

# The Quill



May 2018:  
**Monadnock Writers' Group**  
Supporting Writers Since 1984

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## **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.** Beginning in October, 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 7: 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 **Brady's American Grill** in Peterborough, located a mile north of Peterborough center on U.S. 202 (Concord Street) in Brady's Plaza.

### **May 1 (and each following Tuesday): Open writing session**

Come to the Greenfield Library at 10:00 to noon on Tuesdays (enter through the back door) to dedicate two hours toward your personal writing project in the company and support of motivated writers.

### **May 19: Gary Margolis**



**Gary Margolis** is the author of several poetry books including *Fire in the Orchard* (Autumn House Press, 2002), which was nominated for the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for poetry; *Falling Awake* (University of Georgia Press, 1986); , *Below the Falls*, Addison Press. His book *Seeing the Songs* is a memoir of his travels in Ecuador, 2012.

In 2015 he published "*Raking the Winter Leaves: New and Selected Poems*" Bauhan Publishing, Peterborough. *Runner Without a Number* (Wind Ridge Publishing Voices of Vermonters) is his latest book, published in 2016.

Gary will also be reading at the Toadstool in Peterborough on May 19 at 2:00.

## June 16: Member Read-Around

Members of the Monadnock Writers' Group read excerpts of their own work up to ten minutes each. The public is welcome to attend.

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### **Outlets for your work**

***New England Memories:*** MWG member Linda Thomas has completed the Fall 2017 issue of her semiannual (spring and fall) *New England Memories* magazine, with writing and photography from MWG members and others. If you would like to submit prose, poetry, or artwork for the next issue, please read the submission guidelines and past issues at [www.newenglandmemories.com](http://www.newenglandmemories.com).

***Smoky Quartz seeks new members for editorial board:*** *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 in order to save time for its staff to focus on the MWG Anthology. *The Smoky Quartz* is seeking new members for its Board in time for starting up again later this year. This is a good opportunity to work with local authors and participate in a major project of the MWG.

***Marketing outlet for your work:*** The Marketing Team of the New Hampshire Writers Project will post your information for free to their platforms (FB, Twitter, IG with pictures), as well as their website. Send a blurb to "[Marketing@nhwritersproject.org](mailto:Marketing@nhwritersproject.org)".

***Square One Publishers: Accepting Submissions:*** Square One Publishers focuses on publishing adult nonfiction books. Currently they are open to submissions about parenting, alternative health, personal finance, collectables, cooking, gambling, postcards, health, self-help, writing, and how to. To learn more or to submit, visit their submissions page [here](#).

***Landfill: Seeking Submissions:*** *Landfill* is an online journal of poetry and hybrid forms. They publish a wide range of "beautiful weirdos," from bizarre to banal. Their only guideline is "Show us your teeth." Submitting authors can expect a response within about three to four months. Poets may submit three to five poems, along with a short bio.

Ursus Americanus Press also publishes chapbooks, and right now through May 31, they are accepting chapbook submissions 30-50 pages in length. To learn more or submit to *Landfill* or Ursus Americanus Press, visit their website at <https://ursusamericanuslit.squarespace.com/submit/>.

### **Publishers Who Pay for Animal-Oriented Writing**

- [Animal Wellness Magazine](#) Animal Wellness Magazine accepts articles between 500 to 1,000 words, and are also open to submissions for their Animal Passages, Warm & Fuzzy and Tail End columns. Occasionally, they publish book excerpts of exceptional quality.
- [The Bark](#) The Bark accepts journalistic articles, shorter pieces under 600 words, essays and fiction about dogs.
- [Your Pet Space](#) Your Pet Space publishes articles about pets and their owners. Writers should pitch their [Managing Editor](#) first. Articles run 1, 200 words, usually with image submissions.

- [Pets in the City Magazine](#) Pets in the City magazine is a pet-lover publication for city slickers. They publish pieces about topics including dog training and breed profiles. Articles average 500 to 700 words.
- [Horse Network](#) Horse Network includes news, sports, health, lifestyle, laughter, learn and opinion pieces of 500 to 750 words.
- [Reptiles Magazine](#) Reptiles Magazine accepts articles covering husbandry, breeding in captivity, reptiles in the field, conservation and health. For 2,000 to 2,500 word length articles (submitted with photos) they pay an average of \$300.
- [Bumples Children's Magazine](#) Bumples Magazine targets readers 3 to 5 and 6 to 10 in age. While they accept a variety of story genres, their guidelines note that they have a preference for animal fiction.

**Subterranean Blue Poetry:** They are expanding their repertoire to include Articles of Poetic Interest - Biographies and Stories about Poets, new genres, literary criticism, Poetry Book Reviews and Introductions, Poetry Events Reviews (poetry readings, poetry book signings, art installations with poetry). Minimum 500 words. For details go to [www.subterraneanbluepoetry.com](http://www.subterraneanbluepoetry.com).



The **Zine Scene** at [The Crossing Arts Alliance](#) accepts all forms of printed/published zines. Submit online and send your zines to their gallery for this unique exhibition. For more information, go to [Zine Scene](#).

