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All things Knowlton Literary Festival

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Festival Dates: October 15–17, 2026

The festival is delighted to have the support of three highly skilled professionals, who will be “in conversation” with three of this year’s authors. Each of these people will bring unique perspectives to their respective author events —prepare to be AMAZED!

Paul Workman

Paul Workman is a Canadian television journalist, who was the London bureau chief for CTV News until 2023. Prior to joining CTV News on July 13, 2006, he was a journalist for CBC News for over twenty years. He won a Gemini Award for Best Reportage at the 11th Gemini Awards in 1997 for Romanian Journey to Canada.

He likes to say that his career in journalism began at about the age of ten, around the time John F. Kennedy was running for President. Armed with a mimeographed newspaper, he sold copies along the main street of his Canadian hometown for a few cents each. It was an early glimpse of the curiosity and love of storytelling that would shape the rest of his life.

After studying journalism at university, he spent 35 years as a foreign correspondent for Canadian television networks, reporting from some of the defining events of our time. His first posting took him to the Middle East in the late 1980s, at the start of the Palestinian intifada. From there, he covered the first Gulf War and went on to report from conflict zones including Iraq, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Syria, and Ukraine. Along the way, he was based in Jerusalem, Paris, New Delhi, Washington, D.C., and London, serving as a correspondent, bureau chief, and chief international correspondent.

His documentary work reflects the same commitment to telling complex human stories. It has included an exploration of social upheaval in France during the 1990s, *Death of a Princess*, an investigative report into the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, and, in 2022, a one-hour documentary chronicling his return to Afghanistan under Taliban rule after a decade away.

In 2024, he was honoured with the Gordon Sinclair Lifetime Achievement Award for Broadcast Journalism by the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television, recognizing a career dedicated to thoughtful, courageous reporting from around the world.

He now lives in Toronto with his wife, Canadian author and broadcaster Mellissa Fung, where his lifelong passion for storytelling continues.

Roger Williams

Roger Williams was born and raised in South Wales. He settled in Montreal after completing a Master’s degree at New Brunswick University and his doctorate at the University of Wales in Cardiff.

He enjoyed a thirty-year career at Marianopolis College as a teacher and administrator. He taught a wide variety of English literature courses, while never letting a semester go by without at least one course on the plays of Shakespeare.

In retirement he and his wife, Kate, divide their time between Sutton and Lake Memphremagog, where Kate’s family has lived for many decades. Roger’s enthusiasm for Shakespeare has been kept alive by teaching at the Bishop’s University extension program in Knowlton, and giving public seminars to interested audiences.

Rogers has also continued to be an avid advocate and literacy supporter, participating in Knowlton Literacy Festival for many years, introducing festival authors to audiences, in addition to interviewing authors!



Sheila Quinn

Sheila Quinn is a lifelong Townships dweller with a passion for creativity, pop culture, theatre, music and dance.

Sheila was a columnist with The Record, writing her weekly column, *Dishpan Hands*, for seventeen years, that enjoyed a five-year pairing with DH Radio, that Sheila produced and hosted at CJMQ radio station. She is a member of Knowlton Players, with roles in *Mamma Mia*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Drama at the Museum*, *Annie*, *This Old House*, *MacBeth And All That*, and is currently on the KP Board of Directors.

She is the mother of two sons and stepmother to two more, and plays human host to her three cats, Pixie, Mercury and Rhapsody. Native of the Richmond area of the ‘Ships, she has called Knowlton home since 2012.

A Special Care Counselor by trade, Sheila has enjoyed extremely varied employment as a result, from work in mental health to high school librarian to funeral director.

She is thrilled to be involved with this year’s edition of the Knowlton Literary Festival!