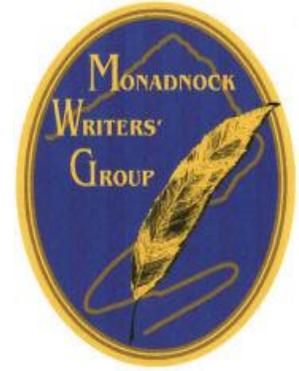


# The Quill



October 2016:  
Monadnock Writers' Group  
Supporting Writers Since 1984

P.O. Box 3071, Peterborough, NH 03458  
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Monadnock Writers' Group is a non-profit 501-(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible.

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## **Calendar of Fall Events:**

The **Monadnock Writers' Group** meets on the third Saturday of every month from September through June, **9:45 to 11:45 a.m.** We meet at the **Peterborough Town Library** in the lower level meeting room. The Speaker Series is open to the public and free of charge. Our speakers are instructive and inspirational for writers of all literary forms, genres, and levels of experience.

**September's kick-off meeting:** The new season for MWG began again this year with an inspiring gathering at the MacDowell Colony to hear from two of the resident writers about their current projects. After an introduction from the Resident Director, David Macy, we met Emily Shelton, currently working on "Alice Christie" and Jane Roland Martin, working on the memoir, "We Were the Lucky Ones: Remembering Progressive Education." Anyone wishing to follow-up with these writers may contact them through Ann Hayashi at [annhayashi@macdowellcolony.org](mailto:annhayashi@macdowellcolony.org)

## **October 15: Sarah Bauhan**

Musician, book designer and now publisher Sarah Bauhan oversees Bauhan Publishing, an independent publishing company based in Peterborough, NH with a focus on the New England region and "thoughtful books that explore sustainability of both the earth and the spirit." With an emphasis on well-designed and well-edited books of quality she says book publishing is an art as well as a business venture. To encourage writers and poets, Bauhan Publishing sponsors the May Sarton New Hampshire Poetry Prize, and a new contest, the Monadnock Essay Collection Prize, for a book-length collection of nonfiction essays.

The quarterly meeting of the MWG Board will be held immediately following the MWG general meeting in the Peterborough Town Library.

## **November 19: Paul Hertneky**

Author of a new memoir about his childhood in Western Pennsylvania called *Rust Belt Boy: Stories of an American Childhood*, Paul Hertneky has written stories, essays, and scripts for the *Boston Globe*, *Athens News*, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *New Hampshire Union Leader*, *NBC News*, *The Comedy Channel*, *Gourmet*, *Eating Well*, *Traveler's Tales*, *The Exquisite Corpse*, *National Public Radio*, *Public Radio International*, *Adbusters* and many more. His work centers on culture, food, industry, the environment, and travel, winning him a Solas Award, and two

James Beard Award nominations. A graduate of the Bennington Writing Seminars, he serves on the faculty of Chatham University.

## December 17: Member Read-Around

The public is welcome to attend and hear Monadnock Writers' Group members read excerpts from their work. Established in 1984, the primary mission of the Monadnock Writers' Group is to offer fellowship and support to professional writers and to those actively engaged in developing their writing skills. Please bring short excerpts from your writing or a few poems to share (five to ten minutes' reading time per member). Please note that in the interest of time, this is not a critique session. It is your chance to shine and hear your voice within a welcoming writer community.

**Writers' Night Out:** is the first Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. to about 9:00 p.m., *except July, September, and January*, when the first Monday often conflicts with holidays. This is largely a social gathering of writers at various locations across the state, co-sponsored by the **New Hampshire Writers' Project** ([www.nhwritersproject.org](http://www.nhwritersproject.org)). The MWG gets together at **Brady's American Grill** in Peterborough, located a mile north of Peterborough center on U.S. 202 (Concord Street) in Brady's Plaza near the Monadnock Community Hospital access road. Other locations are described in the attached flyer.

**Expanded Weekly Writing Opportunities:** Several days a week from 3:00 to 5:00, writers gather to work on their individual projects. These are excellent opportunities to dedicate time for your personal writing project in the company and support of motivated writers. A discussion of what attendees have written may follow the writing time.

