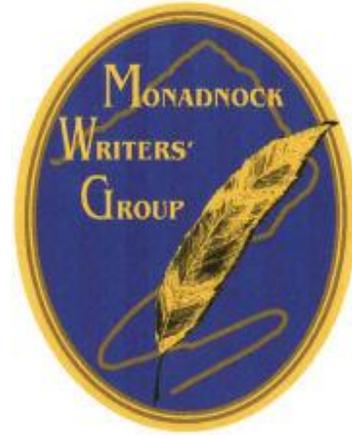


The Quill



November 2019:
Monadnock Writers' Group
Supporting Writers Since 1984

The Monadnock Writers' Group is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

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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.



November 4 Writers Night Out

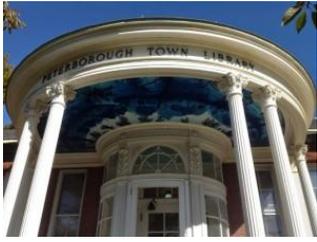
Writers' Night Out is the first Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. to about 9:00 p.m., except July, September, and January (when the first Monday often conflicts with holidays). This is largely a social gathering of writers at

Brady's American Grill in Peterborough, located a mile north of Peterborough center on U.S. 202 (Concord Street) in Brady's Plaza.



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.



National Novel Writing Month: On November 1 each year, hundreds of thousands of people accept the challenge of writing 50,000 words toward a novel over the next 30 days. NoWriMo is a nonprofit organization that provides tools, structure, community, and encouragement to help people find their voices, achieve creative goals, and build new worlds — on and off the page. It has free services, such as a six-step course to prepare for writing a novel, graphics for monitoring progress, “pep talks” from established writers, links to a writing buddy, youth-oriented programs and more. Sign up at no cost and explore their ideas at <https://nanowrimo.org/what-is-nanowrimo>.



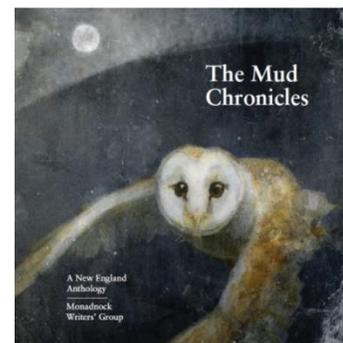
Smoky Quartz: Published by the Monadnock Writers' Group, *Smoky Quartz* is an online journal of literature and art, named after New Hampshire's state gem. Writers and artists with ties to New Hampshire are featured in each issue. We publish poetry, short fiction, and creative nonfiction, and a diverse selection of art and photography. We welcome submissions from new, emerging, and established writers and artists with ties to New Hampshire. Please send us your best work! We now accept prose pieces up to 3000 words. Visit our website for complete guidelines and to submit your work at 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.

“**Smoky Quartz on the Road**” Smoky Quartz will have programs in various libraries to share readings by contributors and encourage new people to start submitting to the journal. The first of these will be in the Rindge Library on Nov. 21st at 6:30 pm. Also scheduled is a program on April 2, 2020 in Jaffrey.

Mud Chronicles: Copies of *The Mud Chronicles* 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

We are planning a reading from *The Mud Chronicles* in November or early December to build up interest in time for the holiday season. Send a note to The Quill if you are interested in reading your item.



Only those with a gift should be writing for public consumption.
--Flannery O'Connor, quoted in *The Friend* by Sigrid Nunez



New England Memories: 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.

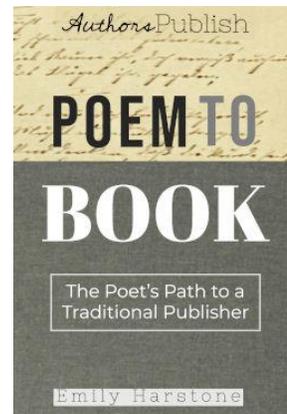
The original 8 issues of *New England Memories* are still available from the [Read Past Issues](#) page. www.newenglandmemories.com. As always, *New England Memories* is open to submissions year round. Please see the submission guidelines at www.newenglandmemories.com/submissions.

