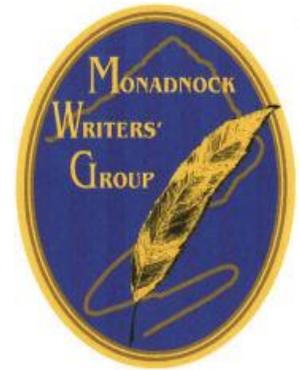


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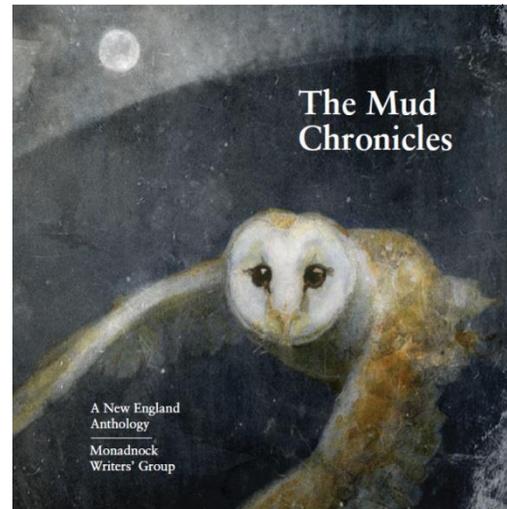
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Mud Chronicles: The *Mud Chronicles: A New England Anthology*, a project of the Monadnock Writers' Group, is now available on the MWG website (monadnockwriters.org), at MWG meetings, and at the Toadstool Bookstore. This collection of writing and visual art is among 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



Calendar of Events

Writing Sessions

January 3 (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.

January 7 (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.

General Meetings

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.

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 freelance 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.

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.

April 20

Jenna Le



A Minnesota-born Vietnamese American, **Jenna Le** works as a physician in the Upper Valley region of New Hampshire. Her poetry, fiction, essays, criticism, and translations have been published widely. Le has been a Minnetonka Review Editor's Prize winner, a two-time Pharos Poetry Competition winner, a William Carlos Williams Poetry Competition finalist, a Michael E. DeBaakey Poetry Award finalist, a Pamet River Prize semifinalist, a four-time Pushcart Prize nominee, a Best of the Net nominee, and a Rhysling Award nominee.

May 11

Yvonne Daley



Yvonne Daley moved to Vermont in 1967 as part of the counterculture movement and later became an award-winning journalist for the Boston Globe, Rutland Herald, Washington Post and other publications. Her newest book, *Going Up the Country*, explores how thousands of young migrants like her, largely from cities and suburbs of New York and Massachusetts, turned their backs on the establishment of the 1950s and moved to Vermont, spawning a revolution in lifestyle, politics, farming, sexuality, and business practices that had a profound impact on the state and the nation.

3-Minute Fiction:

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 in less than three minutes.



National Poetry Month: The Greenfield Library is interested in sponsoring a reading by local poets during April. If you would like to read a poem, send a message to the Quill [quill@monadnockwriters.org] with a list of the evenings you are available.

The Vine Story Hour – Misadventures! Avenue A Teen & Community Center invites storytellers to bring their story to the Avenue A “stage.” Come just to listen or seize the opportunity to share your story! This event is for adults and older teens. Refreshments provided. Admission is by donation at the door. Proceeds benefit Avenue A's programs for local youth!

Thursday, January 31st at 7pm | 42 Main Street, Antrim

Each story must be a TRUE account of something the speaker experienced. Notes may not be used. It must not exceed 10 minutes. The theme for this event is "Misadventures".

Please email Jacqueline if you're interested in telling a story. jacqueline@grapevinesh.org

Free Publishing Guidebook: The 2019 edition of the Paid Publishing Guidebook (248 pages) is available for downloading free at

www.freedomwithwriting.com/freedom/download-page-the-paid-publishing-guide/?Errors=<br%2F>-Please+enter+a+valid+email+address.

This is a practical book for writers who are ready to get paid to write. It includes hundreds of publishers that accept queries, pitches, and submissions from freelance writers. This edition of the book includes the addition of a guide to pitching your work, a case study from a successful freelance writer, as well as answers to frequently asked questions.



Outlets for your work

New England Memories: MWG member Linda Thomas is actively seeking submissions for the New England Memories magazine. This on-line magazine is like a front porch where families and neighbors gather to tell their stories, both the ordinary and the extraordinary, about living in New England. 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 until 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.

If you try to outline the whole thing in advance, it's just dead.... Above all, you have to be willing to listen when the pages are telling you that what you were planning to do is simply not working.
- Jonathan Franzen

Other Items

How to Create a Good Author Facebook Page: Get free advice from Caitlin Jans at <https://www.authorspublish.com/how-to-create-a-good-author-facebook-page/>. Caitlanis an editor of *Authors Publish Magazine* whose writing can be found in *The Conium Review*, *The Moth*, *Labletter*, *Literary Mama*, and elsewhere.

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.

Writer Programs at Greenfield Library: In addition to the weekly writing session at the Stephenson Library in Greenfield, see the library's "**Writer's Corner**" at: <https://www.greenfield-nh.gov/stephenson-memorial-library/library-services/pages/writers-corner>. Librarian Beverly Pietlicki would love to answer any questions regarding "Pressbooks" or "Self-e," or help with additional in house print resources at any time!

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.

The NY Times reported that writing in a journal is associated with better sleep, a stronger immune system, more self-confidence and a higher I.Q.

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;
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Ex-Officio President: Tina Rapp