

Telling Your Family Story returns to Loeb School

Everyone's family has a story to tell and the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications would like to help you tell yours.

Raconteur Fritz Wetherbee and journalist-authors Mike Pride and Meg Heckman lead a who's who of story-tellers and historians for the fourth annual "Telling Your Family Story" workshop on March 28 from 8:45 to 3 p.m. at the school.

"This popular program teaches how to uncover family or community stories, how to present them and how to preserve them for future generations," said David Tirrell-Wysocki, executive director of the Manchester school. "These skills are useful for local historians who record town lore and for residents who just want to make sure their dinner-table tales from grandma and grandpa are never forgotten."

The program focuses on interviewing and listening skills, research and presentation, as well as how to preserve priceless photos and documents that are part of every family's, or community's, history.

Fritz Wetherbee, of WMUR's Chronicle program, has been finding quirky people and wonderful stories from all over New Hampshire for more than 50 years.

Mike Pride and Meg Heckman have told hundreds of stories through the pages of the Concord Monitor, and recently have won acclaim with a poignant series and book "We Went to War," bringing voice to the stories of World War II veterans.

New Hampshire historian and scholar R. Stuart Wallace will offer tips about research that might help put family stories in perspective and archivist Lori Fisher of Bow's Baker Free Library brings advice on preserving and protecting photos and family papers that often fade away in a box in the attic.

John Gfroerer and Lisa Brown of the video production company, Accompany, will demonstrate video techniques they have used in telling stories ranging from the N.H. Presidential Primary to WWII in New Hampshire.

The workshop is open to all. Registration is \$45, including lunch. The registration deadline is March 24 with registration forms available at www.loebschool.org or by calling 627-0005.