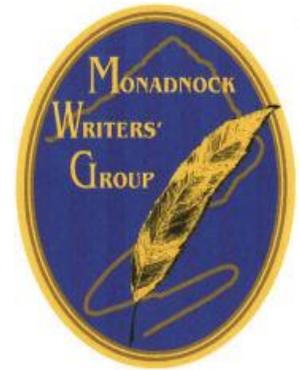


The Quill



April 2019: Monadnock Writers' Group Supporting Writers Since 1984

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Calendar of Events

Writers' Night Out

April 1: 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

April 4 (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.

April 1 (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.

Mud Chronicles Reading

April 5:

Writers will read their own selections from the *Mud Chronicles* at 5:30 in the Peterborough Town Library

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.

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.

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.

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. 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 will sponsor a poetry reading on April 11 at 7 – 8 pm. The event will begin with readings from Rodger Martin and Meg Kearney. Other local poets will each share one of their own works.

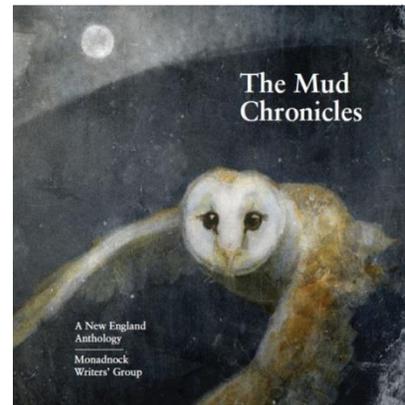


Meg Kearney, Founding Director of the Solstice Low-Residency Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing Program at Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. For eleven years prior to joining Pine Manor, she was Associate Director of the National Book Foundation (sponsor of the National Book Awards) in New York City. She also taught poetry at the New School University. www.megkearney.com/



Rodger Martin, Keene State University. Rodger Martin’s latest volume of poetry, *The Battlefield Guide*, ([Hobblebush Books](http://HobblebushBooks.com): 2010) follows the selection of *The Blue Moon Series*, ([Hobblebush Books](http://HobblebushBooks.com): 2007) by *Small Press Review* as one of its bi-monthly picks of the year. He is a New Hampshire State Council on the Arts in Education roster artist and also a touring artist for the New England States Touring Foundation administered by the New England Foundation for the Arts. www.rodgerwriter.com/

Mud Chronicles Reading: The Monadnock Writers’ Group is pleased to announce an hour of readings from their new publication: *The Mud Chronicles: A New England Anthology*. Come to the lower level of the Peterborough Town Library on Friday, April 5th from 5:30 to 6:30 to hear poetry, short stories, and memories of all things related to New Hampshire’s “fifth season.”



Readers will include: Ann Robinson, William Bryk, Elizabeth Goodhue, Wendy Keith, Bill Doreski, Betsy Snider, R. Joyce Heon, Bill Chatfield, Rodger Martin, Ann Day, and Marcia Breckenridge.

Copies of *The Mud Chronicles* will be available for purchase and are 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. For more information, visit the MWG website at www.monadnockwriters.org

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 Writing Critique Group in Rindge: The Rindge Writers Group is a community of new and established writers who want to connect in a friendly and supportive environment. Participants gain skills by sharing their own work, receiving feedback and critiquing the work of others. All genres and areas of interest are welcome from crime to humor to memoir and more, be it an article, short story, novel or poem. We have no dues or educational requirements. Our only expectation is that you have an interest in writing.

The Rindge Writers Group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Rindge Recreation Building, 283 Wellington Rd., Rindge, NH 03461. Please join us. For more information email: RindgeWritersGroup@gmail.com.

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* and learn about its submissions policy online at <http://smokyquartz.org/>. Contributing writers and artists retain all rights to their work.

The Favorite Poem Event

Ten people have been chosen to read their favorite poem (not including the ones they have written themselves.) Come on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 4:30 to the St. Denis Hall in Harrisville.

And put the next Loom event on your calendar: Andrea Cohen and Maggie Dietz will read their poetry May 19, 2019 at 4:30



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".

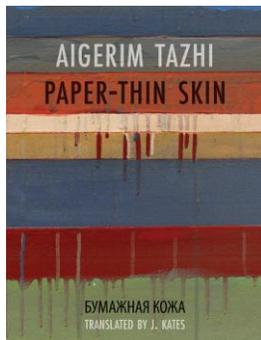
Free On-line Weekly for Writers: Have you seen Authors Publish at www.authorspublish.com? It has articles on how to write and how to publish in addition to free downloadable books.

Artistic growth is, more than it is anything else, a refining of the sense of truthfulness.

- Willa Cather in *Song of the Lark*

Plea for Poets: I am an artist looking for poets to compose poems about my works or similar experiences of such places for an upcoming show in October 2019 in Jaffrey NH. My work will be divided into three sections: 1) birth, nursing and “childscapes” from the mother’s point of view; 2) points of view when living in the Monadnock Region of southern NH; 3) travels abroad to China, Japan, Guatemala, France, Italy, Spain, England and elsewhere. I am hoping that poets may be inspired by the works themselves or by the poet’s own understanding of “place” or experiences thereof. I have begun including Asian calligraphy in my later works, and perhaps I can be inspired by a poem by one or more of the poets to create new pieces for the show. You can see larger images of the works at my website: <http://susanwadsworthworksonpaper.com/> However, since all my works are not framed, please write me at the email address below for the list of framed works that could be in the show and thus would be best to be written about. This list is also available on the above website under Plea for Poets. Poems will be juried and each selected poet will receive a small honorarium, and the juried poems will be included with the paintings in a catalog.

