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A TRANSFORMATIONAL YEAR

It's amazing what a makeover can do for one's image. In October 2017, we transitioned from New Hampshire Public Television to New Hampshire PBS. Our mission has evolved over the years and now we are so much more than just television. We are on-air, online, in your classrooms and in your communities. We are in the business of offering one-of-a-kind experiences, telling stories and creating communities for learning.

On any given day, our production team can be found hiking along the trails in the White Mountains with WINDOWS TO THE WILD host Willem Lange or setting up for a three-day shoot in Milford and asking residents to tell us their stories for the latest OUR HOMETOWN show.

One of my favorite evenings this year was when renowned chef Jacques Pépin, came to LaBelle Winery for an evening of great food and wine. Over 100 new and old friends walked away with an experience that you just can't get anywhere else — and it was right here in Amherst!

In March, our mailbox overflowed with hundreds of original stories from children all over the United States. And our hallways were abuzz with high school students ready to compete on our high school quiz show, GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE. There's never a dull moment here at NHPBS.

Our team may be small, but we are mighty. Looking ahead to our 60th anniversary in 2019, we will continue to build a strong public media organization that is essential for all of New Hampshire, and we're looking forward to working with you towards a brighter future.







Windows to the Wild host Willem Lange and his new hiking partner Kiki.

#### NHPBS INSPIRES A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

The 13th season of WINDOWS TO THE WILD kicked off with host Willem Lange introducing the new blonde bombshell in his life. Her name is Kiki and she's a rescue dog from Texas who shares Lange's love of the outdoors.

Lange and Kiki joined New York Times best-selling author Tom Ryan and his dog Samwise for a hike up Pine Mountain in Gorham, New Hampshire. When we posted the program on Facebook, people from all over the world chimed in, expressing their love for WINDOWS TO THE WILD.



"Watched it three times. Thank you New Hampshire PBS for bringing shows like this. Also thanks to Mr. Lange, Tom, Kiki & Samwise for sharing their hike with us."

Cynthia H.

Facebook followers from all over the world couldn't get enough of stories like veteran hiker Joe Nyberg, who has stage 4 prostate cancer but isn't hanging up his hiking poles just yet. Or, how a group of hikers from the Outdoor Afro community in Boston inspired others to get outside with their adventurous hike up Tuckerman Ravine.

One of the most followed stories was about 82-year-old Dale Sanders, who used his retirement to break records. On October 26, 2017, Sanders became the oldest person to thru-hike the Appalachian Trail. Lange joined up with him in August 2017 as Sanders trekked through New Hampshire. The show broke records for us on Facebook too. Over 49,000 people watched, 463 people shared it, 300 liked it and 30 people left comments.

Lange and WINDOWS TO THE WILD continue to bring adventures to the world and inspire everyone, from all walks of life to get out there and explore the outdoors.



HIKING WITH KIKI 22k Views 317 Shares

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## WRÎTERS CONTEST

## 2018 **423 ENTRIES**

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#### NHPBS SPARKS STUDENTS' IMAGINATIONS

In April, a tidal wave of stories crashed onto the desk of Susan Adams, NHPBS' Manager of Educational Services. Stories about whales eating pizza, a missing tooth fairy and a land of quadrilaterals stacked up among over 400 entries from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut and Wisconsin.

This isn't anything new to Adams. Piles of stories bursting with creativity, from children in kindergarten through 5th grade have been pouring into the NHPBS WRITERS CONTEST for over 20 years.

But this *is* something new to intern Melissa Pratt (a.k.a Mel), a junior from Emerson College in Boston. Mel's top priority was to publish every single story online.

Mel was also tasked with bringing the winning stories to life through video and animation. Once the digital pieces were ready for animation, a production day was scheduled for all the contest winners to come and read their stories on camera. Mel gained a lot of experience in producing that day and throughout the entire NHPBS WRITERS CONTEST project.

"I feel like NHPBS has given me room to figure out what I'm good at and learn and improve," says Mel. "I want to go into creating children's content, so I could not have asked for a better internship or a better experience."

Projects like the NHPBS WRITERS CONTEST keep both K-5 students and even older students engaged and creating for a lifetime.



NHPBS Intern Melissa (a.k.a. Mel) Pratt



Support for the NHPBS Kids Writers Contest comes from Heinemann, Parenting New Hampshire and the NH Lottery.













Host Jim Jeanotte celebrates along with Coach Bernie Campbell and the 2018 GSC Champions from Salem High School.

#### NHPBS CHAMPIONS A LOVE OF LEARNING

The stakes were higher than usual in the match up between Merrimack and Salem high schools on this past season of GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE. Not only did the winner of this semifinal game go on to play in the final, but these opposing team's coaches, Sara and Bernie Campbell, are husband and wife. The high school sweethearts began dating their junior year while competing together on Salem High School's GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE team.

This was the first time GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE had a marital showdown between two coaches. In an epic battle, Bernie Campbell led the Salem team to a win in the semifinal game and then went on to win the GRANITE STATE SUPERCHALLENGE.

And after 35 seasons and over 100,000 questions, host Jim Jeannotte, has tossed aside his last game card. His final show was last season's GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE championship game. For Jeannotte, making sure these students learn from and enjoy their GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE experience has been his most important job as host.

