NEW RIVER TO PRESENT CONCERT OF HISTORICAL COAL CAMP SONGS

[LEWISBURG, WV] On Friday, March 5, Carrie and Michael Kline will present a concert featuring songs and history from their recently released CD, Damp as the Dew, a singing tribute to the coal mining men and women of Appalachia who gave their lives in service to King Coal. Included will be songs from the mid-20th century, some well-known, like Sixteen Tons, and some lesser known treasures.

The concert is sponsored by New River Community and Technical College. It will begin at 7 p.m. in Hollowell Auditorium in Greenbrier Hall on New River's Greenbrier Valley Campus, 101 Church Street in Lewisburg, WV.

Michael and Carrie Nobel Kline operate Talking Across the Lines: Worldwide Conversations, LLC, a folklife documentary consulting and production firm. They have been studying and chronicling the history and culture of Appalachia for 30 years.

The Klines have worked extensively in West Virginia and Ohio, where they produced recordings on the Underground Railroad and local heritage music. They have also worked with Cherokees in North Carolina and in Pennsylvania. In Southern Maryland’s Chesapeake region they produced a fast-paced documentary, Born and Raised in Tobacco Fields, and they have also produced a two volume series of CDs featuring African American sacred music.

The cost of the performance will be $20 per person. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by March 1. Please contact New River Community and Technical College at 304-647-6570 or 304-872-4520 for more information or to register. Copies of Damp
as the Dew: A Tribute to Appalachian Miners will be available for purchase at the concert. For more information on the Klines and their research, visit www.folktalk.org

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