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Poet Campiglio reads from first book BOOKS

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BELCHERTOWN — Stephen Campiglio will be reading and signing from his first book of poetry called "Cross-Fluence," from 6 p.m. to midnight tomorrow at the Blue House Studio, 47 Poole Road, Belchertown.

Although he lives in Sturbridge and is a member of the education staff at Manchester Community College in Connecticut, Mr. Campiglio said he will always consider Worcester to be his poetic home.

Sparked by taking Worcester State College's creative writing courses, Mr. Campiglio was the co-creator of the Sea Otter Press at Grove Street Gallery in Worcester and a former member of Noh Place, a Worcester-based artists' cooperative in the late '80s.

He also started the poetry series at Borders bookstore in Framingham and co-founded the D'Alzon Arts Series at Assumption College.

"Cross-Fluence" is published by Soft Spur Press in Missoula, Mont. Copies of the book will be on sale for \$8.

In addition to the signing and reading, Andres "AJ" Juarez, Michael Lukaszevicz and DJ Jen will provide music.

Organizers advise that patrons bring their own beer and a prepared dish to share. For information, call (413) 323-6065.

Mr. Campiglio cites among his creative influences his Italian-American background; surrealist writing and artists such as Rene Magritte and Max Ernst; the beat poets; and cut-ups and collages in the spirit of William S. Burroughs and Rob Geisen.

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