# Celebrating 14 Years of Elderberries - 2010 - 2024 July 2024 Newsletter

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# 1. Elders to Youth Storytelling

What: A Pride event of the MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning and the ElderberriesWhen: Saturday July 13, 2024Where: The basement of Christ Church 50Wentworth St. Dartmouth (off Ochterloney St.)

Speakers will swap anecdotes of their life experiences as queer people, and farmer, activist, and campground owner Jane Morrigan will tell her story of activism against the hateful Rosanne Skoke in the mid-1990s.

# 2. The Elders Hangout

What: An accessible, casual space to socialise with old and new friends. Food and drinks will be available. Relax and enjoy remembering the history and colourful characters of our rainbow community.

When: Tuesday July 23rd 1 PM to 4 PM Where: TBA

This is our Pride event. A social time for old and young to meet, catch up and relax. There will be an historical slide show, a celebratory cake, books and mugs for sale. Come and go as you please.







#### 3. June 9th Salon

We honoured the memory of slain activist Raymond Taavel on what should have been his 62nd birthday. Thank you to generous sponsors, Halifax Pride and Adam Reid. Lynn Murphy <u>read a tribute to Raymond</u> <u>which is on line here.</u> Raymond was an energetic and focused political man who also advised, mentored and encouraged others. The weather was perfect and we enjoyed plenty of delicious food, birthday cake and even hot burgers and sausages, (Absolutely no corny double entendres here whatsoever.) Everyone also took home a big box of fresh blueberries.

#### 4. Last Month's 2nd Event

On June 9, Jaimie Burnett read excerpts from her book, "Crocusses Hatch From Snow." It was short listed for the Thomas Radall Prize in Atlantic Fiction in 2020.

Jaimie talked about her writing process, the necessity of "test" readers, and verifying Mi'kmaq & Black cultural references. Audience members asked questions about editing, writing routines, challenges and strategies.



# 5. July 18: Pride Community BBQ

We have been specifically invited by the Dartmouth Seniors Service Centre to this event: "Sending out an invite to the Elderberries of Atlantic Canada to come to our Free Pride Community BBQ at Dartmouth Seniors Service Centre. We're a 50+ drop in Centre with so many activities to bring people together!"



#### 6. July Pride Events

There is an impossible pile of events planned for July. At press time, there were *one hundred and sixty* events for Halifax and Dartmouth, plus the official Pride events.

- The Halifax Pride Calendar is here.
- <u>The Halifax Rainbow Encyclopedia calendar is</u> <u>here (repeating events at the top, calendar</u> <u>below.)</u>
- <u>The big list of Prides in Atlantic Canada is</u> <u>here.</u>

Halifax Pride Parade: there is a special Elders Viewing area set up just for us.

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# 7. Halifax Pride Parade

Halifax Pride has created a special viewing area for us!

The map to the right shows it - in the shady edge of the Public Gardens along Sackville Street, near where Bell Road turns into South Park Street.



#### 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 <u>AtlanticCanadaElderberries@gmail.com</u>



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

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 <u>AtlanticCanadaElderberries@gmail.com</u> • We have a Facebook group too! Join the Facebook Group, "NSElderberries" • To be removed from this mailing list, just <Reply> with the word "Unsubscribe".

