

Workshop Spotlight: We're pleased to present...

Dwight Bitifoker



“En Plein Air: Writers in the Garden”

Saturday, June 5, 2010
From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Missouri Botanical Garden
4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis 63110 ([map](#))

Free and open to the public! Please [register to attend](#)

Writers in the Garden will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 5, in the Boxwood Gardens at Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63110. Format will consist of a short presentation of some poems by several poets whose works draw extensively from the natural world in which they find themselves. There will be some writing and observation tips. This 30-minute program segment will be presented by St. Louis Poet Dwight Bitifoker (see bio below). Participants will then disperse into the Garden for 45 to 60 minutes of observation and writing. We will come back together at 11:30 a.m. for readings of the poetry or prose created during the hour of quiet watching and wandering.

Please arrive at the Garden by around 9:30 a.m. to park and find your way to the Boxwood Garden. Look for St. Louis Writers Guild President Rebecca Carron near the entrance. Please bring pen and notepad. In case of rainy weather, we will find a sheltered location in the Garden.

Poet Dwight Bitikofer will be leading the June 5 Writers in the Garden event at Missouri Botanical Garden. The natural world shows itself frequently in Bitikofers poems. His images often draw from the sky, the wind and the wide open spaces of his Kansas farm childhood. They also observe the flights of birds in his backyard or the turns of season in his neighborhood park in Webster Groves. Bitikofer was among the winners of the St. Louis Writers Guild 2009 Deane Wagner Poetry Contest and the 2009 Missouri Arts Council Poetry in Motion contest. His poems have been published in Writers Journal, Untamed Ink, Mid Rivers Review and Facets of Love. Compiled and edited by On the Edge Poetry Chapter of Missouri State Poetry Society. Bitikofer reads regularly at several St. Louis area open mics. He is publisher of Webster-Kirkwood Times and South County Times newspapers where he writes a column.