

National Baseball Poetry Festival

Two Free Generative Workshops

Friday, May 8, 2026

The PopUp at JMAC 20 Franklin St. Worcester, MA 01608

Holy Relics of the Game—Artifact, Myth and Legend

Facilitated by Lifetime Beat Poet Laureate Tommy Twilite

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Participants are invited to consider some baseball relics as inspiration to conjure up a poem. Twilite will bring some very interesting pieces, and participants may bring something of their own: a special old glove or cap, maybe a scorecard, ticket stub, etc. to use as inspiration for discussion and writing.

The Assist: Tricks to Shake off Writer's Block

Facilitated by award-winning poet and *Poets at Large* Coordinator Karen Warinsky

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Participants will do a table read of an article about American rock band The National's frontman Matt Beringer, his love of baseball, and the event that led him to a very unusual method to solve writer's block. Then attendees will try his method!

Sessions are limited to 15 participants each. Register for these workshops by emailing tommytwilite@gmail.com or karen.warinsky@gmail.com. You may register for both workshops, but please indicate your first and second choice. Deadline to sign up is May 3rd. We will try to accommodate all who are interested in attending.

About the Facilitators:

Lifetime Beat Poet Laureate Tommy Twilite is the author of *Kills No Bird* and *Fifty Words for Rain*. He hosts the Twilite Poetry Pub on WXOJ Valley Free Radio out of Northampton, MA, is the former editor of *Silkworm* and a retired fire fighter.

Best of the Net Nominee and Coordinator of *Poets at Large*, Karen Warinsky lives in CT. She is the author of four collections including *Dining with War* and *Beauty & Ashes* and has published widely in anthologies and lit mags. A former finalist of The Montreal International Poetry Contest, she is retired from careers in media and teaching.