AUTHOR BELINDA ANDERSON OFFERS “LIFE STORIES” WORKSHOP AT NEW RIVER’S GREENBRIER VALLEY CAMPUS

[Lewisburg, WV] Noted West Virginia author Belinda Anderson will lead a creative writing workshop on how to express and organize thoughts as memoir on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The “Life Stories” workshop will be held at the Greenbrier Valley Campus of New River Community and Technical College in Lewisburg, W.Va.

Anderson offers techniques to help writers mine the rich veins of memory.

"I believe that with a little encouragement and a bit of structure, anyone can learn to give written voice to his or her own life." Anderson comments. “I’d like to see our heritage preserved in print -- not just for the benefit of individual participants, but for all of us.”

Participants will learn how to translate their memories into written form, using the tools of the reporter's trade and the narrative elements of fiction to learn how to tell their stories. Lecture will be supplemented with in-class exercises to jump start the creative process. Adults who never thought they possessed writing talents will find themselves easily expressing their thoughts and developing their creativity. They also will have produced a document valuable to themselves, their family and their community, leaving the workshop having already begun to write the story of their life, and with the skills to continue.

Class size is limited to 15 students. Deadline for registration is Nov. 1. Fee for this workshop is $75 per participant, and preregistration is required. For more information or to register, contact New River at (304) 647-6570 or (304) 793-6101.

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