

POEMS IN AND OUT OF PLACES: FREE WORKSHOP

Writing about Worcester's Changing Neighborhoods

with Tony Brown

Sunday, Oct. 16, from 2 to 5 pm
The White Room, 138 Green Street



Join us on Oct. 16 to explore writing poetry about the dramatic changes in Worcester. The workshop will include resources, practical tips, a performance of Rain Poems, field research in the lively Canal District, and a chance to get feedback on your new poem. Perhaps you'll decide to enter it in the [Poems in and out of Places](#) contest!

We'll meet at [The White Room](#), a new arts and event space in the Crompton Building. You may wish to dine, shop, or stroll through the Canal District before or after the workshop.

The workshop is free, but spaces are limited. Please reserve your spot by submitting a request to poemsinandoutofplaces@worcestercountypoetry.org by Oct. 12, 2022.

Tony Brown is widely known throughout Worcester's poetry community and beyond. During nearly five decades of shepherding poetry from "page to stage," he has established himself as a poet, essayist, teacher, pacesetter among slam team poets, editor, and venue host. Brown is cofounder of The Duende Project, a spoken word and music quartet that performs locally and along the East Coast, in addition to releasing six collections of their work. Brown's daily blog, "Dark Matters," attracts over 3000 readers, and his poems have garnered seven Pushcart Prize nominations. In July 2022, he received the Stanley Kunitz Medal from the Worcester County Poetry Association.



This is the second workshop hosted by **Mapping Worcester in Poetry** to inspire new poems about public spaces in our city. It's all part of **Poems in and out of Places**, a one-time contest for Worcester County residents with a deadline of **June 1, 2023**. Selected poems—as many as two dozen—will receive an honorarium of \$75. The poets will be photographed in the spaces that inspired them, their words recorded on YouTube, and their poems published and displayed either on site or in an exhibit at the Worcester Historical Museum. Find out more at <https://worcestercountypoetry.org>.

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