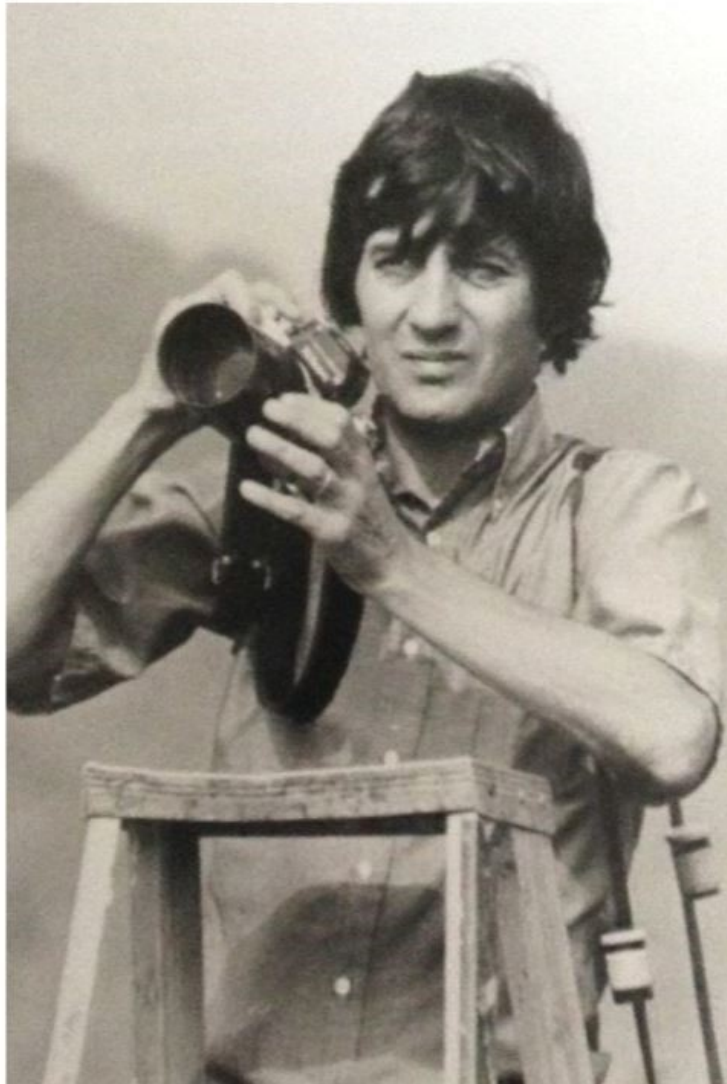


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Message from the President



Dear Members,

I hope you all had a great summer. When you read this 40th issue of Les Chabotteries, we will be a few days away from fall. On September 24, 2017, we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the founding of your Association.

We have to express our thanks to all those who participated in the founding of the Association and to all those who took over until today. Without their commitment, we would not have been able to feast together for this 10th anniversary. We hope to see you in great numbers for this unique event.

It is always difficult to create perfect harmony in all organizations, whatever they may be. Trying to please everyone is almost impossible, but please be assured dear members, that we do our utmost to not disappoint you. Your Board of Directors composed of 5 members who are committed to take care of the well-functioning of the Chabot Association, and our researcher Diane who works 26 hours a day for your association, which ensures to update our database. We are all volunteers who are dedicated to meet your expectations and see our association growing more and more alive.

As always, at the general meeting will be the occasion to renew part of the members of the Board of Directors: positions 1, 3 and 5, currently occupied by Jean-Louis Chabot (1), Viateur Chabot (3) and Claudette (5) are to be filled: Claudette Chabot and Jean-Louis Chabot will apply for a new term while Viateur Chabot will not renew a new mandate. In addition, positions 6 (one-year terms) and 7 (two-year terms) will also have to be renewed if the new general regulations are adopted at the beginning of the general assembly.

Would you have time to give while staying at home whether as a member of the Board of Directors or to serve as a volunteer for recruitment,

translation

of texts from English to French or French to English ? You can also help your association by sending us stories of your family members to this e-mail address: info@association-chabot.com

An association cannot exist without relying on their active members, this is why it is necessary to renew your annual membership card every two years or five years before it is expired You should also talk about your association with your relatives, cousins, nephews, nieces, etc. It is also important to notify us of any changes of address so that we have the right contact information to be able to communicate with you.

You will find in the central pages all the information on the general assembly of September 24 and the activity of the 10th anniversary of the Association of Chabot. Reserve before September 15, 2017 to make sure you have your place.

We are waiting all of you in Sherbrooke on Sunday, September 24, 2017.

