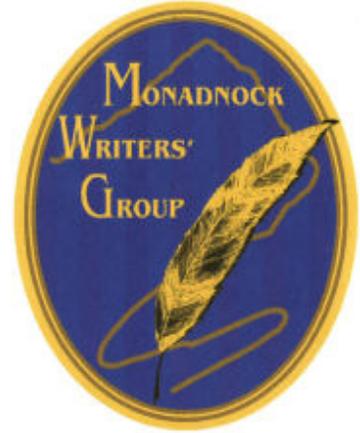


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The Monthly Newsletter of the
Monadnock Writers' Group
October 2021

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General Monthly Meetings of MWG

The Monadnock Writers' Group will meet on the third Saturday of each month From November through June 2022. In October we meet at MacDowell and detailed below. All other general meetings will be held in the renovated Peterborough Town Library. Beginning in November, our meetings will be available on Zoom and recorded for those who prefer a later time. Details will be in *The Quill*.

Our meetings begin at 9:45 and continue to about 11:45. They include a fifteen-minute meet and greet, regional announcements of events for writers, a ten-minute reading from a member, and a main speaker sharing professional writing experience and answering our questions. 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. All are welcome!

Upcoming General Meeting Dates: 10/16, 11/20, 12/18.

The MWG Needs You!

If you would like you get more involved and meet some fellow writers, consider volunteering for our board! We're a friendly group, we only meet four times a year, and we don't do any fundraising. (:

2021 Fall Meetings



October 16: Annual Meeting at MacDowell. The MWG is delighted to be returning to MacDowell for our annual October meeting at the James Baldwin Library. It is always a highlight of our year to meet some of the writers in residence at MacDowell! A writer or artist in residence will address the group. Masks are required. Please see the MacDowell website for directions. ***Please note: MacDowell requires proof of vaccine for all attendees.*** www.macdowell.org

November 20: Mystery Novelist Bonnar Spring. Bonnar Spring's second novel, *Disappeared*, is due out from Oceanview Publishing in September 2021. Ms. Spring writes eclectic and stylish mystery-suspense novels with an international flavor. An inveterate traveler, she hitchhiked across Europe at sixteen and joined the Peace Corps after college. Ms. Spring will speak about the process of writing mysteries and suspense and her experiences in the publication process. <https://bonnarspring.com> We will meet at the Peterborough Town Library. The public is welcome to attend. Masks are required.

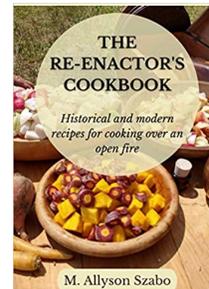


December 18: Biannual Members Read-Around. At the December meeting, members of the Monadnock Writers' Group will read excerpts of their own work up to ten minutes each. Every year this is an inspirational opportunity to enjoy the creative talents of our members. We will meet at the Peterborough Town Library. The public is welcome to attend. Masks are required.



Books by Our Members

The Re-enactor's Cookbook: Historical and Modern Recipes for Cooking Over and Open Fire by M. Allyson Szabo. What better way to display, teach, and enjoy the presentation of the Middle Ages than with food? Food has always brought people together, and it's a way to cross cultural divides in a pleasant way. Within, you'll find recipes galore, laid out in an easy-to-read format. You can also read the history behind the recipes, ingredients, and spices mentioned in each section of the book. Includes vegan, vegetarian, and gluten free recipes. www.amazon.com/gp/product/BO8T43TXJ8



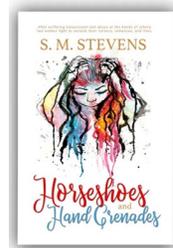
***Working at the Word Factory: The Curious Life of a Small-Town Newspaper Journalist* by Eric Poor.**



Reporter Eric Poor found himself flying in an antique WWII bomber one day and serving on a panel with a MAD magazine editor the next. He might be climbing a mountain in the snow to interview a man celebrating his 80th birthday and the next day be hitching a flight to Belize. His job as a journalist and photographer brought him countless adventures. If you are considering a life in journalism, or are just curious about what a journalist's life is like, this book is for you. The author lays out both the challenges and the rewards, and leaves behind a number of valuable tips—for living and for writing—along the way.

<https://www.hobblebush.com/nonfiction>.