The **WaiF Project** is accepting submissions for its second issue, on the theme of LEAVING. It wants to hear about your experiences saying goodbye to places, people, and things. What does it mean to walk away from institutions, thoughts, and traditions?



How do you know you've fully, mentally, left? What did you take with you? What did you leave behind? What was it like to say goodbye? Did you say goodbye? What do you now know about life, yourself, or others that could only have been learned by leaving? For more details, see [WaiF Project](#).

**Vestal Review**  
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**Other Items**

**Mud Chronicles:** The editors of the upcoming MWG anthology, *The Mud Chronicles: A New England Anthology*, thank MWG members who submitted their work for review. Review of submissions is underway editorial decisions to be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Periodic updates can be found on the MWG website.

**Help Promote Youth Poetry:** If you love poetry... the MWG is looking for a member to continue our service on a state-wide advisory committee to help choose the annual Youth Poet Laureate of New Hampshire. It will likely involve up to two meetings a year at NHSCA in Concord plus occasional e-mail correspondence. Other members on that committee are NH Poet Laureate Alice Fogel, a board member of NHWP, a board member from PSNH, the NHSCA, Portsmouth Beat Night, and Slam Free or Die.

If you are interested in serving, please inform Rodger Martin (current committee member) by June 1.  
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**Workshop in Peterborough: WORLD ENOUGH & TIME: On Creativity & Slowing Down”**

DESCRIPTION OF WORKSHOP: Almost everything we care deeply about, we do with some nimbus of slowness around it, whether that be writing a poem, digging a garden, or baking a birthday cake for a beloved child. “The greatest assassin of life is haste,” said the poet Theodore Roethke. And yet some 38% of Americans describe themselves as “always feeling rushed.” *World Enough & Time* is intended as an antidote to that frantic sense of urgency. Over the course of our time together, we will focus on very ordinary, everyday activities -- *walking, talking, writing, drawing, telling stories* -- exploring them both as a source of pleasure in themselves, and as a pathway to our own creative work. Sometimes allowing oneself time and space to do a blissful kind of nothing can be the most simplest and most inspiring tactic of them all.

*World Enough* is intended as a hands-on workshop, combining stories and discussion with a special focus on reading, writing, walking, drawing, and dreaming.

The workshop will be 9 am to 1 pm at the Peterborough Town Library on May 5, 2018.  
The fee for the workshop will be \$35. Please register by emailing Sara Miller, [saralmiller33@gmail.com](mailto:saralmiller33@gmail.com) or calling her at (603) 924-0027.

**Writers Night Out beyond the Monadnock Region:** The NHWP organizes 13 Writers Night Out groups across New Hampshire. Some have a monthly read-around; some have their participants describe what they are reading; some are like ours in being mostly social events. All writers are welcome at any of the groups. To find other locations around New Hampshire see the NHWP Writers Night Out page: <https://www.nhwritersproject.org/writers-night-out/>.

**Fantasy-, Science Fiction-, and Horror-writing Workshop:** You may experience six weeks (June 2 – July 13, 2018) of directed study with Jeanne Calvelos, former senior editor at Bantam Doubleday and winner of the World Fantasy Award. She promises in-depth feedback on your work; intensive sessions on character, plot, word-building, style, and more; and one-on-one attention and guidance. The course will be held at Saint Amselm College, Manchester. The application deadline April 7. For more information go to [www.odysseyworkshop.org](http://www.odysseyworkshop.org).

Writing is busy idleness.  
- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

**Get something into the Quill:** If you would like to submit to our monthly newsletter please send your information to Carl at [quill@monadnockwriters.org](mailto:quill@monadnockwriters.org) at least four days before the end of the month. As a member, you may include your author events and announcements.

**Member Biographies:** Members are encouraged to write up a short personal profile (biography) for posting on the Monadnock Writers' Group website "Members" section, and to our Facebook page if you so choose. Please submit your new or updated profile by e-mail as 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.

For the Website: Maximum 200 words, 3rd person, please feel free to include links to your own website, most recent publication, and other social media links. Submit your profile for the MWG website to our email at [monadnockwriters@gmail.com](mailto:monadnockwriters@gmail.com). The Monadnock Writers' Group website is located at <https://monadnockwriters.org/> .

For Facebook: A short bio, feel free to include a link, 140 characters counting your name but not the link. Send your Facebook bio to [mdflyn@gmail.com](mailto:mdflyn@gmail.com). The MWG Facebook group can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/monadnockwriters/> .

**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 [monadnockwriters@gmail.com](mailto:monadnockwriters@gmail.com).

**New Hampshire Writers Project:** 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.

**Who are we at MWG?:** 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.

## **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!

Writing is an exploration. You start from nothing and learn as you go.  
- E.L. Doctorow

2017-2018 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*

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in Fiction and Creative Nonfiction

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**\$4,000 in prizes**  
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	<b>NONFICTION JUDGE: DINTY W. MOORE</b>

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