Listening For A Change: Oral History and Cultural Heritage Tourism

New River Community and Technical College
Greenbrier Valley Campus
Jefferson Office Park, Lewisburg

Sunday, July 19
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

These rugged mountains have nurtured a rich and vibrant culture that resonates in its songs, ballads, and oral traditions. Learn to document life stories and community experience through the art of deep listening. This course will explore techniques for seeking out and recording the voices and songs of local citizens. This course is open to anyone wanting to broaden their appreciation for the richness of local life by exploring the vibrancy of folklore and the oral tradition. We welcome students interested in developing cultural heritage tourism initiatives based on local voices.

New Skills:
- Learn new levels of listening.
- Develop interviewing skills to record life stories.
- Learn to recognize and experience varied flavors of regional culture.

Apply this class to coursework or professional development in fields such as Anthropology, Folklore, Communications, English, History, American Studies, Social Work, Planning, Law, Medicine, Biology, Geology, Education, Economics, Nursing, Health and Nutrition, Hospice Training, Environmental Studies, Psychology, Theology, Ethnomusicology, Cultural Journalism, and Tourism.

Instructors: Michael and Carrie Kline

Cost: $90 - Preregistration is required

Deadline For Registration: July 10, 2009

For more information or to register, contact New River Community and Technical College Workforce and Business Development at 304.647.6570 or 304.793.6101