who are looking to lead change in their communities and aims to improve 2SLGBTQIA+ mental health. We, your Elderberries events team, have partnered up with them for some interesting programs - and free food!

Investigaytors operates out of the Dalhousie Sexual Health and Gender – yes, SHaG – Lab, and is designed to improve mental health literacy, as well as teach participants how to develop and implement community-driven research skills in responses to the challenges facing our communities.

This relationship with Investigaytors is not a research project. You are not guinea pigs, you will not be under observation. Forging relationships with various Q communities is their project, not collecting data from you.

[You can learn more about Investigaytors here.](#)



3. December Party

Our Christmas party at Board Member Dan & partner Paul's was good and crowded, there was a mountain of food, a little carol singing, and guests got treated to a brief piano and theremin concert. Thanks to Dan and Paul for opening their home for a very festive event.



4. Sneak Preview: February Salon

BIO: Bob Millar is from Scotland and past president of the Halifax Gay Men's Chorus. He has a background in Marine Engineering. He's currently studying for an MFA (Master of Fine Arts) degree at the University of King's College, Halifax.

In February Bob will be talking about and reading from his book, *Our German POW*, about gay love in WW 2.

The story is based on a real-life German POW who worked on a Scottish farm and became friends with some in the farming community – including Bob's father.

Karl, a young German soldier lived in Berlin in the 1930s, when his beloved American jazz and swing music was branded as decadent by the Nazis. He is a gay musician, who witnessed the end of liberal gay life in Berlin. As a POW, he develops an intimacy with Ian, the son of the farmer he works for. But things get complicated and dangerous.



5. Searching for Ted/Theodore Gardner

From: Brett Finnell

Hey Folks, I know this will sound very far-fetched but I need your help. My dad's name is Ted/Theodore Gardner. He was born in Biggar Sask, about 1962, give or take. He went by Ted and was a roofer/labourer. From what I've found out is that he passed around 2007-2008 when he was about 46 years old, give or take. I've heard from people that he was in a relationship with a doctor in Halifax for the last decade of his life.

This photo is from 2005 - the only time I had contact with him.

I would really like to learn about my dad's history out on the coast. Thank you in advance if you know anything and can tell me.

(From Dan: email daniel@bonmot.ca if you have any clues - I'll put you in contact with Brett.)



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 you want some coaching, or would like to talk about the publishing process, or to 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

IT'S A NEW YEAR AND A NEW LIFE!



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 at:
<https://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents>

Or google “gay halifax 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 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”.