Greenfield Library: On Tuesdays, writers work on their individual projects at the lower level of the Stephenson Memorial Library, Greenfield, NH, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Coffee and occasional snacks are sometimes available. Location is the lower room, with walk-in entrance on the back side of the library, even if the main front entrance to the library is locked. Wi-Fi is also available. New attendees should contact Nori Odoi ([nori@odoi.com](mailto:nori@odoi.com)) to be on the list to be notified in case of cancellation.

Jaffrey Civic Center: On Wednesdays, writers work on their individual projects in the Jaffrey Civic Center, 40 Main Street, Jaffrey at 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Wi-Fi is also available. New attendees should contact Karen Ayers ([karenc@jaffrey.com](mailto:karenc@jaffrey.com)) to be on the list to be notified in case of cancellation.

Peterborough Town Library: On Thursdays, writers work on their individual projects at tables in the main reading room of the Peterborough Town Library, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Wi-Fi is also available. New attendees should contact Carl Mabbs-Zeno ([cmabbszeno@ptl.org](mailto:cmabbszeno@ptl.org)) to be on the list to be notified in case of cancellation.

**Autumn Oracles:** Monthly poetry readings are held at Del Rossi's. See the initial schedule in the attached flyer.

**Indie Author Day:** For full information, see <http://indieauthorday.com/>.

During the Inaugural Indie Author Day on **October 8, 2016**, libraries from all across North America will host their own local author events. In New Hampshire, the Keene Public Library (60 Winter Street) and Merrimack Public Library are participating. Keene invites all interested people from surrounding communities to events beginning at 10:30, with panels and

presentations from 11:00 – 1:00. For more information on the Keene program , including workshops and book signings, call [REDACTED]

In addition to the local programs, writers will come together for an [hour-long digital gathering](#) at 2 pm Eastern time featuring Q&A with writers, agents and other industry leaders, hosted by moderator Jon Fine, best known in the publishing industry as the longtime Director of Author and Publisher Relations for Amazon, accompanied by IngramSpark's Robin Cutler, *Library Journal's* Kiera Parrott, *Library Journal* Mover & Shaker Jim Blanton and award-winning indie author L. Penelope. Follow the event at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pURazNfHUcc> .

**Three Poets Laureate:** Attend an evening, accompanied by music, with the poets laureate of Vermont and New Hampshire, and the former poet laureate of Vermont on November 9. See the attached flyer.

**Arts Education Conference:** The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts is holding a Statewide Arts Education Partnership Conference on Friday, November 11 - Saturday, November 12 in Claremont, NH to explore how the Arts are essential to a well-rounded education, a strong school culture, reaching all learners, innovative STEAM curriculum and learning 21st century skills. For further information, see the attached flyer.

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## **Other News:**

**New Facebook Administrator:** Our thanks go to Melissa French for agreeing to assume the role of Administrator of the MWG Facebook page and to Tina Rapp for her long and able service in that capacity.

**New Hampshire Writers Project:** NHWP is *New Hampshire Magazine's* "Best of NH 2013" winner for "Cultural Catalyst." Stay up to date with NHWP online: [www.nhwritersproject.org](http://www.nhwritersproject.org). See them on Facebook: "The New Hampshire Writers' Project." Follow them on Twitter: "nhwritersproj."

**Smoky Quartz:** *Smoky Quartz* is the semi-annual online publication of The Monadnock Writers' Group that publishes poetry, short fiction, creative nonfiction and a diverse selection of art and photography. You can read *Smoky Quartz* online at <http://smokyquartz.org/>. Contributing writers and artists retain all rights to their work. Visit <http://smokyquartz.org> online for additional information about the publication, submission guidelines, and to enjoy archived issues. If you have a Twitter account, the handle for *Smoky Quartz* is "@SmokyQuartzNH"

**New England Memories:** The Spring 2016 Issue of *New England Memories*, published by MWG member Linda Thomas features work by Ann Day, Rodger Martin, Nori Odoi, and others. Please visit the site, enjoy this third issue (and the previous issues if you missed them), and consider submitting your work. Linda welcomes submissions of nonfiction prose, poetry, and artwork. All work should focus on and celebrate people, places, and/or events in any of the New England states. Please read the Submission Guidelines at <http://www.newenglandmemories.com/submission-guidelines> for more information.

