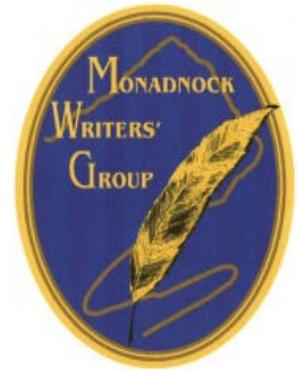


The Quill



December 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.

Writers' Night Out

December 3: 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

December 3 (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.

December 6 (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.

General Meetings

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.

January 19

William Doreski



William Doreski lives in Peterborough, New Hampshire, in a small house in the woods. He taught at Keene State College for many years, but has now retired to feed the deer and wild turkeys. He has published three critical studies, including *Robert Lowell's Shifting Colors*. His essays, poetry, fiction, and reviews have appeared in many journals and several small-press books. His forthcoming book of poetry is *The Last Concert* (Salmon Press). williamdoreski.blogspot.com

February 16

David Gonthier, Jr.



For twenty-two years, **David Gonthier, Jr.** has made a living as a free-lance educator. He has a BA in Drama/Theatre Arts from the University of New Hampshire, an MS in Film from Boston University and an MFA in Creative Writing from Goddard College. In addition to teaching in the Film department at Keene State College (since 1998), he teaches mindfulness courses in the English department at NHTI in Concord, NH and he is a writing coach at the Online Writing Center at SNHU. He is a published author of short fiction, film articles and two books on film, the most recent one being the first book on the films of British director, Alan Parker. He is also an interdisciplinary creative artist: He is a filmmaker, theatre producer/playwright/director and a guitar player/songwriter. He has been married for twenty years and has a twelve year-old son and twenty-seven year-old stepdaughter.

March 16

Eric Masterson



When not fielding questions about birds, [bicycling the migration route of the Broad-winged Hawk](#) from New Hampshire to Panama, or learning how to ride thermals in his hang glider, Eric coordinates the Harris Center's land protection and stewardship activities.

He lives with his wife, Tricia, and dog, Rusty, in Hancock.

***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.

Outlets for your work

New England Memories: MWG member Linda Thomas is actively seeking submissions for the upcoming Fall/Winter issue of *New England Memories* magazine. If you would like to submit prose, poetry, or artwork, please read the submission guidelines and past issues at www.newenglandmemories.com.

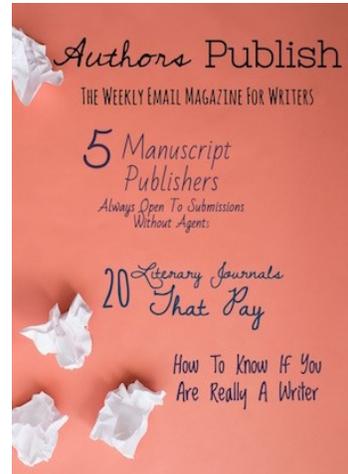
Smoky Quartz: *Smoky Quartz* is the semi-annual online publication of The Monadnock Writers' Group that publishes poetry, short fiction, creative nonfiction and a diverse selection of art and photography. You can read *Smoky Quartz* online at <http://smokyquartz.org/>. Contributing writers and artists 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!

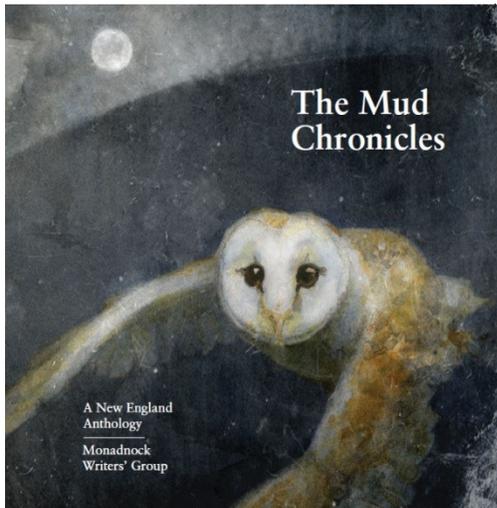
Marketing outlet for your work: The Marketing Team of the New Hampshire Writers Project will post your information for free to their platforms (FB, Twitter, IG with pictures), as well as their website. Send a blurb to "Marketing@nhwritersproject.org".

Free On-line Weekly for Writers: Have you seen Authors Publish at www.authorspublish.com ? It has articles on how to write and how to publish in addition to free downloadable books. Recent articles include:

1. [Seven Publishers That Accept Memoir Submissions \(No Agent Required\)](#)
2. [8 Wonderful New Literary Journals](#)
3. [How to Use Facebook Live to Promote Your Writing](#)
4. [40 Literary Journals that Pay](#)



Other Items



Mud Chronicles: *The Mud Chronicles: A New England Anthology*, a project of the Monadnock Writers' Group, will be available in mid-December. We will have book signings at various venues in time for the arrival of Mud Season. This collection of writing and visual will be one of the landmark achievements of the MWG.

Experience of our "fifth season" highlights this anthology, showing how much landscape and seasonal cues matter to our contributors. Plus, beings of metaphor that we are, the fifth season reminds us of emotional transitions, of times that don't fit smoothly in the unfolding of a life, that mark a shift in who we were and who we will become.

—Sara Miller

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.

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/>.

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.

The only way you can write the truth is to assume that what you set down will never be read. Not by any other person, and not even by yourself at some later date. Otherwise you begin excusing yourself. You must see the writing as emerging like a long scroll of ink from the index finger of your right hand; you must see your left hand erasing it.

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

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!

2018-2019 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

An Irish novelist with an ironic day job has been awarded a major literary prize. Caitriona Lally graduated from Trinity College Dublin 14 years ago and returned to work there as a janitor in 2015 – the same year her debut, *Eggshells*, was published. She was stunned last October to discover she had won the Rooney Prize for Irish literature, awarded each year to a writer under 40 who shows “exceptional promise.” The award comes with an \$11,500 prize.

Avenue A Teen & Community Center

VINE STORY HOUR POSTPONED!

Our November Vine Story Hour has been postponed until January! We're looking forward to breaking the hum-drum of winter with some fabulous stories....

The Vine Story Hour - Misadventures! | *Thursday, January 31st at 7pm | 42 Main Street, Antrim*
Based off the popular MOTH Story Hour that airs on NPR, The Vine Story Hour "Misadventures" invites storytellers to bring their story to the Avenue A "stage".
Come just to listen or seize the opportunity to share your story!

Admission is by donation at the door! Proceeds benefit Avenue A's programs for local youth!
This event is for adults and older teens. Refreshments provided.

Your story must be a TRUE account of something YOU experienced. Notes may not be used. It must not exceed 5-10 minutes. Our theme for this event is "Misadventures".

Please [email Jacqueline](mailto:jacqueline@grapevinenh.org) if you're interested in telling a story.

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