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All things Knowlton Literary Festival

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Festival Dates: October 15–17, 2026

The festival will begin with an informal gathering on **Thursday October 15, from 18h - 20h**, by highlighting local authors at **Brome Lake Books**, in Knowlton. Five local authors will be presenting their most recent publications:

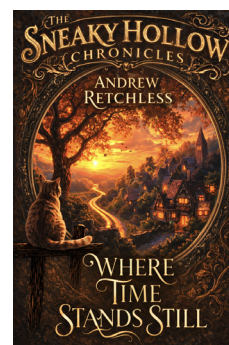
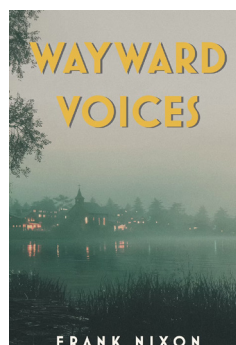
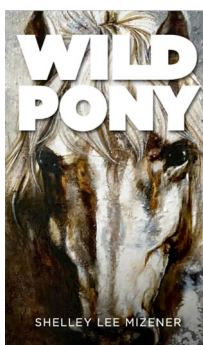
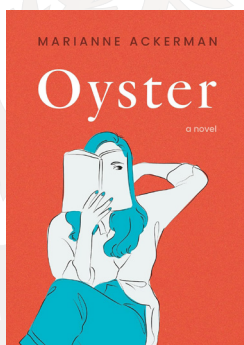
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Marianne Ackerman

Marianne Ackerman is a Montreal-based novelist, short story writer, playwright and journalist. Her first novel was the best-selling ***Jump*** (2000), a comic look at a family in transition, set during the 1995 referendum. ***Oyster***, her fourth novel, takes place in Prince Edward County, Ontario, where she was born and grew up. Family tangles and literary ambition propel the plot but finally don't overshadow the build to a full-fledged rom-com.

Shelley Mizener

From the moment she first climbed into the saddle, **Shelley Lee Mizener** discovered that movement changes everything. In her book ***Wild Pony***, she shares a life lived beyond the fences, across continents, through sport, and community, along open roads and unexpected turns. ***Wild Pony*** is a memoir of courage, presence, and trust, in the body, in the world, and in the quiet intelligence that guides us forward. Through horses, trails, athletics, and everyday adventures, Mizener shows that freedom isn't somewhere else —it begins the moment you choose to move with intention and heart.



Tanya Bellehumeur Allatt

Tanya Bellehumeur Allatt writes for children and adults (and everyone in-between). Her published work includes poetry, short fiction and creative non-fiction. Her critically acclaimed Middle East memoir, ***Peacekeeper's Daughter***, was published with Thistledown Press in September 2021. ***Chaos Theories of Goodness***, her debut poetry collection was released in June 2022 with Shoreline Press. For more information go to: www.tanyaallattbellehumeur.com.

Frank Nixon

Frank Nixon is an author and former journalist with deep roots in Quebec's Eastern Townships. A graduate of McGill University and Concordia University, he contributed hundreds of articles to community newspapers throughout the region, covering everything from municipal politics and local business to the people and events that shape small-town life. His debut novella, ***Wayward Voices***, draws on those experiences. Set in the fictional town of Wayward, the story follows a disgraced Montreal reporter who seeks refuge in a small Eastern Townships community while confronting the mistakes, memories, and relationships that continue to haunt him. For more information go to: www.franknixon.com.

Andrew Retchless

Andrew Retchless is a lifelong son of Quebec's Eastern Townships. He spent 44 years in education before turning to fiction, and is the author of ***The Sneaky Hollow Chronicles: Where Time Stands Still*** — magical realism rooted in the landscapes and communities of a region he knows by heart. The characters of Sneaky Hollow first came to life on his popular Townships weather page, where they found an audience of over 3,500 readers before the book was ever written. A graduate of Bishop's University, Andrew lives on the shores of Lake Lovering in Canton Stanstead with his wife Marie-Pier. For more about Andrew visit: www.andrewretchless.com.