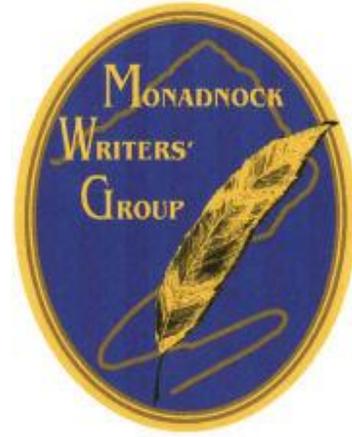


The Quill



September 2019:
Monadnock Writers' Group
Supporting Writers Since 1984

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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.

September 21

MacDowell Colony



Please join us for our September meeting, held at the MacDowell Colony in Peterborough on September 21, where we will meet in the James Baldwin Library. Two colonists in residence at MacDowell will speak about their writing process and their current writing projects. Learn about the positive impact an artists' colony residency can have on a writer's work.

September 22

Cathedral of the Pines



Summer Poetry Contest Winners Unveiled!

See the details below on the event at Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge where the winning poems from our summer contest will be announced.

October 19

Lori Haskins Houran



Lori Houran began her career in New York working in children's publishing. Eventually she became a Senior Editor at Random House Books for Young Readers, then an Editorial Director at Golden Books, overseeing hundreds of books in the process. Her first book as author was *Breakout: Escape from Alcatraz*, published in 1996. Since then she has published about forty more.

November 16

Randy Pierce



Randy Pierce founded 2020 Vision Quest, which leads and inspires students and professionals to reach beyond adversity and achieve their peak potential. 2020 Vision Quest benefits the visually impaired community: Future in Sight and the internationally renowned Guide Dogs for the Blind. In 2018 Randy published *See You at the Summit: My Blind Journey from the Depths of Loss to the Heights of Achievement*.

Visit Randy at <http://2020visionquest.org>

December 21

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.

No Writers' Night Out in September (Labor Day)

Summer Poetry Contest: The winners of the Summer Poetry Contest sponsored by MWG and Cathedral of the Pines will be announced on September 22 at 2:00 in the CoP hall in Rindge. (The winners and other finalists have already been informed they were selected.) In addition to readings of the seven finalists, Tim Mayo will share some of his work. We will then walk out on the trail to read the winning poems that have been placed along with the winning entries from 2018. The trail is short, requiring about ten minutes to reach the end at Grassy Pond.

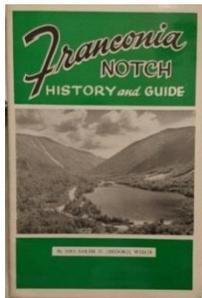
Writing in Greenfield: Do you find it helpful to schedule some time each week for writing? Would you like to try it? Please let me, i.e., Carl, the editor of the Quill, know if you would like to write with others in the large, quiet space of the Stephenson Library (Greenfield). I propose doing this, like last year, at 2:00 – 4:00 on Thursdays. Let me know if you are interested in writing here but need a different time.

New England Memories – New Format: Now in its fourth year, *New England Memories* has a new publication process and features. Editor, Linda Thomas, is now publishing accepted work on a rolling basis. That is, rather than publishing a collection of work by 5 to 7 individuals in a seasonal issue, she is posting work as it is received, reviewed, and accepted. The [Home](#) page now features the titles of the most recent contributions—with links to their pages. From the navigation menu, you can browse published work by category (creative nonfiction, poetry, photography, and artwork), as well as by contributor.

The original 8 issues of *New England Memories* are still available from the [Read Past Issues](#) page. www.newenglandmemories.com. As always, *New England Memories* is open to submissions year round. Please see the submission guidelines at www.newenglandmemories.com/submissions.

Smoky Quartz – Fall Issue Submissions: Please submit poetry, short fiction, creative nonfiction, art and photography by **September 15th** for the Fall 2019 issue of *Smoky Quartz*. Work received after September 15th will be considered for an upcoming issue. We welcome submissions from new, emerging, and established writers and artists with ties to New Hampshire. Please send us your best work! Note: we now accept prose pieces up to 3000 words. Visit our website for complete guidelines and to submit your work: www.smokyquartz.org/submissions

See the poetry-packed *Spring 2019* issue at www.smokyquartz.org/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.



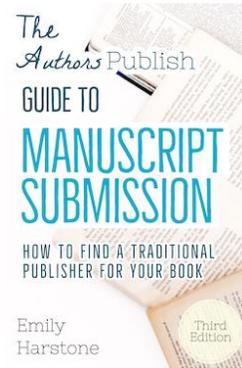
"Poems of New Hampshire" Poetry Contest: Here is a new poetry contest from Peterborough Poetry Project - a project started by MWG member Bill Chatfield. Write and submit up to 3 original, unpublished poems (3-28 lines) about New Hampshire (past, present, future, fantasy...or combination) and send by email to peterboroughpoetry@gmail.com or mail to Peterborough Poetry Project (NH Poems), PO Box 247, Peterborough NH 03458. Entry is free and open to all. See peterboroughpoetryproject.org/contests for more info about prizes and publication. Contest ends September 30th. Cash prizes!

Creativity needs a season of despair. At the calendar's gloaming, while the landscape is inert, and all is dark, sluggish, bleak and cold, writers and cooks and artists and tinkerers of all sort are at their most productive."

- Timothy Egan

Free - Authors Publish Guide to Manuscript Submission:

This e-book focuses on the entire submission process from query letters to agents and publishers who accept direct submissions. It covers issues that trip up a lot of new authors including self-publishing, vanity publishers, copyright, and the importance of patience. This book is intended, in part, to be a companion to free [The 2019 Guide to Manuscript Publishers](#), as described in the June 2019 Quill



Seven Common Mistakes New Authors Make When It Comes To Publishing:

This essay from author Chantelle Atkins of Dorset, England offers some marketing techniques she uses via her phone every day. They only take a few minutes here and there and are completely free. Go to <https://www.authorspublish.com/im-not-playing-on-my-phone-im-selling-books/>

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.

A study by two cognitive psychologists of poetry from Emily Dickenson found a considerably higher percentage of her best poems (rated by eventual inclusion in anthologies and top literary digests) were written in autumn and winter although she wrote more poems in spring and summer. Dickenson was known to suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder. Her dark days "provided her with material she could use in poetry."

- Christopher Ramey and Robert Weisberg

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!

2019-2020 Board of Directors:

President: Sara Miller; Vice President: Rodger Martin; Secretary: Carl Mabbs-Zeno; Treasurer: Denny Caldwell;
Members-at-Large: Louise Werden, Maura MacNeil, Ann Day, Jesseca Timmons.