Thank you for supporting your association!

Maryo Chabot Tremblay

A gift for the tenth anniversary

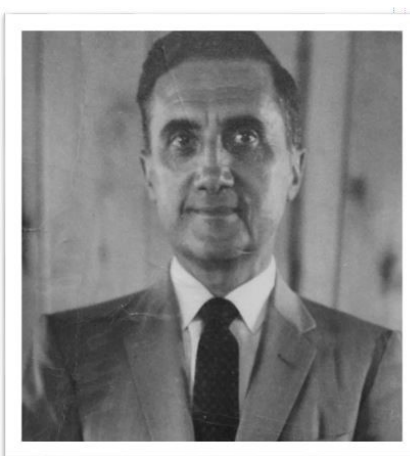
All members in good standing of the association - registered, and present at the tenth annual general meeting - will receive as a gift a bottle of white wine produced and bottled in the vineyard La Halte des Pèlerins: the way chosen by the members of the board of directors To thank you for your support for the mission and the objectives set by the association at its founding meeting held in Neuville on 14 October 2007.

Leo Louis Chabot's story



He was raised in Kennebunk, ME

Born in Portland, Maine, on November 29, 1936, **Leo Louis Chabot** is the oldest son of a family of three; son of **Leonide L. Chabot**, born at Ste-Henedine, Beauce County, Quebec, Canada



and **Frances Crocker**, native of Kennebunk, Maine, USA.

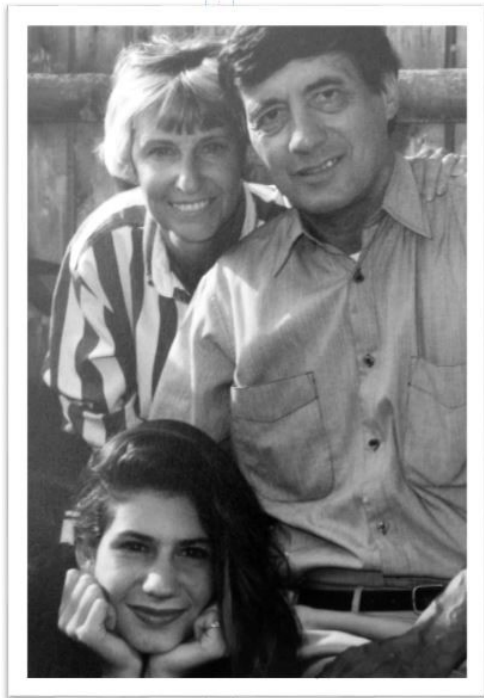


He married first Jeanette Ann Bishop on October 20, 1961 in Alabama and will be born three children of which I am the elder, followed by Marc and Michelle. This marriage ended in 1973. Then he married Constance (Conni) Gauthier in 1975 in Charleston, Western Virginia with whom he will have two more children: Aimee and Nicole.

Leo worked for the Lawrence Eagle Tribune for 22 years. He was Sunday editor of a team that won a Pulitzer Prize for the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune in 1988 and wire editor when the staff again won a Pulitzer in 2003. Previously, he was chief photographer of the Charleston Gazette in West Virginia in the 1970s and a reporter-photographer for the Rockland Courier-Gazette and Bangor Daily News in Maine in the 1960s. He was also the Mid-Coast Maine television correspondent for WCSH-TV during the 1960s.

Early in his career, he was well known as a photographer and studied under the late Minor White. His photographs were shown in solo exhibits during the 1960s at the Farnsworth Art Museum, Rockland, ME, the University of Maine, Orono, and the Brick Store Museum, Kennebunk, ME. The photographs continue to be circulated by the university as part of its traveling exhibits program. He graduated from Kennebunk High School in 1955, Boston University in 1959 and Harvard University Extension School in 1987. He also attended Rochester Institute of Technology.

