



## Local guest writers

### Letters from Knowlton, August 1 and 2, 2009

#### **Don Davison**

Donald Davison has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Concordia University and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Western Ontario. In addition, he is an Accredited Financial Counsellor and has a Queen's Commission in the Canadian Army. His career experiences include banking, lending, and real estate development.

In retirement he has given lectures and provided advice on financial planning to the public service and counselled bankrupts into recovery. He has also published a non-fiction self-help book entitled *Take Control of your Money*, and an historical novel, *Raise the Flag and Sound the Cannon*, about a raid by Confederate soldiers which took place in St. Albans, Vermont in 1864. The novel was subsequently made into a theatrical production entitled *Chickasaw*.

He sings in several church and regional choirs, has been active in local theatre, and is currently a vice-president of the Yamaska Literacy Council.

#### **Laura Teasdale**

Laura Teasdale moved to Montreal from Nova Scotia in 1992, then about three years ago she made the upgrade and moved to the Townships. She has worked as an actor, singer and cartoon voice. Her first full length play, *Honky Tonk Blue (The Night Patsy Met Hank)* was well received and encouraged her to go on to write *God's Troubadour*, *Woodswalker* and two dinner theatre pieces for the Knowlton Players, *Love & Marriage* and *Love is Murder*.

She is writing a series of public service plays for the Quebec healthcare system and is currently studying screenplay writing since there are plans to make *Woodswalker* into a film. She has also been commissioned to write a new play that will be produced by Imago Theatre in Montreal.

#### **Harrison Yates**

Harrison Yates was set on a career in journalism when he received an offer to work in a New York ad agency for more than he could ever make as a cub reporter. He went on to become an award-winning advertising writer and creative executive for international agencies in the US, Canada and around the world. It was while doing this work that he discovered his forte as a writer of humour.

He has written many articles for magazines and newspapers. In 1997 he ghost-wrote a well received business book called *Emotional Branding*. In 2007 he wrote a memoir called *The Knowlton Chronicles: How my wife made me move to the country even though I hate nature* that is now in a second edition.

He currently has a novel on the griddle that deals with the reminiscences of an old man who searched all his life for one true love and in the process found many.

He lives in Knowlton, Montreal and Mexico with his wife Monique Éthier.