

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

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1. April Second Sunday Salon

What: Services Canada Information Q & A

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

Where: 2630 Gottingen Street (Northwood)

Particulars: Two reps from the Services Canada Bureau will provide useful info for seniors. This will be a potluck. Instant coffee and teas will be provided. But please bring your own favourite beverage.



2. Last Month's Salon

There was a good turnout for this one, About 28 people. The InvestiGaytors from Dal's SHAG Lab were there too as observers. Zach from Dal was the emcee/encourager. A recording device was set up on a table with everyone roughly in circles around it.

Folks shared their quite varied experiences of coming out as queer. Afterward names were "drawn out of a hat" for five concert tickets to H.G.M.C's March 24th Matinee MILESTONES show.



3. Dance at Shannex Parkland

Months ago, Shannex Parkland staff invited The Elderberries to what we Q folk call a Tea Dance - in the afternoon, with live music, on March 21st.

A couple of Elderberries went and had a good time. We encouraged Shannex to invite us back and make this a routine thing.



4. Global Speakout against Russia

On March 15, Elderberries founder Lynn Murphy coordinated a Rainbow Flag Raising in support of the Global Speakout against the increasing criminalization of Russian LGBTQ people and groups, was held at City Hall on March 15. Michael Davies-Cole from ACNS (the Aids Coalition of N.S.) and Onna Young from Wayves Magazine also attended. Photo by Onna Young.



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. 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

HETEROSEXUAL QUESTIONNAIRE By Martin Rochlin, Ph. D.

1. What do you think caused your heterosexuality?
2. When and how did you first decide you were a heterosexual?
3. Is it possible your heterosexuality is just a phase you may grow out of?
4. Is it possible your heterosexuality stems from a neurotic fear of others of the same sex?
5. If you've never slept with a person of the same sex, is it possible that all you need is a good gay experience?
6. To whom have you disclosed your heterosexual tendencies? How did they react?
7. Why do you heterosexuals feel compelled to seduce others into your lifestyle?
8. Why do you insist on flaunting your heterosexuality? Can't you just be what you are and keep it quiet?
9. Would you want your children to be heterosexual, knowing the problems they'd face?
10. A disproportionate majority of child molesters are heterosexuals. Do you consider it safe to expose your children to heterosexual teachers?
11. With all the societal support marriage receives, the divorce rate is spiraling. Why are there so few stable relationships among heterosexuals?
12. Why do heterosexuals place so much emphasis on sex?
13. Considering the menace of overpopulation, how could the human race survive if everyone was heterosexual like you?
14. Could you trust a heterosexual therapist to be objective? Don't you fear she/he might be inclined to influence you in the direction of her/his own learning?
15. How can you become a whole person if you limit yourself to compulsive, exclusive heterosexuality, and fail to develop your natural, healthy homosexual potential?
16. Many heterosexuals seem to be very unhappy. Techniques have been developed to help you change if you really want to. Have you considered aversion therapy?

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