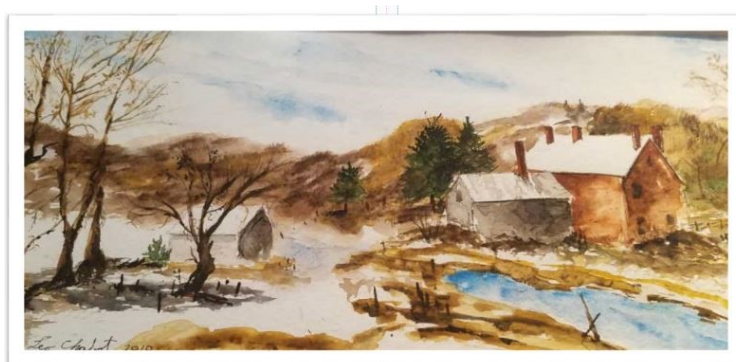
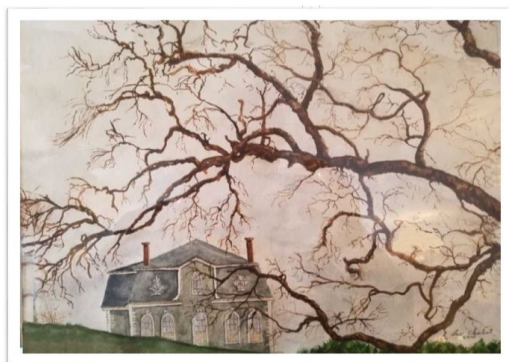
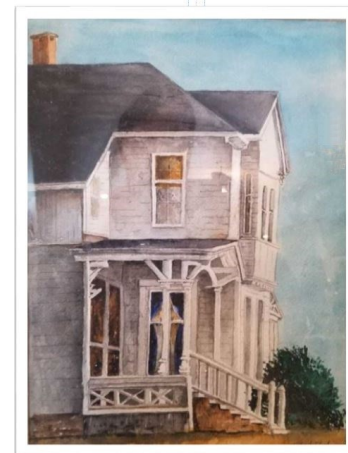
For several years, he and his wife, Constance (Connie) Gauthier, were active in American Field Service and organized the North Andover Sheep Shearing Festival sponsored annually by AFS. He was a member of the North Andover Zoning Task Force and the North Andover Historical Commission.



Leo Louis Chabot, his wife Connie and their daughter Aimee

He was also a member of the Brick Store Museum, the North Andover and the Andover historical societies.

Retired journalist. his eye sharpened for art was not extinguished; He took advantage of his artistic sense in painting which was for him a way to give shape to sensations which he could not reproduce by the language of the photography. Here are some examples:



Leo Louis Chabot died peacefully of natural causes at the age of 80 on January 23, 2017 in Haverhill, MA and he was buried at Hope Cemetery in Kennebunk, Maine.

The photo is Leo Louis Chabot as a child and his military memorial Flag.



Jacques Louis Chabot, member n° 352
Written by Diane Chabot-Pard

Kevin Chabot awarded an important reward for his volunteer work



Originally from the Mauricie region, Kevin Chabot is the son of Yvon Chabot and Claire Levesque. His status as a volunteer incites him to go beyond himself, of course by respecting its own limits and those of others. You will understand why when reading these next lines! Mr. Kevin Chabot is one of those exceptional people. For his story, let us remember that he was victim of a serious accident at the age of 10. Then, after a long rehabilitation, years of studies and a path of work strewn with pitfalls, he was diagnosed ill-suited for employment.

Then, he chooses to work voluntarily! His motivation: being generous of his time, being attentive to people in need and being involved in different causes which resulted in a great impact with the community.

His path as a volunteer over the past years reflects both personal and social progress. For the past eight years, Mr. Chabot has been working at the Laviolette Volunteer Action Center with a clientele of seniors with loss of autonomy. It has a disconcerting ease in weaving intergenerational ties and making people happy, which gives him a better image of himself, self-confidence and much more.

That is why, on April 12, 2016, the Government of Quebec awarded the Hommage bénévolat Québec prize to Kevin Chabot and several other winners. A Tara statuette as well as a calligraphy certificate of honor, signed by Prime Minister Philippe Couillard and Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity François Blais was given to them. Kevin Chabot received the Claude-Masson Award in the "Young Volunteer" category, which highlights the commitment of people aged 14 to 35 who are particularly distinguished by their exceptional commitment and by the quality and wealth of their actions in the community.

A path that could inspire many others.

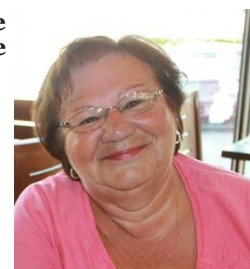
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Kevin Chabot receives the Quebec's Volunteer Honors Award from the Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity and Minister responsible for the National Capital region, Mr. François Blais, in the presence of Mr. Bruno and Mr. Philippe Masson, son of the late Mr. Claude Masson



Diane Chabot Pard, member n° 9

Denise, nothing stops her, she is not afraid of the challenges



Denise Chabot was born in Val-d'Or on December 22, 1969; She is the youngest of a family of five, and she is the daughter of Gerard Chabot and Monique Champagne.

