

Celebrating 14 Years of Elderberries - 2010 - 2024
March 2024 Newsletter

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1. March Second Sunday Salon

What: Coming Out Stories with the **Investigaytors!**

When: Sunday, March 10, 1pm - 3:30-ish

Where: 2630 Gottingen Street (Northwood)

Particulars: Biiiiiiiig round table where we once again share that perennial topic of our community, coming out stories! The **Investigaytors** will be telling theirs too!

Notes: 1) this is *not* research, the students will not be recording or reporting on anything – but Archivist Dan may be. 2) The **Investigaytors** will be sponsoring the food again! No need to bring anything - but you can if you want.



2. March Other Event

Short form

Mark your calendar for a tea dance on the afternoon of Thursday, March 21st, at the top of Lacewood Drive, Clayton Park West. Shannex is providing a meal, too.

Much, Much Longer Form

You may have noticed that we are now often doing “Another” monthly event, with even more variety than the Second Sunday Salon. We don’t have a name for this second event yet, so for now it’s “The Other Event.”

This month, the “Other” event is: *a tea dance with a band!* With the straights! Yes! For a couple months, Dan has been planning this event with Shannex, who runs the Parkland Clayton Park retirement living community. As part of their diversity program, they’ve invited us to their dance.

Last month, another part of their Diversity program was Dan talking to staff in their central facility about inclusive language and spaces - this photo.

Shannex says, “The music will be an upbeat old(er) rock and roll style, the group is called The Elderly Brothers and our residents love having them play.”

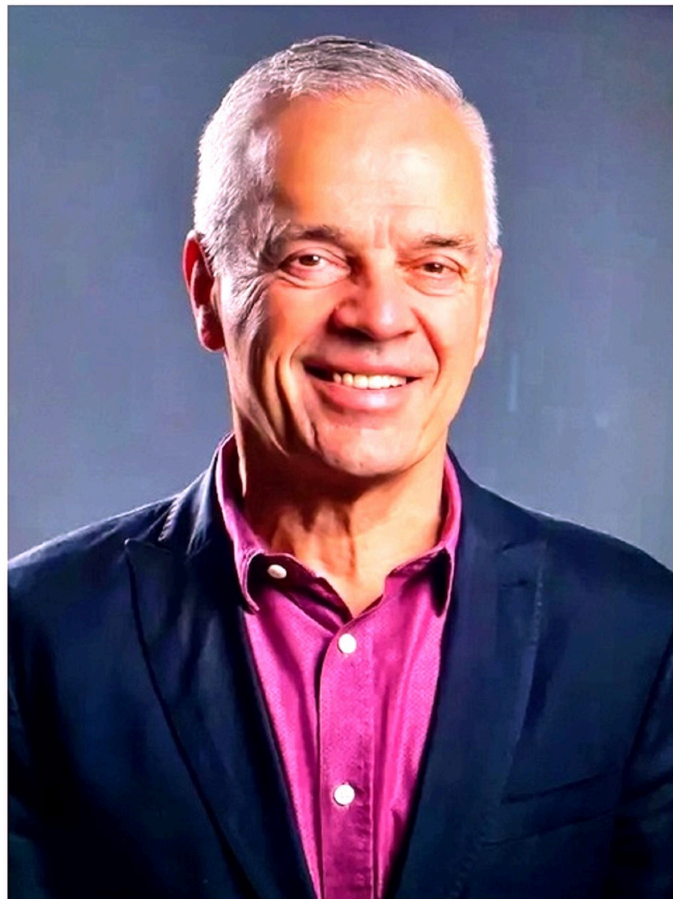


Dan at Shannex HQ, Feb. 16 (storm delayed from Pink Triangle Day, Feb 14.)

3. Last Month's Salon

Bob Millar gave a presentation about a book he's writing, "Our German POW." He provided historical background of life for queer men in the very liberal Weimar Republic and the intolerant Nazi era that followed it.

A Q & A session was held and then informal conversations with those in attendance.



4. Annual General Meeting

After the Salon, we had our Annual General Meeting. Directors presented the reports and we elected the Board for the coming year: four very familiar faces - Pauline (remote, based in the UK), Barend (in absentia), Lynn & Dan, and two new ones: Kaitlyn Drury who has been helping out with and producing events for the last many months, and Rev. Renée Clark. Welcome new and... ah... old board members!



