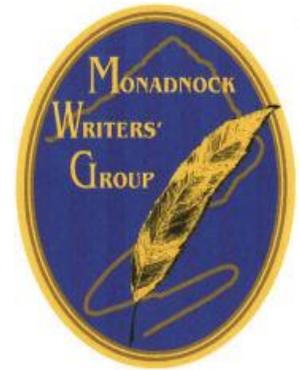


# The Quill



## June 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.

#### **June 4: 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.

#### **June 5 (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.

#### **June 16: Member Read-Around and MWG Annual Meeting**

Our last meeting of the spring includes a brief and official annual meeting. We will elect members for several openings on the MWG Board. Feel free to nominate someone new, such as yourself, to the Board.

The main activity in this meeting is members reading excerpts of their own work up to ten minutes each. Although we do not critique each other's work at this time, it is always intriguing to hear something from the projects members are doing. The public is welcome to attend.

## July 17: MWG Board Meeting

MWG members are invited to attend the Board meeting at 5:00 on July 17 at Carl Mabbs-Zeno's home. The meeting is followed by a pot luck dinner on the deck. If you plan to come, send a message to [quill@monadnockwriters.org](mailto:quill@monadnockwriters.org) and mention what food you will bring. I will send you directions to 87 Wilder Farm Road, Peterborough (ten minutes from the library).

**Summertime!** MWG does not hold monthly meetings in July or August. We will start up again in September with a meeting at the MacDowell Colony library.

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Gary Margolis speaking at the May meeting of the Monadnock Writers' Group.



## 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.



**Free - The Paid Publishing Guidebook:** This is a practical book that includes hundreds of publishers who pay for the work they publish and who accept queries, pitches, and submissions from freelance writers. Find it at <http://www.freedomwithwriting.com/writing-markets/>

**40 Romance Publishers That Accept Submissions Without an Agent:** In this list there are traditional print publishers, established romance stalwarts, up and coming eBook publishers, digital imprints of the big five publishers, and everything in between. Go to <http://www.authorspublish.com/40-romance-publishers-that-accept-submissions-without-an-agent/>

**Places to Submit Poetry:** For a list of both on-line and print poetry outlets currently accepting submissions, go to

<https://punchdrunkpress.com/places-to-submit-poetry/>

**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)".

**How to Spot Self-Publishing Scams:** Independent writers can benefit greatly from self-publishing but there are risks in this business. An article on this topic cautions about four types of offers:

- They manage several different imprints offering the same services.
- They make big sales guarantees.
- They make outlandish discount offers.
- They offer packages that are not customizable

Associations like [The Alliance of Independent Authors](#) rate, review, and compare self-publishing companies to help authors identify which are scams and which are reliable. There are also reputable firms like [Trustpilot](#) that review companies and allow independent authors to do the same. See the full article at

<http://blog.bookbaby.com/2018/05/how-to-spot-self-publishing-scams/>

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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 with editorial decisions to be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Periodic updates can be found on the MWG website.

**Spring Poetry Competition with Cathedral of the Pines:** MWG organized a poetry competition during the month of May. The winning poems will be selected during June by poet Meg Kearney and placed on the trails at Cathedral of the Pines for visitors to read as they go through the woods. Winners will be informed as soon as they are selected and will be posted on the MWG website and Facebook page.

**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/>.

<p>It is in the margins that poems are found. - Osip Mandelstam</p>
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**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.

**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 a novel while raising children is a lot like trying to defuse a bomb while someone is hitting you over the head with a Nerf baseball bat while complaining about you.

- Derek B. Miller, in an interview with *Salon*

### **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.  
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