While the object of the game may be to get answers correct, Jeannotte believes the opportunity to take a risk and fail in a safe space is important. "Some of the kids don't play athletics and don't know how it is to lose. Losing is tough, but losing is a learning experience."

In 2019, Jeannotte will still be joining viewers across the state as they watch a new season of students vie for scholastic dominance. This time though, he'll be playing along at home.





Bernie & Sara Campbell



GSC host Jim Jeannotte



Over two chilly October weekends, 40 residents from Milford came out and told their stories for the OUR HOMETOWN: MILFORD program. The production team scanned beloved family photos, took down pertinent historical facts and then captured their stories on video.

Hours of editing came next and the OUR HOMETOWN: MILFORD show was complete. Producer and editor Schuyler Scribner marvels at the variety of stories that were recorded. "In the program, we featured the first African American woman to publish a novel, and we heard a story about the local granite quarries."

Hall clock had a story to tell!"

Our Hometown host Rebecca Rule

Residents living in the bustling town that sits along the Souhegan River told of Milford's history and daily life. The Town Hall of Milford set the scene for the screening premiere, and over 80 people came out in force to see their town celebrated on the big screen.

Every story from this Hillsborough County town. lovingly nicknamed "the Granite town in the Granite State." can be found online at nhpbs.org/hometown. The series is hosted by New Hampshire author and storyteller, Rebecca Rule.

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# NH PBS SPRING AUCTION



#### Governor Chris Sununu with Auction Board producer, Ryan Grogan

#### NHPBS FORGES COMMUNITY

It all started on a hot day in July 1973, when New Hampshire Network General Manager Keith Nighbert flagged down Katie Wheeler in a grocery store parking lot in Durham and asked if she'd like to start an auction.

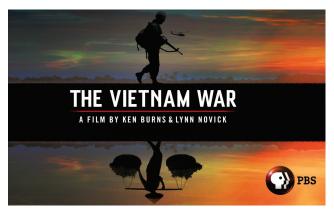
Public television auctions were popping up all over the country, and Katie immediately saw that it was a way of engaging the entire state and building community. So without hesitation, she said, "Let's put on a show!"

Building community was the major goal of the AUCTION volunteers — that and having fun and raising money for their local PBS station.

Forty-five years later, the NHPBS SPRING AUCTION is still making memories. "Newcomer" Ryan Grogan, who has 10 volunteering years at NHPBS under his belt, started out as a teenager helping his mother, who was working behind the scenes. Now Ryan is one of the youngest volunteers producing a board, alongside veteran volunteer Scott Beliveau.

"I think a lot of the younger generation has started to engage more in civic duty and giving back. I think the NHPBS SPRING AUCTION is an opportunity to give back and make sure programs stay on the air," said Grogan.

For 45 years, the NHPBS SPRING AUCTION has promoted thousands of small and large regional businesses, local artists, restaurants and more and is the largest fundraising event for NHPBS.



## NHPBS REMEMBERS, HONORS, UNDERSTANDS

In partnership with New Hampshire Humanities, NHPBS hosted a series of preview screenings and facilitated discussions across New Hampshire for Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's documentary series, THE VIETNAM WAR.

THE VIETNAM WAR tells an epic story of one of the most consequential, divisive and controversial events in American history. Visceral and immersive, the film explores the human dimensions of the war through testimony of nearly 80 witnesses from all sides—Americans who fought in the war and others who opposed it, as well as combatants and civilians from North and South Vietnam.

Peter Frid, NHPBS President and CEO, felt that taking this experience beyond the screen and into communities

was important. "We are delighted to be producing this series of community conversations in partnership with New Hampshire Humanities and many of the state's vibrant cultural art and historical venues. We want as many people as possible to engage in this experience with us."

Deborah Watrous, Executive Director of New Hampshire Humanities added, "Ken Burns' documentary is essential viewing. It also may be a charged subject for those who lived and served during this turbulent time. We are honored to work with NHPBS and local cultural partners to explore both timeless and particular themes raised in the film."

Screenings were led by trained facilitators to ensure a safe, welcoming and inclusive conversation.

The screenings continue as part of an ongoing statewide initiative. New Hampshire Humanities sponsored small group screenings and facilitated discussions with their "Humanites to Go" initiative. NHPBS shared personal stories about the Vietnam War online and also offered a Vietnamese subtitled version of the film.

#### Screening Locations

Red River Theatres, Concord Currier Museum of Art, Manchester The Colonial Theatre, Keene Flying Monkey, Plymouth Rochester Opera House, Rochester Franklin Pierce University, Manchester & Rindge





#### NHPBS INFORMS AND ENGAGES

How do we ensure that a growing population of aging Americans live their final years with dignity, and how do we adequately support the caregivers who secure that dignity? New Hampshire PBS, in partnership with the Endowment for Health, explored these questions in the program CALL TO CARE NH.

The program focused on the relationships between paid caregivers and their clients and the unique challenges they face in New Hampshire.

Our team followed home health aides and nursing assistants in elder care facilities, chronicling the strenuous physical and emotional requirements of the job. Currently, demand for professional caregivers far exceeds supply.

As CALL TO CARE NH investigated these challenges, it brought together an in-studio panel of professionals to discuss possible solutions. While the needs of an aging baby boom generation present a potential elder care crisis, they may also provide the momentum needed to institute positive changes for caregivers, patients and their families.

Call to Care was produced in partnership with Endowment for Health.

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