

Elderberries Newsletter February 2026

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1. February Second Sunday Salon

Where: Adult Day Space 2630 Gottingen St.

When: February 8th 1 PM to 3 PM.

What: Raymond Taavel Park Redesign: Review of What We've Learned So Far + Feedback.

The company, "Oso planning + design" has been contracted to work with the public to collect ideas about re-working Raymond Taavel Park to make it more relevant and more connected to the community. They've held a number of community consultation sessions. On Feb. 8 they will present what they have heard so far, get our feedback on that, and tell us about the next steps.



2. January 11th Salon

Filmmaker Arena Alamino presented her short film "Anita Louise And The Wild Women." Dealing with the Wild Women Don't Get the Blues lesbian camping weekends in remote places. These were formative experiences that strengthened and inspired the womyn who participated. A lively Q & A followed. Then came the stories and snippets of stories about Anita and things learned and shared at these special gatherings. A very chatty time.



3. January 25th Salon

NDP MLA, Lisa LaChance and City Counselor, Sam Austin held a lively conversation about various queer community issues. They also Spoke of their personal lives and what working with colleagues in their governmental organisations was like. Concern was also voiced about the city's dealing with the lack of funding to turn the Turret Building into a community art space. Probably selling the property. Allison was the MC. It was a lively session that spilled over past the usual time.



4. Cecil Publicover

Cecil Publicover passed away on January 24, three months short of his 90th birthday.

Cecil enthusiastically participated in almost all of the ElderBerries meetings since the inception of the organization, and also in Safe Harbour Church during its lifetime. Up until recently he was a diligent volunteer with (originally, the Persons With Aids) food bank, Manna For Health. He followed that to St John's United Church. Here are their notes on his passing:

Most of you will know Cecil from his presentation of our offerings every Sunday morning. He was a long- time and very valued member of our congregation.

Cecil was an avid and award winning gardener and loved to share his passion for flowers and plants with everyone who knew him.

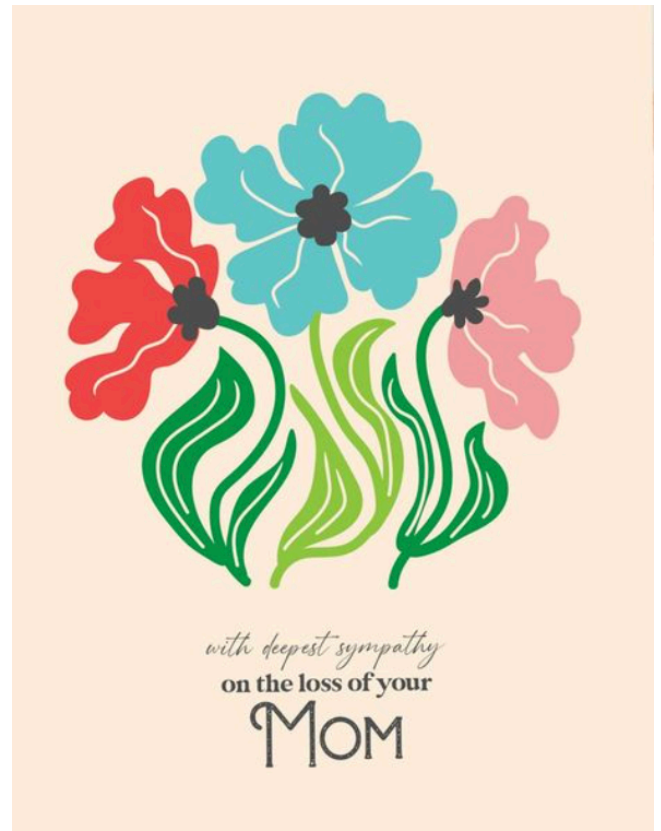
We will miss Cecil's quiet wit, kind manner and excellent gardening tips.

Information on a service for Cecil will be communicated at a later date.



5. Marie Belland

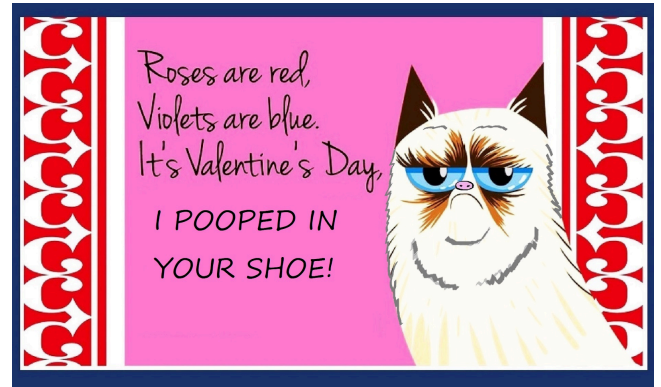
Elderberries member Mike Belland's mom, Marie Belland has passed away, age 90, in Antigonish. Born Dec 18, 1935 in Stellarton, she studied nursing at StFX and met her husband, Mike's father there in 1959. They lived in Shepherdville, Labrador City, Bathurst and she finally settled in Antigonish.



6. Upcoming Events

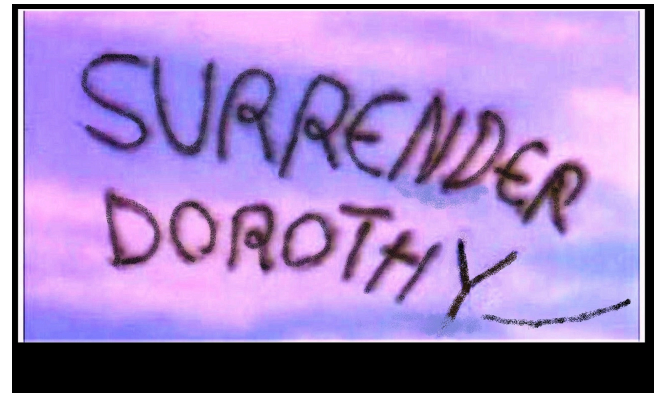
You can find all local LGBT Events in one place at:
<https://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents>

Or google "gay Halifax Events"



7. Members Notices

Broadcast your news!
If you have an announcement about a birth, Graduation, moving, or 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're 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".