"I have two children: one is a girl, Andreanne born on June 27, 1992, daughter of Christian Pellicelli and the other is a boy, Francis born July 21, 2001, son of Frederic Sasseville," said Mrs. Chabot."



She has been a hairdresser-stylist by profession for 30 years.

"I opened four hairdressing salons in addition to a hairdressing school. "

For 15 years, she has also worked as a massage therapist in advanced therapeutics and reflexology. "I am also as a kinesiology therapist, I have a clinic in Jonquière and another in Normandin, in Lac-Saint-Jean," said Mrs. Chabot. "



I would like to thank Denise (member 498) for all the information she provided to create this page. I invite you to use its services.



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Maryo Tremblay, member n° 275



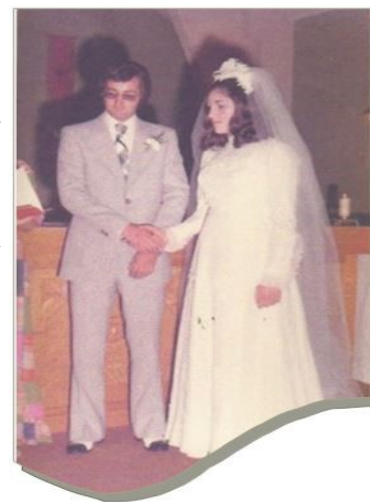
Richard Chabot's family



My name is Louise Fortier and I married Richard Chabot (member 236) on June 15, 1974. I would like to introduce you to Richard Chabot's family.

Richard was born on September 1, 1950, and is the eighth of a family of 14. His father, Leon Chabot, was married to Éleonore Gagnon. His grandfather, Cleophas Chabot, was the 8th generation of descendant of Mathurin Chabot

Richard in 1987



Our wedding

Richard lived in Saint-François d'Assise, Matapedia County until he was 17, then, he left for Montreal where he worked for Canada Dry, and as a milkman with his brother Bernard. At 19, he joined the Armed Forces for a year.

In 1970, he came to work in Quebec City as an apprentice carpenter in the field of construction. Then he learned the carpenter's trade, and even before becoming a companion, he became foreman for P.-A. Construction, a general contractor. In 1980, work became scarce and Richard decided to become craftsman, independent contractor. At that moment, I help him on construction sites and I climb even on small roofs to install beams and roof shingles.

In 1988, he became a general contractor, meanwhile I learned bookkeeping. The company "Construction Richard Chabot inc. thrives and takes expansion year after year.

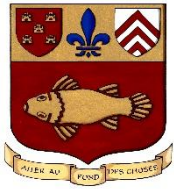
We have two children: a daughter, Manon, born on March 13, 1976, and a boy, Martin, born April 2, 1978. They grow up in a construction environment between plans and houses under construction.



Our daughter Manon went to the Cegep Lévis-Lauzon (High School) to become an architectural technician. She worked for a few architecture firms; she draws plans and she was project manager for the Sainte-Anne de Beaupré Hospital and for the expansion of the Quebec City Airport for several years.

Our son Martin begins building his first house, during the summer vacation, at the age of 12. After completing his Secondary V (grade 10th high school), he studied at the School of trades and occupations of the construction industry of Quebec (EMOICQ) and obtained his diploma of professional studies (DEP). He works with his father Richard and learns the trade of carpenter; He's already talking about taking over from his dad company one day. He improves his training and accumulated no less than 13 licenses to be able to exercise the trade of general contractor.





Association des Chabot

Agenda for the day.

For the 10th Annual General Meeting of the Association which will be held on October 24, 2017 at the Halte des Pèlerins in Sherbrooke on the occasion of its 11th annual meeting

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- 9 am: Welcome, registration, visit of genealogical kiosks, products and publications of the association, etc.
- 10:30 am: Welcome from the President and presentation of the guests of honour of the 11th Chabot gathering
- 11 am: Aperitif followed by brunch
- 12.30: General Assembly proper
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Agenda of the 10th Annual General Meeting

1. Notice of quorum and opening of meeting
2. Appointment of president and secretary for the meeting
3. Reading and adoption of the agenda
4. Presentation and adoption of the minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting held on 2 October 2016 in Saint-Raphaël
5. Presentation and adoption of by-law 2017-01: general by-laws of the Chabot association
6. Report on activities 2016-2017
7. Presentation and acceptance of the filing of the 2016-2017 financial report and appointment of the auditor
8. Thanks to our donors and collaborators
9. The Chabot Association in 2017-2018
 - 9.1 Presentation of the homepage of the future website of the association
 - 9.2 Quebec Federation of Family Associations in Lévis October 28-29, 2017
 - 9.3 Objective of recruiting new members for the year 2017-2018
 - 9.4 Place and date of the 12th gathering and organizing committee
 - 9.5 Training day for all Board members
 - 9.6 Filing of estimates for 2017-2018
10. Election of Directors for the Next Year
11. Question Period
12. Drawing of 5 one-year extensions of membership
13. Drawing of present prizes and other prizes
14. Closing of the Annual General Meeting