**NaNoWriMo:** National Novel Writing Month is a free, annual, Internet-based creative writing project that challenges participants to write 50,000 words from November 1 until the deadline at 11:59PM on November 30. The goal of NaNoWriMo is to keep people motivated throughout the writing process. The website provides participants with tips and an online community of support. NaNoWriMo focuses on the length of a work rather than the quality, encouraging writers to finish their first draft so that it can later be edited at the author's discretion. The project started in July 1999 with 21 participants, but by the 2010

event, over 200,000 people took part and wrote a total of over 2.8 billion words. Sign up at <http://nanowrimo.org/>.

Come work on your NaNoWriMo novel at Greenfield's Stephenson Memorial Library! It is a registered write-in location for NaNoWriMo. All writers are invited to this welcoming space to "write-in" while enjoying free WI-Fi and free coffee or tea.

Library Hours:

Tuesday 2- 6 pm -- QUIET hours, fondly called Shush-day!

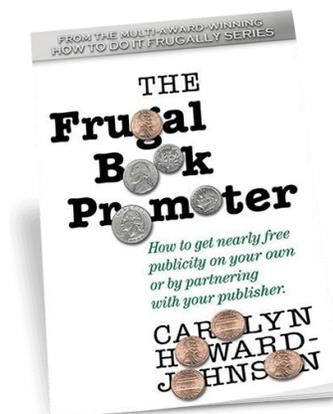
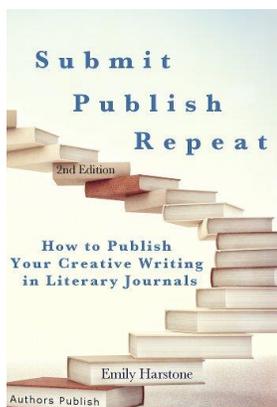
Wednesday 10 am - 8 pm

Thursday 2 - 8 pm

Friday 2 - 6 pm

Saturday 10 am - 4 pm

For more information, contact Julie Perrin at the Stephenson Memorial Library, 603-547-2790 or email [director@stephensonlibrary.org](mailto:director@stephensonlibrary.org).



***Free guide to publishing in literary journals:*** To obtain a free guide electronically, go to <http://www.authorspublish.com/submit-publish-repeat/>

***Free guide to getting reviews:*** *How to Get Great Book Reviews Frugally and Ethically* is the newest edition to Carolyn Howard-Johnson's popular 'How To Do It Frugally' series for writers that will show you how to get credible reviews for your book. With a street date scheduled for early 2017, BookBaby is giving you exclusive early-access to this valuable resource for free at <https://www.bookbaby.com/free-guide/frugal-book-reviews-newvis-thanks>. The eBook covers:

- Finding reviewers
- Planning book preorders
- Writing query letters
- Controlling the quality of your reviews
- Using your reviews and excerpts
- Responding to negative reviews
- And much more

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## **Volunteer Help Needed:**

A volunteer is needed to take over publicity for MWG event announcements. Members may express their interest by email to [monadnockwriters@gmail.com](mailto:monadnockwriters@gmail.com) .

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## **Monadnock Writers' Group Membership Information:**

- Program year membership - September through June
  - Regular membership \$30
  - Students and seniors \$25
  - Patron \$50
  - Benefactor \$100
  - Corporate \$250
- Individual members are encouraged to announce their own projects such as workshops, social gatherings, group support sessions, or whatever the writing-related endeavor. Feel free to take the floor at the monthly meeting, or contact the newsletter editor [mabbszenoc@yahoo.com](mailto:mabbszenoc@yahoo.com) to send an announcement to the membership in the monthly newsletter.
- Bring a friend to one of our monthly meetings, and if they join MWG, you will receive a \$20 gift certificate for the Toadstool Bookshop!

If you try to outline the whole thing in advance, it's just dead... Above all, you have to be willing to listen when the pages are telling you what you were planning to do is not working.