31 Magazines Accepting Poetry Submissions: These magazines, journals, and websites are currently accepting poetry submissions. Some are reading submissions for specific themes. None of them charge a submission fee, or they have fee-free options. Most of these journals accept work in other genres also, like fiction and nonfiction, and many of these pay writers – payment details are added here, where relevant. The listing is at <https://www.authorspublish.com/31-magazines-accepting-poetry-submissions-in-october-2019/>.

Three Unusual Ways to Market Your Books: If you've exhausted all the usual ways to promote your books—having a nice-looking website, presenting an energetic social media presence, taking part in blog tours, seeking reviews, giving talks to civic and writers' groups, doing traditional bookstore signings, consider the techniques described here - <https://www.authorspublish.com/three-unusual-ways-to-market-your-books/>

FreeE-Book - The Poet's Path to a Traditional Publisher:

Learn how to build the momentum that leads to a book contract. Detailed listings of publishers for every step of your journey. Available at <https://www.authorspublish.com/poem-to-book/>.



There can be no substitute for the love of language, for the beauty of an English sentence; no substitute for struggling, if a struggle is needed.

--Attributed to Harper Lee by Casey Cep in *Furious Hours*

Free On-line Writers' Weekly: 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.

THE LOOM - Poetry in Harrisville: November 10, 2019 at 4:30pm in St. Denis (former) Catholic Church: 23 Church Street, Harrisville. Admission is free.

Ellen Doré Watson previous director of the Poetry Center at Smith College and named one of “24 Poets for the 21st Century” by the Library Journal has written five books of poetry and many translations from Portuguese. Robert Pinsky described her work as “interrogative, tender, wildly inventive.” Gerald Stern echoed, writing “The poems are wild, delirious...yet the (smart) organizing principle is this mind, ever alert, choosing and sorting.” Her most recent book is *pray me stay eager* (Alice James Books, 2018)

George Kalogeris’ most recent book, *Guide to Greece*, (LSU 2019) was described as “At once boisterous, ironic and tender” by Michael Putnam, emeritus professor of classics, Brown university. “The poems fall on the ear and rest in the heart...with consummate ease.”

The Loom poetry series, celebrating some of the best of contemporary poetry, is located in the historic mill town, Harrisville, New Hampshire. To contribute: <https://fundraising.fracturedatlas.org/the-loom-poetry-in-harrisville> For more information, contact rebeccagibson55@gmail.com .

Write a Hundred Word Story: The Firelight Theatre Workshop will support Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (November 16-24) by reading stories of 100 or fewer words inspired by the prompt “Hunger and Homelessness: Stories of Hope.” Actors will read the stories at an art opening in Peterborough Town Library on November 15. Art from ConVal students will be shown under the title “What Does It Mean to Feel at Home?” Submit your story by November 8 to: hungerhomelessnesshope@gmail.com .

Help Introduce Kids to Writing: The Youth Services Librarian at Ingalls Memorial Library in Rindge leads a local homeschool group (grades 2-4) that meets once per month, usually for one hour. She tries to have a variety of presenters and activities for the kids, from astronomy lessons to outdoor crafts. If you would be willing to lead a workshop for the group to get the kids interested in writing, contact Mary Beth McQuaid at the library and let me know at The Quill of your interest.

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".

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!

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](https://twitter.com/nhwritersproj).

<p>Good writers treated work something like the medieval priesthood and sequesters themselves to do it well. --Attributed to Harper Lee by Casey Cep in <i>Furious Hours</i></p>
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More from the Monadnock Writers' Group

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 info@monadnockwriters.org at least four days before the end of the month. As a member, you may include your author events and announcements.

Monadnock Writers' Group Dues: With the start of the new program year in September, membership dues may be given to our treasurer by mail or at our general meeting. Details are at the end of this newsletter.

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.

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.