Itinerary



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Drive to the Chemin du Sanctuaire

Near

ACCOMMODATION

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- Auberge Marquis de Montcalm near the city center and 5 minutes from the Halte des Pèlerins
- Motel Le Floral
- For more Sherbrooke accommodations, Check out Sherbrooke Destination

RESTORATION

- The Brasserie Fleurimont (3,7 km)
- The Entr'Amis (4,5 km)
- The village cafes of the Creators of Tastes of the Eastern Townships

ATTRACTIONS

- Sanctuary of Beauvoir (1.3 km)
- Market of the Railway Station (6,7 km)

ACTIVITIES

- The Estrie Wine Route
- Miellerie Lune de Miel (6,6 km)
- Museum of Nature and Science (7.2 km)
- The Country of Québécois - COW BOYS from Willie to Dolly (7 km)

For more information on the many attractions of Sherbrooke and its surroundings, visit Sherbrooke Destination and Eastern Townships Tourism

We look forward to seeing you on September 24th!



Annual General Meeting and Brunch Of Chabot Association



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related information on the website of the Association:

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Chabot Association

Free membership or renewal

To celebrate our 10th anniversary of foundation

The members of the Board of Directors decided to offer, as a gift, a year of free membership to the Chabot Association. The 5 winners will be announced in a draw at the 10th Annual General Meeting in Sherbrooke on September 24th.

A first winner will be drawn from new members who joined the association for a one-year period between October 3, 2016 and noon on September 24, 2017.

A second winner will be drawn from new members who have joined the association for a period of two years or more between October 3, 2016 and noon on September 24, 2017.

A third winner will be drawn from among the members who renew their subscription to the association for a period of one year between October 3, 2016 and noon on September 24, 2017.

A fourth winner will be drawn from among the members who have renewed their membership in the association for a period of two years and more between October 3, 2016 and noon on September 24, 2017.

A fifth winner will be drawn from among those who have already been members but have not been members for more than 6 months and who have renewed their membership between October 3, 2016 and noon on September 24, 2017 for a period of A year or more.

Each winner or winner will receive a letter or confirmation email in the week of October 1, 2017 and the new expiration date of their membership will appear on the label of number 41 of the magazine Les Chabotteries.

Happy Anniversary to our members

Several of our members, have been joined by phone since July 1, 2017, to wish them a happy birthday, they thanked us warmly for having taken the initiative to call them.

It is with pleasure that we will continue to call you, which we hope, will become a tradition.



In 2009, Martin is 31 and became president of the company. Now, he has authority to conclude contracts at his office, make promotion, selling and conception of new projects.

Martin meet the one who will become his wife, Martine Lachance, who worked with him as a secretary at the beginning and who is now project manager for various projects. They have two children, Corinne, born on July 14, 2002, and Zakary, born on May 8, 2004. He is the one who continues the Chabot lineage for the 12th generation.

Martin makes the company "Construction Richard Chabot Inc." growing more and more. The company is very active in residential complexes in Sainte-Brigitte-de-Laval, Boischatel , Stoneham. Lac-Beauport, Saint-Augustin, etc. He even realized a shopping centre which includes a pharmacy, a dentist, a veterinary and a Subway restaurant. He realised a small housing estate in Sainte-Brigitte-de-Laval in a beautiful wooded area. He goes ahead with the project of housing development on which they will build small houses at Sainte-Brigitte-de-Laval in a beautiful wooden area.

On July 2014, our daughter Manon joined the company as project manager to provide her support and experience in commercial field.

What a surprise we had when we saw our daughter and our son working together! Manon's spouse, Stephane Landry, also works in architecture and became partner in his office, Les Consultants DMG architecture at Quebec City.

They had two children: a daughter, Hannah, born on October 11, 2002, and a son, Thomas, born January 27, 2005.



I, Louise, after leaving Martine took control of the accounting, I was cleaning the new houses before delivery. Being now pre-retired, I'm still there to help; and the company is doing very well. They gave a new look to the company **Chabot Construction Inc.**

Richard works less physically, but he is always there and ensures that the staff has everything they need to work. He still loves his job and is proud of his children when he watches them go.



