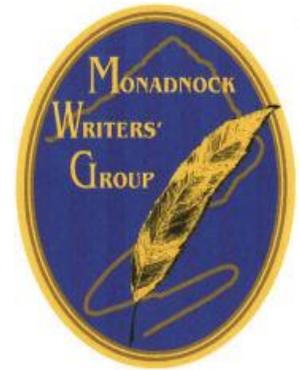


The Quill



November 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.

MWG Speaker Series

November 17

Elaine Isaak



Elaine Isaak is the author of *The Singer's Crown* (Eos, 2005), and its sequels, as well as the "Tales of Bladesend" epic novellas. As E. C. Ambrose, she wrote "The Dark Apostle" historical fantasy novels about medieval surgery, which began with *Elisha Barber* (DAW 2013), and concluded with volume five, *Elisha Daemon* (2018). Her short fiction has won the Tenebris Press Flash Fiction contest and appeared in the *New Hampshire Pulp Fiction* series, *Fireside* magazine and *Uncle John's Bathroom Reader*. A graduate of the Odyssey Speculative Fiction workshop, she has returned to teach there as well. In addition to writing and teaching about writing, Elaine works part time as an adventure guide and rock climbing instructor. Visit

www.TheDarkApostle.com or www.ElaineIsaak.com to find out why you do not want to be her hero.

December 15

Read-Around



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.

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

Writing Sessions

November 1 (and each following Thursday):

Come to the Greenfield Library at 2:00 to 4:00 on Thursdays (enter through the back door) to dedicate two hours toward your personal writing project in the company and support of motivated writers.

November 5 (and each following Monday):

There will also be weekly Open Writing Sessions at 10:00 to noon on Mondays at the Jaffrey Parks and Recreation Program Building, 31 Howard Hill Rd.

November Is National Novel Writing Month



NaNoWriMo is a free program to encourage writing during November with numerous on-line challenges, games and suggestions. Use it to get your novel started or to move along whatever project might benefit from a new approach. For more information, go to nanowrimo.org.

**It's
coming
back!**



Again in 2019, MWG will be holding a preliminary round of the state competition for Three-Minute Fiction. Our event will be February 2 at 10:00 in the Peterborough Town Library. We will again bring in judges from outside the MWG. Start writing soon so you have time to practice reading it safely under three minutes.

Mud Chronicles: The *Mud Chronicles: A New England Anthology*, a project of the Monadnock Writers' Group, should be available before the end of November. This collection of writing and visual art is going into a larger format than usual and with the high quality of submissions and printing will be one of the landmark achievements of the MWG.

New Book from MWG Writer: *Blood Stone* is a rich supernatural novel written by M. Allyson Szabo. It stars a strong, female lead character, Alexandra Taylor, who lives through a series of horrors and deaths, and finds and improves her own life. Set in a universe very close to our own, readers get sucked in by the familiarity of the personalities and places. The book will resonate well with those who enjoy the Anita Blake or Sookie Stackhouse novels, as Alexandra joins the ranks of snarky females who can stand their own ground, and navigate their own lives.

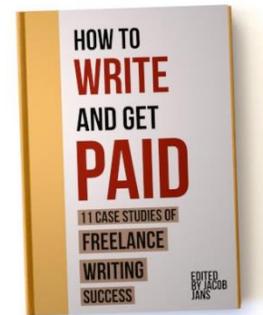
Allyson can be found online at her website, <https://mallysonszabo.weebly.com/> or on FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/mallysonszabo/>. You can purchase *Blood Stone* on Amazon, in paperback or Kindle version: https://www.amazon.com/Blood-Stone-Taylor-Mage-1/dp/1986091244/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1539885810&sr=8-1&keywords=allyson+szabo

Resources for Writers: Go to the MWG website <http://www.monadnockwriters.org/> or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/monadnockwriters/> for numerous ideas on writing, reading and publishing.

For a listing of publisher always open to submission, see <http://www.authorspublish.com/14-major-book-publishers-always-open-to-submissions/>

For a listing of publishers always open to mysteries, see <http://www.authorspublish.com/19-mystery-publishers-open-to-submissions/>

Free Book: Download the complete book to a .pdf file. Follow clear examples from successful writers for freelance writing. Go to <https://www.freedomwithwriting.com/write-and-get-paid/>



Outlets for your work

New England Memories: MWG member Linda Thomas has completed the Fall 2018 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.

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 open for submissions from October 1, 2018 - January 15, 2019 for the Spring 2019 issue. Work received after January 15th will be considered for an upcoming issue. It welcomes submissions from new, emerging, and established writers and artists. Please send in your best work!

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".

Other Items

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>I am no doubt not the only one who writes in order to have no face. - Michael Foucault</p>

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 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.

New Hampshire Writers Project: 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 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 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!

For whom am I writing this? For myself? I think not. I have no picture of myself reading it over at a later time, *later time* having become problematical. For some stranger, in the future, after I'm dead? I have no such ambition, or no such hope.

Perhaps I write for no one. Perhaps for the same person children are writing for, when they scrawl their names in the snow.

I'm not as swift as I was. My fingers are stiff and clumsy, the pen wavers and rambles, it takes me a long time to form the words. And yet I persist, hunched over as if sewing by moonlight.

- Iris, Margaret Atwood's protagonist in The Blind Assassin, p. 43

2018-2019 Board of Directors:

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THE LOOM
Poetry in Harrisville
Inaugural Reading
Joan Houlihan & Peter Covino

Joan Houlihan: distinguished poet, essayist, teacher and editor. "*Shadow-feast*" (her most recent of five books of poetry) "is a tour de force, sheared of excess, breathtaking in its leaps, and thrilling in its sonic resonances."

--*Los Angeles Review of Books*

Peter Covino: prizewinning poet, translator and editor. Of his book, *The Right Place to Jump*, Marjorie Perloff writes, "these [are] wonderfully funny, sad, heartbreaking, jaunty, and always delightfully accurate poems."

November 11, 2018, 5:30 pm

St. Denis (former) Catholic Church

23 Church Street

The Loom poetry series, celebrating some of the best of contemporary poetry, is located in the historic mill town, Harrisville, New Hampshire.

For more information, contact rebeccagibson55@gmail.com.