***Horseshoes and Hand Grenades* by S. M. Stevens.** In this "entertaining story of female friendship and empowerment", practical Shelby Stewart and ambitious Astrid Ericson just want to start their careers in Boston's PR world and maybe find a nice guy to hang out with. But long-buried memories of a childhood incident keep interrupting Shelby's plans, affecting her health one way after another. And when will she actually date someone her friends think is good enough for her? Astrid thinks she wrote the book on How to Get Ahead by Flirting but is forced to re-visit her career advancement strategy when her boss Brad takes the innuendos to a whole new level, threatening her job and her safety. www.authorsmstevens.com



***When Willows Weep* by Sherman Morrison** How would you react if you discovered you had special abilities and were thrust into an epic battle between good and evil? When spring arrives during twelve-year-old Willow's sixth-grade year at Elm City Waldorf School in Keene, New Hampshire, she discovers she has the divine gift of Sight — a special ability to 'see' things most don't, such as people's inner Light, and the fae folk. When Willows Weep is a contemporary fantasy exploring the intersections of compassion and combat, faith and fantasy, rejection and redemption, free will and fate, and ecology and education. It speaks to a middle-grade and young adult audience.



<https://shermanmorrison.com/>

***The House of the Present* by Linda Tiernan Kepler.** The sequel to *The House of the Past*, this is the second paranormal adventure of Anna Blunt and her friends, the Salem Scholars. In this second YA adventure, Sue is in danger, Aff is missing, and Anna is being lured to a dangerous place by a devil she knows. www.lindakepner.com



Some Resources for Writers

The Brattleboro Literary Festival, October 14-17, 2021. The 20th Anniversary Brattleboro Literary Festival will be virtual this year and offers a fantastic array of authors and events. <https://brattleborolitfest.org>

The 603: The New Hampshire Writers Project 2021. This year's keynote speaker is Geoffrey C. Ward, principal writer of the TV miniseries *The Civil War* and longtime collaborator with award-winning documentarian and NH resident Ken Burns. This is a one-day virtual event, October 23, 2021. nhwritersproject.org/2021-603

Fall In Love New England 2021: Where Romance Readers and Authors Connect. October 15-16, 2021 at the Boxboro Regency hotel and Conference Center, Boxboro, MA. Learn, share and discover new authors. The 5th annual conference brings writers and fans of romance books together. www.fallinlovenewengland.com.

Highlights Foundation Free Webinars. These free online webinars are for children's writers, illustrators, and storytellers at any level. All are welcome. www.highlightsfoundation.org/hfgather/

Resources for BIPOC Writers. The Community of Literary Magazines and Presses has a comprehensive list of opportunities specifically for BIPOC writers. www.clmp.org/prizes-opportunities-for-bipoc-writers-editors-publishers/

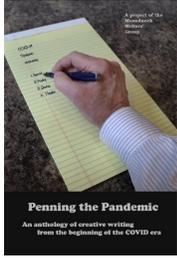
Lambda Literary: Calls for Submission for Queer Writers. Current, vetted calls for submission in all genres including poetry, fiction, nonfiction and hybrid. lambdaliterary.org/category/subs/

MWG Publications

Smoky Quartz is MWG's 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. Please click here to see our latest edition: <https://smokyquartz.org>

The Mud Chronicles: Experience of our "fifth season" highlights this anthology, showing how much landscape and seasonal cues matter to our contributors. Plus, beings of metaphor that we are, the fifth season reminds us of emotional transitions, of times that don't fit smoothly in the unfolding of a life, that mark a shift in who we were and who we will become. Copies at a discounted price are available for pick up in Peterborough. For details contact: monadnockwriters@gmail.com.





Penning the Pandemic: The creative writing in this volume shares the shock, the anguish, the courage, and the resilience of humanity in extraordinary times. After science and politics have had their say, art is left to record what the survivors felt and what they learned at heart. It is available at the Toadstool in Peterborough and for order from any other online or brick-and-mortar retail bookseller. Copies at a discounted price are available for pick up in Peterborough. For details contact: monadnockwriters@gmail.com.

More Resources for Writers

Go to the MWG website <http://www.monadnockwriters.org/> or to our 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 contact us at monadnockwriters@gmail.com at least four days before the end of the month. As a member, you may include your author events and announcements.

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, Jesseca Timmons, at monadnockwriters@gmail.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!

MWG Writers' Night Out

Our monthly **Writer's Night Out** is still on hold due to the current COVID surge. We look forward to resuming if and when members are interested! We usually meet at Brady's Bar and Grill, 225 Concord St, Peterborough, the first Monday night of the month at 7 pm. Stay tuned for November!

MWG 2021-2022 Board of Directors:

President: Sara Miller

Vice President: Jesseca Timmons

Treasurer: Carl Mabbs-Zeno

Secretary: Rodger Martin

Members-at-Large: Deni Dickler, Maura MacNeil, Louise Werden,

Emeritus: Ann Day

