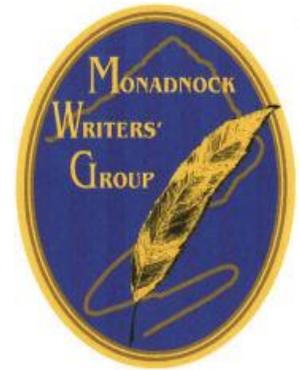


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June 2019: Monadnock Writers' Group Supporting Writers Since 1984

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Calendar of Events

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.

Member Read-Around and MWG Annual Meeting

June 15: Our last meeting of the spring includes a brief and official annual meeting. We will elect members for several openings on the MWG Board. Feel free to nominate someone new, such as yourself, to the Board.

The main activity in the June meeting is members reading excerpts of their own work up to ten minutes each. Although we do not critique each other's work at this time; it is always intriguing to hear something from the projects members are doing. The public is welcome to attend.

Writers' Night Out

June 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. Note, there will be no WNO in July but it is back again in August.

Writing Sessions

May 2 (and each following Thursday through June): 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. After June, no more sessions will be held over the summer, but keep writing anyway.

Next General Meeting

September 21: The first MWG meeting of the new program year will be held in the James Baldwin Library of the MacDowell Colony in Peterborough. Current Fellows at MacDowell will discuss their projects with us.

It is easy to sneer at Conmal's faults. They are the naïve failings of a great pioneer. He lived too much in his library, too little among boys and youths. Writers should see the world, pluck its figs and peaches, and not keep constantly meditating in a tower of yellow ivory.

- Vladimir Nabokov, *Pale Fire*

Free E-Book: The 2019 Guide to Manuscript Publishers reviews 178 traditional book publishers that accept submissions directly from authors. All of the publishers listed accept submissions from authors without an agent or previous publishing experience. None of these publishers are vanity presses, self-publishing companies, or otherwise charge writers any money.

The reviews are organized by category, include detailed information about each publisher, as well as any red-flags that may exist for them. To get your copy, go to <https://www.authorspublish.com/manuscript-guide-2019/>.



Six Free Writing Contests The following no-fee free writing contests offer cash prizes.

1. Drue Heinz Literature Prize. They consider unpublished manuscripts of short stories, two or more novellas (length of a novella is up to 130 pages) or a combination of a novella (novellas) and short stories.

- Prize: \$15000, publication and promotion support.
- Deadline: 30 June 2019.
- Details: www.upress.pitt.edu/drue-heinz-literature-prize-submission-guidelines

2. ServiceScape Short Story Award. They consider stories of any genre or theme written in English up to 5000 words.

- Prize: \$1000.
- Deadline: 30 November 2019.
- Details: www.servicescape.com/short-story-award

3. 2019 Expatriate and Work Abroad Writing Contest. They are looking for non-fiction inspirational and practical articles of 1200-1300 words that describe authors' experience living, moving, and working abroad.

- Prizes: \$500 (first place), \$150 (second place), \$100 (third place), \$50 (for all finalists).
- Deadline: 1 September 2019.
- Details: www.transitionsabroad.com/information/writers/expatriate_writing_contest.shtml#expatriate_guidelines

4. Essay Writing Contest 2018/2019. They are looking for essays of 800-1000 words on the following topics:

1. The cause and effect of telling lies.
 2. Growing up in poverty and the impact it has on a person.
 3. How I would change the world.
 4. The one thing I regret.
 5. Traveling the world: how it may change a person.
- Prizes: first prize – \$1000, second prize – \$800, third prize – \$600. In addition, the winners' essays will be published on the website and promoted through social media.
 - Deadline: 31 May 2019.
 - Details: www.aussiewritings.com/writing-contest

5. International Essay Contest for Young People. They are looking for essays up to 700 words in length on the theme 'Creating a Society Full of Kindness'. The contest is open to anyone up to 25 years old. There are two categories: Children (ages up to 14) and Youth (ages 15-25).

- Prizes: 1st Prize - 100,000 Yen, 2nd 32 lesser prizes
- Deadline: 15 June 2019.
- Details: www.goipeace.or.jp/en/work/essay-contest

6. Biopage Mini-Essay Writing Contest. They are looking for essays up to 5,000 characters on any topic.

- Prizes: \$1,000 for 1st place, \$200 for each of three runner-ups.
- Deadline: 30 June 2019.
- Details: <https://www.biopage.com/contest/biopage-mini-essay-writing-contest-6/show>

Sci Fi or Fantasy: For a synopsis of 19 Publishers that Accept Science Fiction or Fantasy Novels go to <https://www.authorspublish.com/19-science-fiction-manuscript-publishers/> .

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 – Spring Issue: Leaving its two-year hibernation behind, *Smoky Quartz* celebrates its return with a poetry-packed *Spring 2019* issue. Twenty-three poems contributed by eleven poets range from formal to free verse with stops at 7-Eleven, a wood pile and Hades. Flowers are bountiful and migrating birds are back. The issue also features a photo essay and photographic art.

Click [here](#) to start reading.

Smoky Quartz offers heartfelt thanks to the many writers and poets who submitted their work for this issue. Its staff continues to be impressed with the quality of writing here in New Hampshire.

And don't forget, *Smoky Quartz* is now accepting submissions for its Fall 2019 issue. Submission deadline is September 15. The Editorial Board looks forward to reading your best work. For complete submission guidelines go to: www.smokyquartz.org/submissions

MWG Member's Photo and Poetry Exhibit: Ann Day has an exhibit of her photographs and poetry at the Family Dentist Gallery, the brick building next to the Peterborough Post Office. Park and enter in the back. The gallery is just inside the entry. There are 22 photographs several with Ann's original poetry. Open Mon - Fri 8 to 4:30 every day through July. Call Ann at 924-1289 for information.

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.

<p>But it's no good ma... It's a different "you" I hear now, the one who, were I to listen, would give me a look of disappointment bordering on disgust. "And you call yourself a writer?" you'd say.</p> <p>"What's the matter, you want people to like you?"</p> <p>- Mark Slouka in <i>Nobody's Son</i></p>
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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.

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.

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