

*Celebrating 14 Years of Elderberries - 2010 - 2024*

## *February 2024 Newsletter*

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## 1. February Second Sunday Salon

**What:** Bob Millar discusses and reads from his book, *Our German POW*, about gay love in WW 2.  
*And:* a perfunctory Annual General Meeting afterwards.

**When:** Sunday, February 11, 1pm - 3:30-ish

**Where:** 2630 Gottingen Street (Northwood)

**Particulars:** The Investigaytors will be sponsoring the food again! No need to bring anything - but you can if you want.

Once again, in partnership with Investigaytors!

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.

The book 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.

Bob 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.



## 2. Second February Event

There may be another February event - we'll email you as soon as it's booked, and a few days before.

For us Q folk, February 14 is Pink Triangle Day! In 1979, the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Rights Coalition declared an Annual Gay Holiday to be held every year on February 14th. For lots of local history, visit <https://gay.hfxns.org/PinkTriangleDay>

On the 16th there's a dance party in support of the Halifax Gay Mens Chorus. Details of this and many *many* other Q events scheduled in Halifax in February. See "Upcoming LGBT Events" below for the link.



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FREE CALENDAR FROM WWW.SHININGMOM.COM

## 3. Elderberries + Advocates for the Care of the Elderly (ACE)

On January 11, Dan talked to the Advocates for the Care of the Elderly about the Elderberries. The identified ways we can work together are 1: A project to make it easy for residents and loved ones to report bigotry; 2: A project to do a reasonably well designed study to sniff for systemic transphobia, homophobia, bigotry, (and probably determine there is none) 3: An education program for Q folk to make items 1 & 2 very clear; 4: A project to have an explicit anti-bigotry module in PCW / CCA etc. training – for everyone who comes in contact with a resident; 5: And, maybe, the creation of a cultural “neighbourhood” for Q folk in LTC facilities. Possibly starting with, “what do they look like in big cities, other countries” and pitching that to Northwood.

[The story of the start of our relationship with ACE is here.](#)



## 4. Remember Anita Bryant?

Her granddaughter, Sarah Green, is now married to a woman.

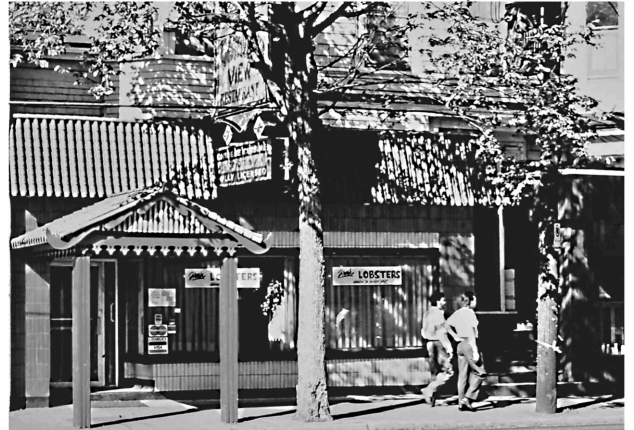


## 5. Isolation Time History Work

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 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](mailto:daniel.mackay@dal.ca)

*♪ Memories whenever we remember the way we were. ♪*



## 6. 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)





## 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.

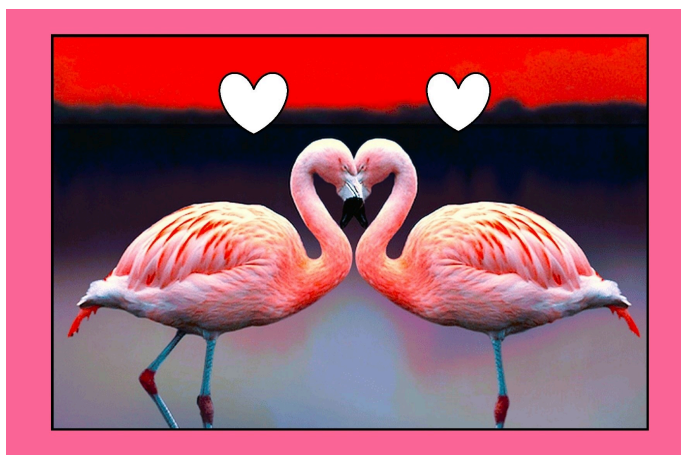


## 8. Upcoming LGBT Events

You can find all local LGBT Events in one place at:

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

Or google “gay halifax 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) • 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”.