The company was awarded prizes at the Gala Quality Housing, for the first time in 2009, and in 2012 for a Leeds home at Lac Bleu in Lac Beauport. Last year, they received a special mention for the construction of an ecological house in Stoneham.



That about sums up the story of the family of Richard Chabot that leaves its mark in residential construction in the Quebec City area.

Thank you for letting me share our story.

Louise Fortier Chabot

proud to be part of the great family of descendants of Mathurin Chabot.



Sophie Chabot, an unusual path! (Part 1)

Sophie Chabot is my little-niece. Her journey is impressive. So I thought it would be interesting to divulge the major stages in the magazine Les Chabotteries. She kindly and generously agreed to answer my written and oral questions. Here is the report

Marcel Chabot



I was born in Saint-Damien-de-Buckland, Bellechasse County, Quebec on September 26, 1973, of a teacher's mother and an engineer's father (read about him in previous reviews 16, 20 and 24). I was the only girl of a family of four, I soon had to forge an attitude of independence. Thus, I took piano lessons from the age of 5, up to 16 years, having reached the 11th degree, the highest degree conferred to children by Laval University in Quebec City. I also did figure skating and I was coach's figure skating at the Figure Skating Club of my village. I was always busy! I was baby-sittings children a few times a week, played church organ at mass on weekends, accompanied a choir, gave entertainment for seniors, and had a busy social life with many friends; the neighbourhood where I lived was crowded by children! At the age of 15, I had my first summer job at IPL (a company where they produce plastic items located nearby), to conceive a classification system in the engineering department. Then I worked two more summers at IPL sales offices located in Moncton, New Brunswick and Saint-Damien-de-Buckland as a

clerk to the order department.

1990- 1992 - After completing secondary school, I joined the St-Lawrence College in Sainte-Foy, an English CEGEP (English high school). My father encouraged English studies, it was imperative for him to learn the language of business. He was right, English opened me many doors, allowed me to broaden my choices and to meet people that changed my life, I was 16. My best friend was already attending this institution, and she talked about it positively. As I did not master English enough, I was very nervous about studying in this language and having to ask questions. So I was rather discrete. Finally, being familiar with the language of Shakespeare, I was able to obtain my college diploma with good results.

1992-1995 - I began a bachelor's degree in microbiology and immunology at McGill University. I loved the sciences of life course, the natural world, and the body, this artwork, highly fascinated me. In my first year, I was registered at the Faculties of Agriculture and the Environment, but every time the subject of diseases was approached, a light was blinking in my head. So I asked to be transferred to medical courses, in second year, to the Faculty of Sciences.

I loved my life in Montreal, the vibrant cultural life, the varied shows, museums, restaurants, neighbourhood life, multiculturalism, university animation, multiple encounters with people from all over the world ... I was learning everyday ... I loved it! I am a curious person who constantly needs to discover. Life in town responded to this need.

In 1994, I took a course in neuroimmunology, a science that studies *interactions among the brain* and immune systems. This course has made me want to pursue higher education. I was determined to do a doctorate, wishing to know more about this subject. This course was given by Dr. Voon Wee Yong, a neuroscientist, Malaysian Taoist-Buddhist who became my doctoral supervisor.

Before I started my doctoral studies, I had the opportunity to go to Bogotá, in Colombia, to work with Dr. Manuel Patarroyo, who at that time had received three Nobel Prize nominations. I was intrigued by his work and by himself. So I was involved in his research on vaccines against malaria and tuberculosis. I even went in Amazonia to assist him in his work on monkeys. It was the first time I went to work abroad. At 21, it was quite a start!

1995-2000 - I began my doctoral studies in neuroscience at the Montreal Neurological Institute with a team of researchers specializing in multiple sclerosis research, including Dr. Yong. I was then introduced to neurosurgery by a Singapore surgeon. Surgery has been the central issue in my research for ten years thereafter. At the end of my second year, Dr. Yong obtain a position at the University of Calgary and asked me to accompany him to help him set up his laboratory. I decided to follow him, and it was an excellent decision! My partnership with him was very fruitful. We were on the same wavelength. We have accomplished many things together, including the publication of several scientific articles in important newspapers and the filing of my first patent.

In my 4th year of studies, I was selected as part of a student exchange program to represent the University of Calgary in Japan. With my doctoral project in my baggage, I flew to Japan to work with Dr. Mitsuomi Hirashima. The experience was very rich in learning. I had to learn *Japanese language*, because my lab assistant did not speak English. She made some efforts and at the end of my stay we had become very close to each other, even going to grab a beer and to hold a familiar conversation together. My stay in this country made me aware of the values of Japanese culture: self-control, loyalty and respect.