Deadlines: April 15 for up to six poems to be submitted to susan.wadsworth@gmail.com. By May 10: jurying of poems is completed. Exhibition opening: Friday Oct. 18, 5:30-7:30 at the Jaffrey Civic Center second floor. There will be a reading of the selected poems for the first part of the opening, so please come. Show ends Nov. 15, 2019.



Reading at Toadstool: Hear MWG member J. Kates read from his new book of translations at the Peterborough Toadstool on April 27 at 11:00.

Writes of Spring 2019 – POETRY at Del Rossi’s with host Rodger Martin

Sunday, March 24, 2:30 p.m., Open Reading and featured poets **Becky Sakellariou** (Undressing the Earth, Kelsay Books, 2018) new book celebration and **Chard deNiord**, Vermont Poet Laureate (I Would Lie To You If I Could, Univ. Pitt Press, 2018). Donations accepted.



Sunday, April 14, 2:30 p.m. Open Reading and featured poets: **Howard Faerstein** (Googootz and Other Poems, Press 53, 2018) and **John Hodgen** (The Lord of Everywhere, Blue Lynx Press, 2019). Donations accepted.

Complimentary coffee, tea and light refreshments offered during social/reading. Dinner menu served from 4-8 p.m. [Del Rossi's Trattoria](http://DelRossi'sTrattoria.com) Route 137N, Dublin, N.H. 603-563-7195



30th Annual Monadnock Pastoral Poets Reading:

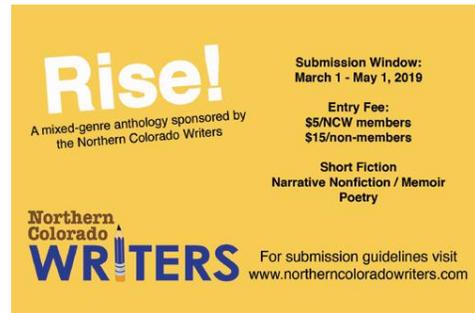
Sunday, April 26, 2:15 p.m., Pam Bernard, Jim Beschta, Pat Fargnoli, Terry Farish. John Hodgen, Rodger Martin, Diane

Mulligan, Susan Roney-O'Brien. Barbara C. Harris Center, Greenfield, N.H., Lakefront House. Followed by closing banquet: \$20. For more information see:

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Northern Colorado Writers 2019 Anthology

Theme: RISE! NCW is excited to announce a new mixed-genre anthology exploring the concepts of change, renewal, and rebirth. When things change, we experience a variety of emotions—from anger and fear to courage and hope. There is struggle and strife, but also the opportunity to rise from the ashes and create, grow, and love. Whether your specialty is poetry, fiction, or nonfiction, take us through the good, the bad, and the ugly of change.



Deadline: Submissions will be accepted until May 1, 2019. For

more information, go to <https://northerncoloradowriters.com/anthology/2019-ncw-anthology> .

Creative Writing Award



Supporting new writing talent across Poetry and Short Fiction, the Creative Writing Award is hosted by the international art and culture publication *Aesthetica Magazine*, and presents a fantastic chance for writers to further their involvement in the literary world.

Both established and emerging writers are encouraged to enter, and works previously published are accepted, with no limitations on themes. Submissions close 31 August.

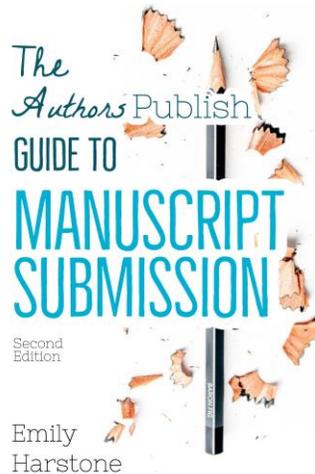
For further details, see <http://www.aestheticamagazine.com/creative-writing-award/> .

Every artist makes himself born. It is very much harder than the other time, and longer.
- Willa Cather in *Song of the Lark*

Peterborough Poetry Project: Poetry Contest starts now. Open to students at Peterborough Elementary School, South Meadow School, and The Well. To enter, see peterboroughpoetryproject.org/contests for simple rules & entry form. First 100 entrants will get a free book or bookmark at the Peterborough Book Fair on May 12th. Winning entries will be announced at the Fair at 1 p.m.

Peterborough Book Fair: Monadnock Writers' Group will have a table at the Peterborough Book Fair - May 12, 2019 at the Peterborough NH Community Center - 25 Elm Street from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Send a note to the Quill if you would like to sell your book at the fair or can staff our table.

Antiquarian booksellers. Used & rare books. Local authors with new books. Preview of new book "Iron Roads of the Monadnock Region, 1843-2017." Special guest appearance by "President Calvin Coolidge" at noon. Door prizes. Co-sponsored by: Peterborough Town Library & 1833 Society & NHABA.



Free Authors Publish Guide to Manuscript

Submission: This book focuses on the entire submission process from query letters to agents and publishers who accept direct submissions. It should answer all of the questions you have about manuscript submission, as well as some of the questions you didn't know you had, including self-publishing, vanity publishers, copyright, and the importance of patience.

To obtain a free copy of the book, go to:

<https://www.authorspublish.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/The-Authors-Publish-Guide-to-Manuscript-Submission-Second-Edition.pdf>

Publishers That Accept Unsolicited Submissions: For a listing and brief review of 25 publishers that accept unsolicited manuscripts without using an agent, go to: <https://www.authorspublish.com/25-publishers-with-excellent-distribution-that-accept-unsolicited-submissions/>

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 stupid believe that to be truthful is easy; only the artist, the great artist, knows how difficult it is.
- Willa Cather in *Song of the Lark*

Eric Masterson speaking at the March meeting of the Monadnock Writers' Group (photo by Ann Day)

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.
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