

Traditional Duck Festival Returns

Knowlton's Traditional Duck Festival Returns September 23-24th and September 30th-October 1st 2006

Eastern Township's prettiest Victorian village will host the world- renowned Duck Festival and Knowlton's first ever Great Duck Race

Knowlton, Quebec, 18th April 2006 – The annual Brome Lake Duckfest will take place during the last two weekends of September 2006 in Knowlton. Organized in collaboration with the Brome Lake Duck Farm (Brome Lake Ducks), the Chamber of Commerce of Brome Lake and local businesses, this year's festival promises to be a feast for the senses.

Highlights of the festival include a farmer's market, exhibiting local and regional goodies from maple products to local wines, musicians, duck carvers, entertainment and games for children. One of the most popular features is the daily culinary demonstrations by professional chefs. This gives locals and visitors alike an opportunity to learn some of the secrets to cooking duck. Of course duck specialties will be on the menus of local restaurants.

“The culinary demonstrations have always been one of the highlights of Knowlton's Duck Festival” explains Judith Duncanson, a long-time member of the organizing committee. “Internationally recognized chefs are attracting visitors from as far as Montreal, Ottawa, Boston and Toronto. It's an experience professionals, as well as occasional cooks, should not let go by”, added Mrs. Duncanson.

On Sunday October 1st the first Great Duck Race will take place on Coldbrook River that runs through the centre of Knowlton. Organized In collaboration with the Montreal Shriners, the Kids' Help Line, the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses, this toy duck race is expected to be one of the most ' fun' in “Duck Racing”. The ducks will be released at the top of Mill Pond dam where participants and “duck sponsors” can follow their duck's progress along the Coldbrook walking path to the finish line at Knowlton Academy bridge.

Organizers invited Marie-Andree Leblond, a local artist, to design this year's Duckfest poster. The design will be unveiled on May 8th at the Inverness Golf club at the opening of the Eastern Townships' Summer Tourist Season.

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