



Poetry in the Woods: 2024 Workshop

A weekend in the woods with Travis Mossotti and faculty members James Kimbrell, Elizabeth Hoover, Shane Seely, Andrea Scarpino, Jason Vasser-Elong & Kerry James Evans

Friday, October, 4 2024: Forest Park Icebreaker Event

All events on Friday are optional.

Forest Park Poetry Hike (4 Miles) (Cyparissus): It's recommended that participants eat a late lunch and/or pack snacks for the walk/hike (PITW will have water and snacks available). All hikers should ensure fitness for a **4-mile hike**—the journey is relatively flat. All hikers should dress for the weather (hike will be held rain or shine) and should bring the following: backpack, walking/hiking shoes, personal water, personal snack, writing journal/pen/pencil, any books of poetry, and poetry to read for the Pop-up Sunset Poetry Reading on Art Hill. Approximate Hike Directions found here: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/j4nvwj71dpzVt9Nn9>

Alternative Short Forest Park Poetry Hike (.9 Miles): Meet/Park at the Lower Munny Parking Lot, 1 Theatre Dr, St. Louis, MO 63112 @ 4:15PM and walk .3 Miles to the General Franz Sigel Statue, St. Louis, MO 63112 (plug in these addresses into Google Maps for directions). Hiking Groups will converge at Franz Sigel Statue @ ~4:30PM and will continue to Columbus Bridge. Directions here: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/wqMDzgwTvyqhG2DA9>

Timeline of Events:

Meet at St. Louis Art Museum East Lot

Forest Park, One Fine Arts Dr, St. Louis, MO 63110

3:45PM

Hike/Walk 1.6 Miles to General Franz Sigel Statue:

4:00PM-4:45PM

**Return Hike/Walk 2.6 Miles across Victorian Bridge,
World's Fair Pavilion, etc.**

5:00PM – 6:15PM

Pop-up Sunset Poetry Reading on Art Hill (Faculty & Participants): 6:15PM – 7:15PM

Using the hill as a public Amphitheater, PITW will turn Art Hill into a pop-up poetry reading. Participation is optional but encouraged. Participants are limited to one poem (5min max). Participants may read their own work or another poet of their choosing.

St. Louis Art Museum

7:15PM – 7:45PM

Folks may choose to visit the museum, head home, or head out to dinner. There is no agenda for this portion. Only inspiration.

Dinner at Olympia Kebob House and Taverna

1543 McCausland Ave, St. Louis, MO 63117

8:00PM – 9:00PM



Saturday, October, 5 2024:

Castlewood State Park & Wildlife Rescue Center

Workshop is Mandatory. All other events on Saturday are optional.

Castlewood State Park Poetry Hike (3.5 Miles) (Theseus & the Minotaur): It's recommended that participants eat breakfast and/or pack snacks for the walk/hike (PITW will have water and snacks available). All hikers should ensure fitness for a 3.5-mile hike—the journey has *moderate elevation increase/decrease*. All hikers should dress for the weather (hike will be held rain or shine) and should bring the following: backpack, walking/hiking shoes, personal water, personal snack, writing journal/pen/pencil, any books of poetry, and poetry to read along the way.

Alternative Short Castlewood State Park Poetry Hike (1.5 Miles): The short walk will be a flat route and will start from the same location/time and meet up with the larger group along the Scenic River Trail in an open field next to the river.

Timeline of Events:

Meet at Castlewood State Park (Lone Wolf Trail Head)	
1401 Kiefer Creek Rd, Ballwin, MO 63021	8:45AM
Hike/Walk 3.2 Miles Scenic River Loop:	9:00AM–11:00AM
Lunch Break (BYOL—food options available near Castlewood)	11:00AM – 12:00PM
Arrive at Wildlife Rescue Center	
1128 New Ballwin Rd, Ballwin, MO 63021:	12:00PM
Pre Workshop Hangout:	12:00PM – 12:30PM
(Mandatory) Workshop Day 1:	12:30PM – 2:30PM
Program Coordinator Travis Mossotti will give a brief Introduction. Workshop Group # will be located on your name badge. Each workshop group will have a minimum of <i>two faculty members</i> and a <i>maximum of six participants</i> . Each faculty member has been assigned three participants in advance and they will bring printed copies of participant poems and notes for feedback and discussion. Bring a collapsible camp chair in case Workshop is held outdoors.	
Composition Break	2:30PM – 3:30PM
Folks may choose to use the hour to grab snacks, use facilities, compose poetry, explore the area, or talk poetry shop.	
Faculty Led Poetry Discussion	3:30PM – 4:30PM
Tour of Wildlife Rescue Center	4:30PM – 5:00PM
Pop-up Poetry Reading and Pizza at Wolf Taproom	
15480 Clayton Rd, Ballwin, MO 63011	5:30PM – 7:30PM



Sunday, October, 6 2024:

Tyson Research Center & Endangered Wolf Center

Workshop is Mandatory. All other events on Saturday are optional.

(Optional) Campfire Poetry Reading & Wolf Howl (The Offering): The final event of Poetry in the Woods will be a Campfire Poetry Reading & Wolf Howl. Event will start with a presentation by the EWC and will be followed up with an open form, no mic, open air poetry reading (no order or introductions, just an opportunity to share poems). Poetry reading will be followed by a Wolf Howl led by the EWC staff. After howl, gift shop will be open.

Timeline of Events:

Meet at Tyson Research Center Living Learning Classroom

6750 Tyson Valley Rd, Eureka, MO 63025

12:00PM

Pre Workshop Hangout:

12:00PM – 12:30PM

(Mandatory) Workshop Day 2:

12:30PM – 3:00PM

Program Coordinator Travis Mossotti will give a brief Introduction. Workshop Group # will be located on your name badge. Each workshop group will have a minimum of **two faculty members** and a **maximum of six participants**. Each faculty member has been assigned three participants in advance and they will bring printed copies of participant poems and notes for feedback. Bring a collapsible camp chair in case Workshop is held outdoors.

Composition Break

3:00PM – 4:00PM

Folks may choose to use the hour to grab snacks, use facilities, compose poetry, explore the area, or talk poetry shop.

Faculty Led Poetry Discussion

4:00PM – 5:00PM

Dinner @ Living Learning Center:

5:00PM – 6:00PM

There will be vegan chili, cornbread and other small bites

30-min Break for LLC Cleanup/Campfire Setup:

6:00PM – 6:30PM

Campfire Poetry Reading and Wolf Howl

6:30PM – 8:30PM