Just before I arrived in Japan, I made a detour in India, to attend an international conference on immunology in New Delhi. I took the opportunity to go for a ten-day hike in the Himalayan Mountains. This experience still lives with me today.



Sophie in her kimono offered by Dr. Mitsuomi's team Hirashima (left) during his stay in Japan in 1998.

I returned to finish my doctorate at the University of Calgary and my very first patent has been deposited by Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries. I loved my life in Western Canada where I could spend my weekends in the Rockies doing hiking, climbing and skiing. It was then that I discovered the artist in me. Twenty years later, I do oil painting and I even sold some canvases, including two to the Foundation of Bill and Melinda Gates.



Sophie and her friend Catherine Boileau at the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania).

Sophie Chabot, member 223 to be continued #41

2010-2017 : Lot of water flowed under the bridges between these two dates



For my 70th birthday, on July 26, 2010, my four children, Clement Noemie, Gabriel and Moïse, offered me a three-day fishing trip to the Outfitter north of Saint-Michel-des-Saints (a municipality in the Matawinie, Regional County, Municipality of Quebec) for Labor Day weekend.

Jean-Louis, Noemie and Clement Chabot

and Gabriel et Moïse Marcoux-Chabot

Unforgettable moments with them. I was going to leave my last paid seasonal job at the Regional County Municipality of Bellechasse as territory's rivers

coordinator at the end of November. It was the first time I told them about my strong desire to return full-time to school at Laval University in Quebec City in fall of 2011, 45 years after completing my master's degree in sociology at the University of Montreal in May 1966.

All four of them were delighted and encouraged me wholeheartedly to realize this dream as had been the case with my partner Jeannine, mother of Gabriel and Moïse and my ex-wife Marie, mother of Clement and Noemie.

Passionate about law, I had developed my knowledge and skills in the following law areas: municipal law, environment, urban planning, agricultural zoning, and anything that touched the municipal sector in which I have been worked from 1983 to 2010. My first intention was to enroll in law school, but the Educational consultants discouraged me to do that because the number of students who could be admitted was very limited; I would not have a chance of being admitted.

Jeannine, aware of my passion for text revision, suggested to take consideration for the Faculty of Letters and Human sciences to take advantage of programs that could answer my needs to improve my knowledge in French and in writing; I could then better accomplish my task as a volunteer text reviewer in the different organizations in which I was still engaged.

The professional writing and editing program has generated my enthusiasm to admission and I signed up for the writing certificate and the professional reviewer certification, but there was not place available for the two revision courses, which one was a prerequisite for the other and the success of those were necessary to the issue of the certificate. I therefore decided to enroll in the *Integrated French Bachelor* and in professional writing with concentration in creative writing to extend my studies; I would then have the opportunity to complete the certification requirements for the winter session 2013. Then, I had two courses left to complete to obtain the certificate and these two courses were offered on two different sessions.

At the Fall 2012 session, I became one of the three representative student to the Committee for Program of the French Integrated Bachelor and Professional Writing where I remained involved until spring 2016. In parallel with this commitment, I became involved with six colleagues from the Editorial, Language sciences and Translation departments to the establishment on the campus of the University Laval of a student business, known as a non-profit organization in March 2013 under the name of *Complément Direct Service de révision* (translate as: Direct Complement review service).

During fall 2012 and winter 2013, our team received the Support of Entrepreneuriat Laval (translate as Entrepreneurship Support) and in April 2013, our company has been awarded the first collective enterprise prize (4 people and more) of University Laval, accompanied by a \$ 500 bursary. A month later, we won the first collective prize for the National Capital Region, along with a \$ 1,000 bursary from the Caisses Desjardins.

The company still in operation. I acted as secretary-treasurer and volunteer coordinator from May 2013 to May 2017, devoting 5 to 20 hours per week depending on the time of year. My involvement in Complement Direct was officially recognized twice by University Laval in 2015 and 2017.

My commitments in the community: I have always been very involved in various activities, from the Saint-Sacrement Seminary of Terrebonne where I did my classical course - I was collaborating in the Student Newspaper *Servir* (*Servir* is the name of the journal), and I was a member of the founding team of the first Scout troop of Terrebonne, even though I was only fourteen - until today.

I continued my volunteer commitment even after returning to full-time studies in 2011, while pursuing at the Bellechasse caregivers' group, of which I have been a member since 2007, and was a member of the board and vice-president from June 2011 to June 2017, as well as the Desjardins South Shore Mutual Aid Fund, for which I have been a volunteer representative of the Caisses Desjardins of Bellechasse and vice-president for the past five years. I also did my professional revision stage as a volunteer at the Co-operative Family Education Association (ACEF) South Shore, in Levis, Quebec.

