

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

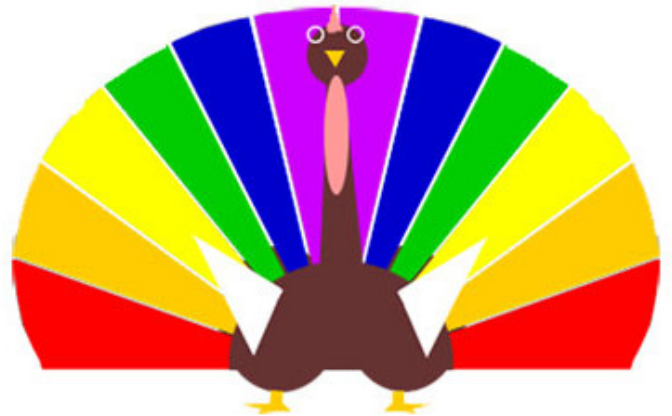
1. NO OCTOBER SSS!!
2. Oct 4: Miss Vicky's Retirement
3. Oct 27: A social at a bookstore
4. The September Picnic
5. Honouring Raymond Taavel at Province House
6. September: Death Café
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1. NO October Second Sunday Salon

The Second Sunday falls on the day before Thanksgiving and all of our usual event organisers will be unavailable.

Please see the next two events for other things to do in October!



2. Miss Vicki's Retirement Party

Fixture of the Halifax drag queen and fundraising scene, Miss Vicki is officially retiring on Friday, October 19th. [Details are here.](#)

For big fans, her birthday party is on October 4th



3. Coffee, tea, treats & conversation

When: October 27, 1 - 3 pm

Where: Open Book Coffee, 3660 Strawberry Hill St, Halifax

Particulars: No RSVP necessary, arrive & leave when you wish. Bus #4 and #90 stop near the entrance to Strawberry Hill Rd. on Windsor St.



This friendly space has a nice selection of beverages, tasty pastries, sandwiches and a daily soup. Carries Atlantic-Canada themed books.

4. Our September 8th event

The planned picnic got moved to our regular space because of the weather. Attendees shared stories and food around the big table. We persevered.



5. Visit to the Legislature

The late LGBTQ activist Raymond Taavel, who was murdered outside the Menz Bar on Gottingen Street on April 17, 2012, was remembered in the Nova Scotia Legislature on Wednesday, September 18.

MLA Lisa LaChance made a Member's Statement honouring Raymond both for his activism and for his action in going to the assistance of a man who was being attacked. The attacker then turned on Raymond, who died of his injuries. For his heroism, he was posthumously awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

MLA LaChance also called attention to the Elderberries celebration of what would have been Raymond's 62nd birthday on June 9 with a picnic in Raymond Taavel Park, and spoke of the group's contributions to Halifax as part of the rainbow community.

Representing Elderberries at this event were Chair Barend Kamperman, Past Chair Lynn Murphy, and longtime member Howard Heyman, who (observing from the balcony) were all introduced from the floor of the House.

Prior to the Member's Statement, the Elderberries were introduced to New Democratic Party Leader Claudia Chender.



6. Death Café

On September 25, we hosted a Death Café at the North Branch memorial library. We had eight Elderberries members, several of whom hadn't been to a meeting before, the presenter, a representative from Grief Matters, and Dan. We had tea and cake, and the format was an open discussion about all matters related to death, dying, grieving. We spent quite a bit of time talking about wills and documents communicating one's wishes for care before and after death, and natural burial options.

[Here's a description of what a Death Cafe is.](#)

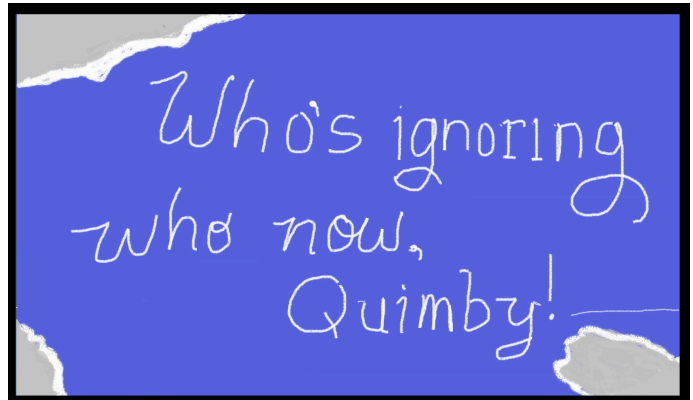
There is a regular Death Café at the Halifax Central Library, at noon on the third Thursday of every month, room 301.



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 cosy 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. 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”.