- Jonathan Franzen

### **2016-2017 Board of Directors:**

President: Sara Miller; Vice President: Rodger Martin; Secretary: Carl Mabbs-Zeno; Treasurer: Denny Caldwell;  
Members-at-Large: Martha Eichler, Maura MacNeil, Terry Kepner, Ann Day.  
*Ex-Officio President:* Tina Rapp; *Ex-Officio Member At Large:* George Duncan.

# WRITERS' NIGHT OUT



**FIRST MONDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH!**

(FREE) MEET-UP FOR LOCAL WRITERS

BROUGHT TO YOU BY **N H W P**

***Writers' Night Out* is your chance to meet and mingle with other writers in a welcoming setting.**

We meet *the first Monday of every month* in locations across the state. Join us for this informal gathering where you can discuss what you are working on, what you are reading, where you are submitting your work, and more. Several locations feature special events. Regardless the special guest is *you*. All NHWP *Writers' Night Out* events take place at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted below). If you would like to host a Writers' Night Out in your region, [let us know](#).

**Join us at one of the following locations in September:**

- **Lakes Region:** The Common Man Inn & Spa, 321 Main St., Plymouth, NH, Exit 26 off I-93. Organizers: [Gretchen Draper](#)
- **Derry:** Chen's Chinese Restaurant, 122 East Broadway for August. Organizer: [Katharine Webster](#)
- **Portsmouth:** Portsmouth Book & Bar, 40 Pleasant St Organizer: [John Herman](#)
- **Concord:** *September* Books A Million, Fort Eddy Plaza, 76 Fort Eddy Rd, Concord, 03301. Organizers: [Gary Devore](#)
- **Lebanon:** Salt Hill Pub, 2 West Park St. Organizer: [Bill Cooper](#)
- **Manchester:** 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. the Shaskeen, 909 Elm Street. Organizer: [Rob Greene](#)
- **Nashua:** Fody's Tavern, 9 Clinton St. Organizer: [Claudia Decker](#)
- **Peterborough:** Brady's American Grill, 225 Concord Street, Route 202 North. Organizers: [Monadnock Writers' Group](#). This WNO does **not** meet in July, September, or January. Contact: [Carl Mabbs-Zeno](#)
- **Epping:** Telly's Restaurant and Pizzeria, 235 Calef Highway. Organizer: [Traci Cavanaugh York](#)

***Autumn Oracles 2016***

**POETRY**

*at Del Rossi's*

*with host poet Rodger Martin*



***Sunday, October 30, 2:30 p.m. Social/Sign-up, 3 p.m. Open Reading***

**Feature poets: Katie Towler on Robert Dunn (*One of Us Is Missing: Hobblebush, 2016 & The Penny Poet of Portsmouth: Counterpoint, 2016*) new book celebrations**

