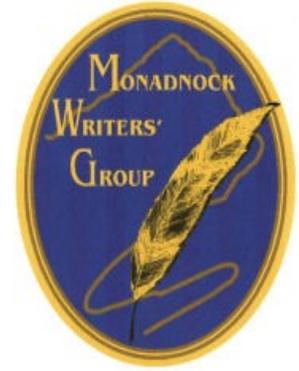


The Quill



May 2017:
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.

Calendar of 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.

May 20: Dan Szczesny

Dan Szczesny is a long-time journalist and author living in New Hampshire. His books include *The Adventures of Buffalo and Tough Cookie*, a hiking memoir about a one year, 225-mile journey through some of New Hampshire's least known wilderness with his 10-year-old foster daughter. Also, *The Nepal Chronicles*, about a month long trek to Everest Base Camp and marriage in Kathmandu.

His first collection of fiction, *Sing and Other Short Stories*, and includes a variety of short fiction spanning Dan's 25 year career as a writer and journalist. His latest book, *Mosquito Rain: Alaskan Travel Essays* is an illustrated travelogue of Dan and his wife's journey to discover the true meaning of the Last Frontier. Dan is also the Editor of *Murder Ink*, a series of New England-based pulp fiction anthologies set in or around the newsroom. Volume Two is set for release in 2017. You can learn more about his work at his website: <https://danszczesny.wordpress.com/>

June 17: Member Read-Around

We conclude our program year with a "read-around." The public is welcome to attend and hear Monadnock Writers' Group members read excerpts from their work. 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). 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 listed on the NHWP website.

New Hampshire Writers Night: - The first statewide Writers' Night Out will be held at the Hatbox Theater in Concord on Sunday, May 14 at 6:00. This is a chance to meet writers from our parts of the state and to share experience with our local groups.

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. See them on Facebook: "The New Hampshire Writers' Project." Follow them on Twitter: "nhwritersproj."

Sign up for Tracy Hahn-Burkett's *Political Writing* workshop, being offered May 13, 2017 from 1-4 PM. The event is free for NHWP members, and \$25 for non-members. Here's the link to learn more and sign up: <http://www.nhwritersproject.org/content/nhwp-workshops>.

Weekly Writing Opportunities: Twice 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. 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. New attendees should contact Carl Mabbs-Zeno (cmabbszenoc@yahoo.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 (dancecab@yahoo.com) to be on the list to be notified in case of cancellation.

Outlets for your work:

MWG Anthology: The Monadnock Writers' Group has published six anthologies over the years. The most recent of which, *Shadow and Light—A Literary Anthology on Memory*, is available at <https://monadnockwriters.org/publications-2/> . We are now beginning the preparation of a new volume and seek members interested in serving on the editorial board or otherwise helping prepare the publication. Please send a message to monadnockwriters@gmail.com or contact any member of the MWG Board to indicate your interest.

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.

Smoky Quartz is taking a hiatus this fall in order to save time for its staff to focus on the MWG Anthology. *The Quill* and the *Smoky Quartz* website will announce when it begins again to accept submissions.

New England Memories: The Fall 2016 Issue of *New England Memories*, published by MWG member Linda Thomas, features work by Parker Towle, Janet Banks, Deborah Murphy, Tom Sheehan, Tom Sacramona, and others. Please read the Submission Guidelines at www.newenglandmemories.com for more information.

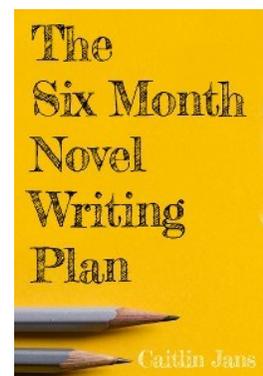
Other Items:

MWG Bloggers: Let us know if you would like your blog to be listed on the MWG website and Facebook page. Send your details to [REDACTED]

MWG Board elections: The Monadnock Writers' Group members will vote for several positions on the MWG Board at our June meeting. Nominations may be made at the May or June meeting. Please consider joining the Board and helping guide the offerings of the MWG.

Free E-Books and Articles for writers:

- 1) For a limited time, you can get a free new ebook from Freedom With Writing: *The Six Month Novel Writing Plan*.
[Get Your Free Copy Here \(Available Now\)](https://www.authorspublish.com/six-month-novel-plan/) or at <https://www.authorspublish.com/six-month-novel-plan/> .
- 2) For a list of 11 websites that pay \$50 or more per post for guest posts from freelance writers, go to:
<https://www.freedomwithwriting.com/freedom/uncategorized/11-websites-that-pay-writers-that-50-per-post/> .



- 3) For a list of publishers that pay \$500 or more for short stories, go to:

<https://www.freedomwithwriting.com/freedom/uncategorized/19-short-story-publishers-that-pay-500-per-story/> .

- 4) For a list of novel publishers, get your free ebook at:

<https://www.authorspublish.com/manuscript-guide-2016/> .

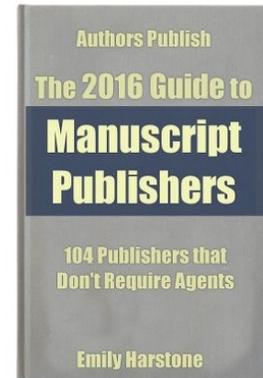
- 5) Get free daily e-mails about publications open to submissions from **The Creative Writers Opportunities List**. To subscribe to the list, send a blank e-mail to: crwropps-b-subscribe@yahoogroups.com .

- 6) See **NewPages.com** for news, information, and guides to literary magazines, independent publishers, creative writing programs, alternative periodicals, indie bookstores, writing contests, and more. <https://www.newpages.com/> .

- 7) For hints on writing a memoir, go to: http://blog.bookbaby.com/2016/07/writing-a-memoir-avoid-these-mistakes/?utm_campaign=BB1717&utm_source=BBNews&utm_medium=Email&spMailingID=53928058&spUserID=MjMxNzAyNjUxMzEwSo&spJobID=1144256844&spReportId=MTEoNDI1NjgoNAS2

- 8) For an article on writing for yourself rather than for publication, go to:

<http://www.authorspublish.com/its-okay-to-write-for-yourself/> .



Who are we?: 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. For more about us and to say something about yourself, see the Monadnock Writers' Group Members page (<https://monadnockwriters.org/membership/our-members/>) where you can read short biographies of our members and you can get in touch with someone doing work related to your own or just to share work that is interesting. If you wish to be included in the bio sector, submit at

[\[REDACTED\]](#) a paragraph or two including:

- what kind of writing you do,
- where you live now and where you came from,
- what you have published or plan to publish, and
- anything about yourself that might help other members approach you with some relevant ideas or conversation.

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 [REDACTED] 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!

Don't write to become famous or to make a lot of money. Write because you love it. Write because not writing for more than a few days feels like you have abandoned a puppy in a mineshaft. Save the puppy.

– Joe Beernink

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.