



SPOKENWORD WORCESTER - Spring 2017

A CALENDAR OF POETRY READINGS & OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST
prepared & distributed by the WORCESTER COUNTY POETRY ASSOCIATION

Events listed are free & open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Regularly Scheduled Readings and Events

Every Monday night - 9:00 pm
The Dirty Gerund Poetry Show
Ralph's Diner, 148 Grove Street, Worcester

1st Wednesday of each month - 7:00pm
WCPA Board Meeting
WCPA Office, 1 Ekman Street, Worcester

3rd Thursday of each month - 6:00pm
Louise Bogan Chapter of the Mass. State Poetry
Society Monthly Meeting
Lunenburg Library, 1023 Mass. Ave., Lunenburg

3rd Saturday of each month – 7:30pm
BlackSpearience
Raven Worcester, 258 Pleasant St., Worcester.

4th Monday of each month - 7:00pm
Free Peoples Art Workshop
Annie's Book Stop, 65 James Street, Worcester

4th Monday of each month - 7:00pm
The Poetry Room
The Parlor, First Church, 725 Main Street, Lancaster

4th Wednesday of each month - 7:00pm
BeSpoken Poetry
starlite Art Gallery, 39 Hamilton St., Southbridge

4th Friday of each month - 7:00pm
Worcester Storytellers
Annie's Book Stop, 65 James Street, Worcester

4th Saturday of each month - 7:00pm
Fourth Saturday Open Mic
Barnes & Noble, 541D Lincoln Street, Worcester

Last Tuesday of each month - 7:00pm
Thirsty Lab Poetry Reading
The Thirsty Lab, 206 Worcester Road, Princeton

Special Event

Sunday, April 7 @ 6:00pm - **Ginsberg: Green**
The Sprinkler Factory, 38 Harlow Street, Worcester
\$10 suggested donation – poetry, music, tributes & more
Proceeds to benefit the WCPA and the Sprinkler Factory

Please join us for **10th Annual College Poetry Contest Reading**. The contest was established to encourage and recognize the next generation of poets. The finalists, who are nominated by faculty and administrators at colleges in Worcester County.

Sunday, April 2 – 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Worcester Public Library, Saxe Room,
3 Salem Street, Worcester

Judges: Jenith Charpentier
and Michael Fisher
Contest Chair: Jim Cocola

WCPA Featured Readings

Worcester Storytellers
4th Friday of each month
Annie's Book Stop, 65 James Street, Worcester

March 24 – Diane Mulligan
April – Karen Sharpe

Fourth Saturday at Barnes & Noble
4th Saturday of each month
Barnes & Noble, 541 Lincoln Street, Worcester

March 25 – Bruno Lieto
April – *to be announced*



Join the Worcester County Poetry Association group on Facebook for the latest information on upcoming poetic events and opportunities in central Massachusetts.

Visit <http://worcestercountypoetry.org> for our updated poetry listings. Please let us know about your poetry events by emailing wcpaboard@yahoo.com.



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Additional Poetry Events

Thursday, March 23 @ 7:00pm

[PFLAG Fundraiser](#) @ Nick's with Happy Little Clouds
featuring poets Jenith Charpentier and James Grace
Nick's Bar and Restaurant, 124 Millbury St., Worcester

Sunday, April 2 @ 1:00pm

WSU Kick-off for National Poetry Month
Featuring Jackie Morrill, Paul Szosek and
Heather Macpherson - Open to the Public
Worcester State University, Student Center, Fallon Room
486 Chandler St, Worcester

Sunday, April 2 @ 2:00pm

Poetry & Song Performance by Louise Ina-Hetzler
Westboro Public Library, 55 West Main Street, Westboro

Sunday, April 2 @ 3:00pm

Illustrated Haiku Workshop with Louise Ina-Hetzler
Westboro Public Library, 55 West Main Street, Westboro

Wednesday, April 5 @ 10:30am

Objects Can Tell Stories - Poetry Writing Workshop
Facilitated by Jennifer Freed
Northboro Public Library, 34 Main Street, Northboro

Friday, April 7 @ 6:00pm

Ginsberg Green: a program in three parts
Writers Fair, Networking, Lecture, Music
partial proceeds with benefit the WCPA
Sprinkler Factory, 38 Harlow Street, Worcester

Saturday, April 8 @ 7:30pm

[2nd Annual Women of Worcester Concert](#)
With 11 local musicians and 3 spoken word artists
Including Ashley Wonder, Jenith Charpentier and
Rushelle Frazier - Tickets \$20
Fiddler's Green, 19 Temple Street, Worcester

Tuesday, April 11 @ 7:30pm

7 Hills Slam presents Krysten Hill and a themed slam
Raven Worcester, 258 Pleasant Street, Worcester
No cover; \$5 suggested donation

Wednesday, April 12 @ 2:00pm

Annual Judith O'Connell Hoyer '65 Poetry Reading
featuring [Kevin Prufer](#), [BK Fischer](#), and [Katie Kinkel](#)
Worcester State University, Blue Lounge,
486 Chandler St, Worcester - Open to the Public

Wednesday, April 12 @ 7:30pm

Pulitzer Prize winner Megan Marshall
reads from *Elizabeth Bishop: A Miracle for Breakfast*
Tilton Hall, Clark University, 950 Main St, Worcester
The talk is free; a reception preceding the talk is \$10 per
person and should be purchased in advance from Marcia
Stech: mstech@clarku.edu.

Wednesday, April 19 @ 10:30am

Writing Workshop with Jennifer Freed, "That's So Poetic!"
Gale Free Library, 23 Highland Street, Holden

Sunday, April 23 @ 3:00pm

Poetry at Del Rossi's
with Veranda Proche and Wendy Mnookin
Del Rossi's Trattoria, Route 137N, Dublin, NH

Tuesday, April 25 @ 7:00pm

Christian Reifsteck @ The Thirsty Lab Poetry Series
The Thirsty Lab, Route 31, Princeton

Wednesday, April 26 @ 6:30pm - MegaSlam2017

Worcester's most ginormous poetry slam returns, with
representatives from nearly every poetry reading, slam,
journal or salon operating in the city. Hosted by poet &
journalist Victor D. Infante.
Worcester Public Library, 3 Salem Square, Worcester

Friday, April 28 thru Sunday, April 30

Monadnock Pastoral Poets & Writers Retreat
Barbara Harris Center, 400 Sawmill Rd, Greenfield, NH
See <http://monadnockpastoralpoets.org> for details

Sunday, April 30 @ 2:15pm

28th Annual Monadnock Pastoral Poets Reading
with Pam Bernard, Jim Beschta, Pat Fagnoli, Terry
Farish Rodger Martin, Diane Mulligan, Susan Roney-
O'Brien, and Henry Walters
Barbara C. Harris Center, Lakefront House,
400 Sawmill Rd, Greenfield, NH
Followed by closing banquet: \$20

Tuesday, May 9 @ 7:30pm

7 Hills Slam presents Eirean Bradley and a themed slam
Raven Worcester, 258 Pleasant Street, Worcester
No cover; \$5 suggested donation

Monday, May 22 @ 10:30am

Writing Workshop with Jennifer Freed,
"What Are You Wearing?"
Gale Free Library, 23 Highland Street, Holden