**Kevin Carey (*Jesus Was A Homeboy: Cavenkerry, 2016*) new book celebration**

*Donation*

***Sunday, November 20, 2:30 p.m. Social/Sign-up, 3 p.m. Open Reading***

***Feature poets: Sydney Lea (No Doubt the Nameless: Four Way Press, 2016) new book celebration***

***Dianalee Velie (Ever After: 2016 ) new book celebration***

***Coffee, tea and light refreshments offered during social/reading***

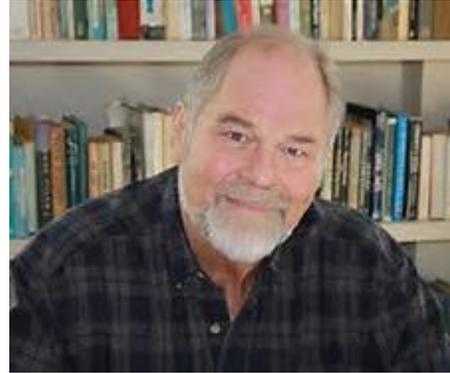
***Dinner menu served from 5-9 p.m.***

***Del Rossi's Trattoria***

***Route 137N, Dublin, N.H.***

***603-563-7195***

***Try poetry aloud, you may surprise yourself.***



## ***A Granite State Evening***

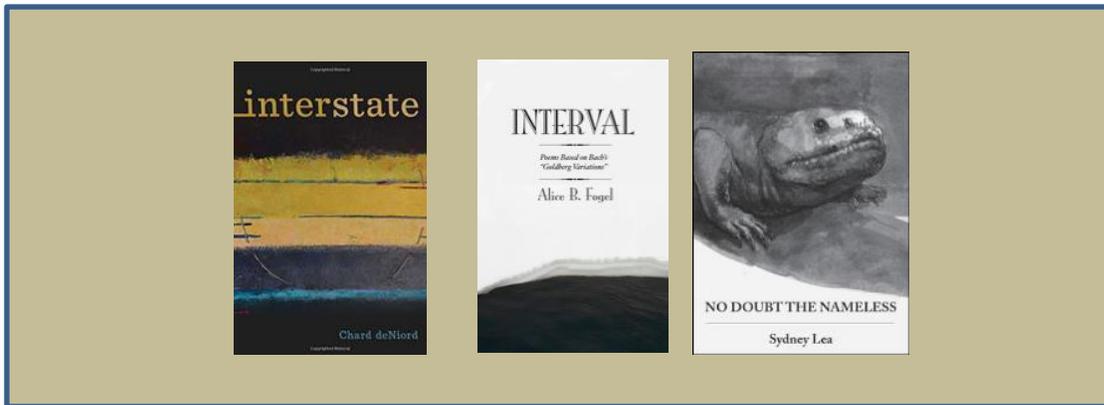
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# ***Laureates Three Trois:***

***Chard deNiord, Vermont Poet Laureate***

***Alice Fogel, New Hampshire Poet Laureate***

***Sydney Lea, Vermont Poet Laureate emeritus***



***at The Common Man Restaurant,***

***Plymouth, N.H.***

***Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 7:45 p.m.***

***Complimentary music by N.H. poet/musician Bob Moore***

**Benefit for the Poetry Society of New Hampshire's Walter Butts Poet Laureate Fund,**

**(a 501 (c)3 charitable organization) *\$20 suggested donation (all goes toward the endowment)***

**Reserve your seat now. *Limited seating, pre-talk, private dinner and music with the laureates, 6 p.m. For dinner prices with three laureates call Rodger Martin, 603-883-1234.***

Register Before October 7 & Save!

Registration is now open for  
**The Arts Are Essential**  
NH State Council on the Arts'  
Statewide Arts Education Partnership Conference  
Friday, November 11 - Saturday, November 12 in Claremont, NH

a conference exploring how the Arts are essential to a well-rounded education, a strong school culture, reaching all learners, innovative STEAM curriculum and learning 21st century skills

Conference highlights include:

- **24 workshops** led by **NH Arts Education Roster Artists** and other experts in the field.
- **Keynote address and poetry workshop** by **Stuart Kestenbaum**, Maine Poet Laureate and acting President of Maine College of Art
- ***Ensuring Access in Creative Youth Development***, a talk by **Zakiya Thomas**, Director of Education, Boston Ballet
- ***Pathways to STEAM Excellence: Essential Conditions for Success*** with **Brian Pickering**, 2016 NH School Principal of the Year, and ConVal AIE coordinator **Amanda Bastoni**
- ***Illustrating Science*** with Dartmouth College senior **Amy Zhang**
- **Advocacy Lunch address** & workshop by **Matt Wilson**, Mass Creative

Plus:

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offered to all participants
- **Breakfast and lunches** provided by Common Man Restaurants
- Conference **participation by local arts organizations** including Claremont Opera House, West Claremont Center for the Arts, Claremont MakerSpace, Amplified Arts and others
- **Networking** opportunities& much more!

Full conference rates are \$90 for both days,  
\$60 for one day until October 7.

Learn more about the [conference here](#) or [register here!](#)

"The Arts Are Essential" is organized by the NH State Council on the Arts in partnership with the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire, with significant contributions from an advisory committee of educators, artists, and community leaders; the NH Department of Education; the NH Arts Learning Network; and many community partners in the conference host city.