I am a member of the Association des Chabot (Chabot Association) since March 18, 2008 and a member of the board of directors since September 25, 2015. I am pleased to dedicate part of my energies to our association and to work to make it a real non-profit organization and to help ensure that the board of directors constitute a real team of people who learn to work together, by taking advantage of qualities and potential of each other, respecting every one to meet the expectations of our members and ensuring development and progression of our association.

Long live to our members and to our association! I am really pleased to have more time to dedicate starting September 2017.

Jean-Louis Chabot, member 190



A Godpelle in Africa (2nd part)



This project will be a challenge but I believe my previous work has shown that I'm not afraid to take risks and that I'm able to achieve ambitious literary projects. Reviews of *Tas-d'roches*, a novel with an acrobatic layout mixing modern French, old French, Québécois, chiac and Innu, has indeed been spoken about as a "jouissive reading experience" (Valérie Lessard, *Le Droit*), a "monster of audacity", or even of a "moving masterpiece" (Arnaud Ruelens-Lepoutre, *Impact campus*).

A true graphic and linguistic adventure, the experience of writing this book also gave me the pleasure of revisiting key places of my childhood, because it is in Saint-Nérée-de-Bellechasse, where I grew up, that I chose to anchor the action of my novel. As a result, the river my main character enjoys so much is also the one I used to swim in as a teenager, and the particular relationship he develops with nature is very similar to the one I

had with my own environment. On other points, however, my hero and I are very different! The various places where I choose to live end up inhabiting me quite a bit. This might be the reason I decided to situate "Blocmémoire" and my next novel in Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean, the region I have been calling home for almost two years.

Anecdotally, but perhaps of interest to the readers of this magazine, the writing of *Tas-d'roches* has allowed me to laugh a bit about my own genealogy. As I decided that the ancestors of my main character's adoptive mother would be from a proud lineage of Chabot (totally fictitious), I had fun making these invented ancestors legendary individuals, strong as giants, with balls so enormous and so heavy that upon death of their owner, they had to be buried in separate coffins. I suspect this type of humour was not a deciding factor in receiving the Ringuet prize, awarded by the very serious Academy of Letters of Quebec. Still, I had a good time. That said, I believe serious topics can sometimes benefit from moments of lightness.

It looks like I'm not the only one to think in those terms. For Marie-France Bornais (*Journal de Québec*), "Gabriel's delightful writing, somewhere between Rabelais's larger-than-life prose and the spontaneity of Fred Pellerin, shows both his talent as a storyteller as well as his mastery of narrative techniques". For Maude Levasseur, « *Tas-d'roches* reminds us of Rabelais' Gargantua, but also Joyce's *Ulysses*, Tremblay's Marcel or Victor Levy-Beaulieu's Melville » (*Les méconnus* web magazine). For David Laporte, « this choral and megalomaniac work can't be described otherwise than as marcouxchabotienne or tasdrochesque. » (*Nuit blanche* magazine).

Needless to say, I have ambitious ideas, an adventurous pen, and a desire to explore the unknown. I have enjoyed playing with words, with past and present languages, but my gaze is now looking forward. And this future, it seems (in any case, that of the Godpelles and the Quebec I dream of), will bring me through West Africa in an adventure that will be rich in encounters and experiences.

Gabriel Marcoux-Chabot, member no 499



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- 1-Representing Canada in the Category Novel in front of its text *Bloc mémoire* reproduced in full on large panels in the National Library of Abidjan
- 2-A special mention for my text, ranked 4th, just after those of Niger, New Brunswick and Senegal. A great honor to be among these talented writers!
- 3-Literary podium: Gabriel Marcoux-Chabot from Canada, special mention from the jury (4th place), for his novel *Bloc mémoire*, with Gabriel Robichaud, from New-Brunswick, silver medal, for his novel *Char*, Razak René, from Niger, gold medal for his novel *L'homme qui donne des baisers au vent* and Mbougarr Sarr, from Senegal, bronze medal, for his novel *Ndënd*.



Jean-Guy Chabot, agricultural distributor



Jean-Guy Chabot and his wife Lorraine Belanger are specialists in breeding and trading small farmyard animals and they are established in Saint-Isidore-de-Beauce, Quebec

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From left to right: Jean-Guy Chabot, Lorraine Belanger, France Perreault, Pascale Labrecque, Michel Galeuzzi



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