

**A New Hampshire Humanities event hosted by New Ipswich Historical Society**

**Family, Memory, Place: Writing Family Stories**  
**Presenter: Maura MacNeil**



What family stories do you carry with you? What story do you tell over and over? What landscape do you cherish the most? One of the deepest human instincts is to tell our life stories, to figure out who we are and what it means to be human. This interactive workshop led by Maura MacNeil explores how the landscapes of our lives shape the stories that we tell. Participants explore the themes of family, memory, and place through sample narratives and a series of short writing exercises, gaining a deeper awareness of how their stories can preserve personal, generational, and communal history.

Maura MacNeil is a writer, editor, and longtime teacher at New England College in Henniker. She has authored several poetry collections: *A History of Water* (Finishing Line Press), *Lost Houses* (Kelsay Books), and *This Last Place* (Dancing Girl Press), and her poetry, prose, and critical writing has been published and anthologized in numerous publications over the past three decades, including *Penning the Pandemic: An Anthology of Creative Writing from the Beginning of the Covid Era*; *Mud Chronicles: A New England Anthology*; *Poet Showcase: An Anthology of New Hampshire Poets*; and *Voices from the Frost Place Volume II*.

**Thursday, March 23 at 4:00 p.m. New Ipswich Library (6 Main Street)\***

***Free and open to the public!***

\* If inclement weather necessitates rescheduling this event, information will be posted on the New Ipswich Historical Society website and FB page, as well as on the Life in New Ipswich and New Ipswich Community FB pages.



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