



Nackey S. Loeb School offers fall classes

MANCHESTER _ Classes at the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications this fall include four kinds of writing and a dose of photography, videography and photo editing for everyone from middle-schoolers to retirees.

The six-week session of Wednesday evening classes from Sept. 14 – Oct. 19 includes Columns/Blogging, Photojournalism , Writing Memoirs, Photoshop, Food and Wine Writing and our newest classes, Writing About People and Places and Video Production.

Award-winning journalist, author and former UNH professor Jane Harrigan brings her talents to the school in Writing About People and Places. Writing true stories – for newspapers, magazines, companies or nonprofits – means grabbing the fractured attention of a busy audience. How do you do that? Through detail, description and dialogue that bring people and places to life. Students will brainstorm good story ideas and learn how to gather and present material through observation, research and interviewing. Class time: 7-8:30.

Videographer and college instructor Michael Johnston presents Video Production. He will teach how to prepare video segments suitable for professional use or family enjoyment. The class will involve storytelling that combines moving and still images with the sounds of a location, interviews and commentary. Students will learn how to frame actions, record sounds to support the visuals, and bring the elements together to tell a story that is informative and emotionally satisfying. Students will need a video camera, a Smartphone or an SLR type camera in video mode, as well as a digital recorder and a laptop with video editing software. Free software such as iMovie or Moviemaker are suitable. Class time: 5:30-7 p.m.

In Writing Memoirs, TV producer and writer Carolyn Choate offers ways to tell your story that are thought-provoking, maybe emotional or maybe a humorous narrative about an aspect of your life worth sharing. Students must bring their own laptop. Class time: 5:30-7 p.m.

It seems everyone is writing about food? Why not you? Food Writing with Carolyn Choate is fun and informative and could lead to some pretty tasty freelance opportunities. The class includes food and guest speakers who are industry professionals from national publications. Class time: 7-8:30 p.m.

Citizen journalists, letter writers and anyone who likes to share observations or opinions online or in newspaper columns are invited to Columns/Blogging, taught by Nashua Telegraph columnist and blogger Stacy Milbouer and former Boston Globe columnist Tom Long. Stacy and Tom pass along tips on writing personal essays, columns and blogs. Personal laptops are useful, but not required. Class time: 5:30-7 p.m.

Taught by veteran photographer and Concord Monitor photo editor Geoff Forester, Photojournalism helps students identify and use the elements of good feature and news photography. Students learn the skills of telling a story through photos and produce a photo essay. Students will need a digital SLR camera. Class time: 7-8:30 p.m.

In Photoshop Elements 12: Beyond the Basics, instructor Debi Rapson builds on students' knowledge of basic Photoshop techniques to cover keyboard shortcuts and more advanced functions. Class time: 5:30-7 pm. Fee: \$50.

Register at www.loebsschool.org or by calling 627-0005.

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