5. Wanted: Volunteer for Salons

We, your Board, would like to offer the content of some of the Salons - the presentations - to people who can't come to the meetings.

For that, we need someone during the meeting to tend the device that does the broadcast - a phone, tablet, or laptop, anything with a camera that can run Zoom.

We have the Zoom account. There's no technical knowledge required - we can show you how to do it.

If you can show up and tend a device to help out people who aren't there, write back!



6. Halifax Seniors Rec Advisory Group

The HRM is looking for residents ages 60+ who would like to assist in guiding the Seniors Recreation Services Plan. The group will meet roughly once per month starting in March until the end of the project (likely Fall 2024).

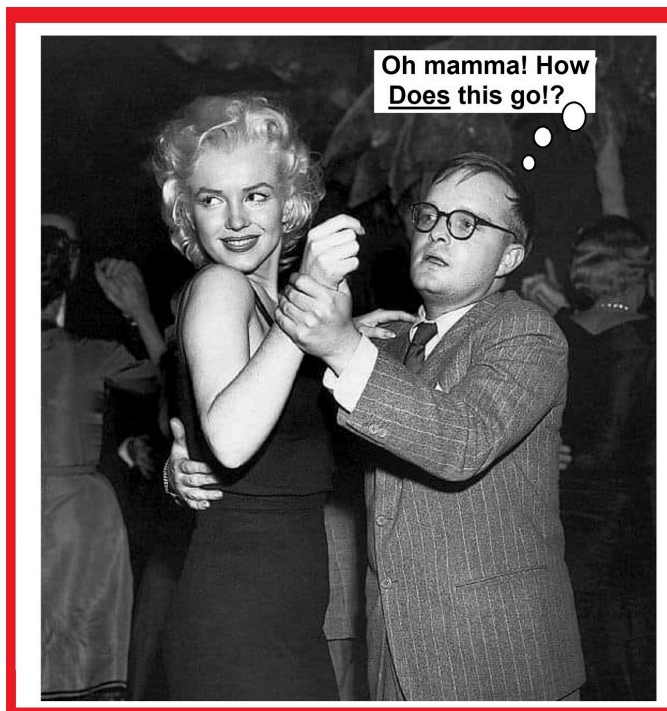
If you'd like to be on the team, [fill out the form online by clicking here.](#)



7. Isolation Time History Work

From Dan MacKay, Provincial Queer Archivist

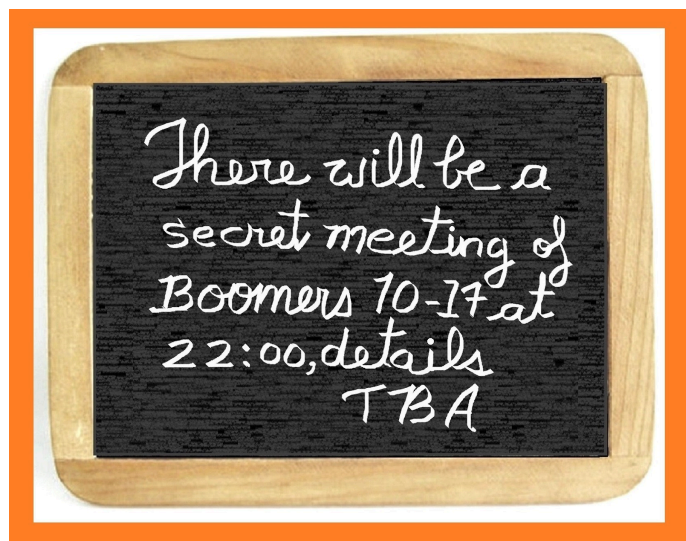
This is a great time to launch, or to continue working on your personal history! If you'd like to write your story, long or short, and you want some coaching, or would like to talk about the publishing process, or to set up downsizing your archival materials to the Provincial Queer Archives, email me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



8. 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



9. 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.



10. Upcoming LGBT Events

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

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

Or google "gay Halifax events"



11. 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” • To be removed from this mailing list, just <Reply> with the word “Unsubscribe”.

