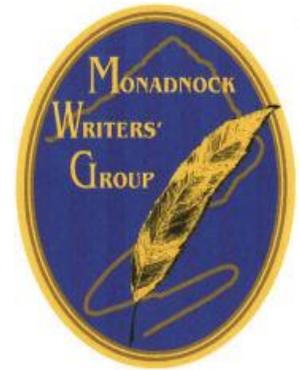


# The Quill



March 2019:  
Monadnock Writers' Group  
Supporting Writers Since 1984

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## Calendar of Events

### 3-Minute Fiction Slam

**March 7 at 10:00:** The New Hampshire finals of the Three-Minute Fiction Slam will be held on March 7 at 7 pm in the French Auditorium at 148 Concord St, Manchester. The snow date is March 14.



### Writers' Night Out

**March 4:** 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

**March 7 (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.

**March 4 (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.

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### 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.

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### 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. DeBakey 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.

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### 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.

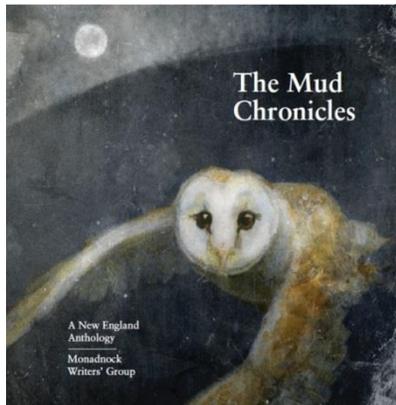
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## Also Coming Up

**Six-Word Story Competition:** The MWG is sponsoring a contest for the best six-word story, following a famous challenge from Hemmingway. The deadline for submissions is March 31. The MWG Board will judge the competition without seeing the authors' names. Up to three submissions are allowed per author. Send your entries to [quill@monadnockwriters.org](mailto:quill@monadnockwriters.org). Winners will be announced at the April MWG meeting. A prize offered to the best three entries in the form of a drinking glass engraved with the winning stories. For inspiration see <http://www.sixwordstories.net/>

Baby shoes for sale. Never used.  
- Ernest Hemmingway

**National Poetry Month:** The Greenfield Library is interested in sponsoring a reading by local poets during April, probably on a Friday at 6:00. If you would like to read a poem, send a message to the Quill [[quill@monadnockwriters.org](mailto:quill@monadnockwriters.org)] with a list of the evenings you are available.



**Mud Chronicles:** A reading of works in *The Mud Chronicles: A New England Anthology* will be held at the Peterborough Town Library on April 5 at 5:30 – 6:30. The book has many intriguing entries which are especially poignant when read in early April.

Copies of the book are available on the MWG website ([monadnockwriters.org](http://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.

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## Other Items:

**Openings on the MWG Board:** Three MWG Board members will be completing their term at the end of the program year in July and some of them will be stepping down then. Please consider joining the Board to help with identifying speakers and designing our programs. Nominations for Board membership will be taken at the May general meeting and elections will be held at the June meeting.

**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](http://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.

Submissions are closed for the Spring 2019 issue. New submissions will be considered for an upcoming issue. *Smoky Quartz* welcomes submissions from new, emerging, and established writers and artists. Please send in your best work!



***Three-Minute Fiction at MWG:*** On February 2, MWG held its third annual reading of flash fiction. A good turnout of listeners attests to the increasing popularity of this event. The State finals will be held on March 7. as noted above in *The Quill* Readers in Peterborough included (left to right) Ann Day, Jesseca Timmons, Sue Ellen Snape, Deni Dickler, Carl Mabbs-Zeno, and Elizabeth Goodhue. Carl will represent the Monadnock region this year.

***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)".

***Free On-line Weekly for Writers:*** Have you seen Authors Publish at [www.authorspublish.com](http://www.authorspublish.com)? It has articles on how to write and how to publish in addition to free downloadable books.

Daydreaming does not enjoy tremendous prestige in our culture, which tends to regard it as unproductive thought. Writers perhaps appreciate its importance better than most, since a fair amount of what they call work consists of little more than daydreaming edited.

- Michael Pollan, *A Room of One's Own*

***An Argument for Writing Short Stories:*** "Write a short story every week. It's not possible to write 52 bad short stories in a row." — Ray Bradbury Writers who are serious about improving and developing their craft should write short stories and get editorial feedback on them, even if they are never planning on publishing these short stories. See the full article by teacher Emily Harstone at <https://www.authorspublish.com/an-argument-for-writing-short-stories/>



**Free Book on Marketing Your Publication:** This book presents real-world strategies from writers who have been in the trenches, promoting and selling their books. It shows you how to build an author's platform, give a successful reading, launch a new book, build a fanbase on social media, and more. Download it from

<https://www.authorspublish.com/promote-your-book/>

### **The Pros and Cons of Publishing with Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing:**

#### Pros:

- An easy way of publishing: All you need to do is upload your book cover and manuscript, enter your book details, and press publish.
- Your e-book can be pre-ordered.
- You can keep most of the royalties from your book.
- You're uploading your book onto one of the largest online markets for books.

#### Cons:

- Your book is only available to the Amazon market.
- You cannot have a paperback pre-order.
- Because so many people self publish on KDP, it can be hard for people to find or stumble upon your book.

Read the full article at <https://www.authorspublish.com/the-pros-and-cons-of-publishing-with-amazon-kindle-direct-publishing/>

**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](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.

**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](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.

If reading really does increase empathy, as we are constantly being told, it appears that writing takes some away.

- Sigrid Nunez, *The Friend*

## **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!

### **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