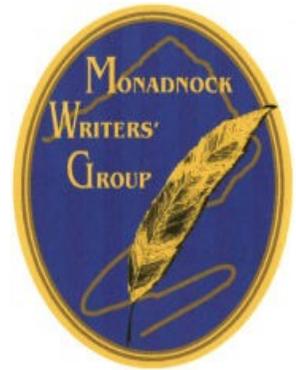


The Quill



June 2017:
Monadnock Writers' Group
Supporting Writers Since 1984

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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.

June 5: Writers' Night Out

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**. 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 around New Hampshire are listed on the NHWP website (www.nhwritersproject.org).

June 17: Member Read-Around

We conclude our 2016-17 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.

June 17: Election of MWG Board Members

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

Weekly Writing Opportunities: The Monadnock Writers' Group has sponsored opportunities twice a week to write as a means to dedicate time for your personal writing project in the company and support of motivated writers. With the approach of summer, the sessions at Greenfield Library will be terminated and the sessions at Jaffrey Civic Center will be rescheduled. Bring your ideas to the MWG meeting on June 17 for what times would be best at the Jaffrey sessions or send a message to the session organizer: Karen Ayers

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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 have beginning a new volume this summer. Preparations are not yet advanced enough to start soliciting manuscripts. If you are interested in helping prepare the publication, please send a message to [REDACTED] or contact any member of the MWG Board.

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 Winter 2017 Issue of *New England Memories*, published by MWG member Linda Thomas, features written work by Parker Towle, Mary Elizabeth McClellan, Ann B. Day and Nori Odoi, and photography by Martha Andrews Donovan. Please read the Submission Guidelines at www.newenglandmemories.com for more information.

Contest: Don't Talk to Me About Love: \$1000 to Best Story and Personal Essay
After a successful second poetry contest, *Don't Talk to Me About Love* (an on-line magazine) is now launching its second prose contest, accepting entries until Labor Day, 2017, with a \$1,000 prize each in fiction and non-fiction categories for up to 2000 words.

It is looking for fiction and deeply personal essays about LOVE in all its myriad expressions (romantic, erotic and platonic). For contest details, click here: <http://donttalktomeaboutlove>.

[org/2017-annual-prose-contest/](http://donttalktomeaboutlove.org/2017-annual-prose-contest/) or go to <http://donttalktomeaboutlove.org/2017-annual-prose-contest/>. Their 2016 fiction winner is at <http://donttalktomeaboutlove.org/notes-sad-girl/> and their non-fiction winner is at [http:// donttalktomeaboutlove.org/ melanie-malinowski-nonfiction/](http://donttalktomeaboutlove.org/melanie-malinowski-nonfiction/).

Publishers currently open to literary submissions from writers include:

- 1) [BlazeVOX](#) is a publisher based out of Buffalo, New York. It is a small independent publisher that focuses on publishing innovative literary fiction and poetry manuscripts.
- 2) [Chicago Review Press](#) is one of the largest publishers of literary fiction open to unsolicited submissions, Chicago Review Press has excellent distribution and has been around for over 40 years.
- 3) [Ceder Fort](#) is a print and electronic publisher based out of Salt Lake City. It is the second largest publisher in Utah. It publishes over 150 books a year. Its books cover a wide range of topics, from cookbooks to juvenile fiction to literary fiction.
- 4) [JollyFish Press](#) was started in 2012 but is a major distributor and has a large staff for a relatively new press. Jollyfish publishes commercial and literary fiction, historical, fantasy, sci-fi, mystery, humor, horror, thriller, middle-grade, and young adult. it also publishes motivational non-fiction, self-help, biography, and memoir.
- 5) [Black Balloon Publishing](#) is an imprint of Catapult Books. It has online and print distribution. Its books tend to be well reviewed and many have been blurbed by famous established authors. It publishes literary fiction, non-fiction, and memoirs.
- 6) [Persea Books](#) is an independent book publisher based out of New York. Since being established in the 1970s, it has gained a reputation for publishing thoughtful books in a variety of literary genres including literary fiction.
- 7) [8th House Publishing](#) is a newer publisher based out of Montreal and New York. It publishes poetry, novels with a literary bent, and non-fiction. It has published over 10 books at this point in time, and seems to put a fair amount of effort into promoting their author's work through launches, readings, and links to additional publications.
- 8) [Casperian Books](#) is a small independent publisher of fiction. It is a fairly small company but seems to have an easy-to-navigate website.
- 9) [Absey & Company](#) is currently looking for full length manuscripts to publish. Absey & Company has published many award winning books in the last decade. It is an established small press that publishes full length works of poetry and prose. it is a print publisher that has yet to venture into e-books.

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/> .

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/> .

For a list of novel publishers, get your free ebook at: <https://www.authorspublish.com/manuscript-guide-2016/> .

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 .

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/> .

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]

Movie Review: Readers and writers of poetry will find much to appreciate in the new film *Paterson* by Jim Jarmusch and available on DVD. It features the actor Adam Driver as a bus driver and unpublished poet living in Paterson, New Jersey. We see a humble, sweet and credible life in which the characters and the film maker respect the art of poetry in all its stages from conceptualization through editing to reading aloud without any commercial pretense. It was selected to compete for the Palme d'Or at the 2016 Cannes Film Festival, where it won the Palm Dog Award.

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."

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  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!

Iqra – to read
The first word revealed to Mohammed
Ramadan runs from May 27 to June 25 this year.

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.