

Poet Michael True awarded Stanley Kunitz Medal



Michael True is the first recipient of the Worcester County Poetry Association's Stanley Kunitz Medal. Photo Courtesy John Gaumond

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Poet Michael True was the first recipient of the Worcester County Poetry Association's Stanley Kunitz Medal, accepting the award on Sunday in the garden of the late poet laureate's childhood home at 4 Woodford St., Worcester.

True was one of the founders of the Worcester County Poetry Association in 1971 and the founding editor of the literary journal *The Worcester Review*. He is also professor emeritus of English from Assumption College. His books include the poetry collection "Plain Songs and Other Poems," "Worcester Poets, With Notes Toward a Literary History," which included an introduction by Kunitz, and "Worcester Writers, 1680-1980," published in 1986.

The day's events were hosted by Carol Stockmal, the house's current owner.