

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

Gerry Mandel



**Workshop: "Stage Write:
What Happens Before the Curtain Goes Up"**

**Saturday, November 7, 2009
10 AM until noon
at Kirkwood Community Center, 2nd floor
111 S. Geyer Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122**

Get map and directions. For workshop details, visit our Workshops page.

All are welcome. This event is FREE to SLWG members and \$5 for non-members (may be fully credited toward dues within 30 days).

Please register in advance.

(Pre-registrants' names will be entered into a drawing for an attendance prize. Must be present to win.)

Gerry Mandel is a freelance writer who enjoys working in drama and fiction, occasionally delving into memoir and humorous commentary when the mood strikes. His writing has been published in several literary magazines and three of his plays have been produced in St. Louis, including "Outside the Lines" with Actors Studio of St. Louis in 2009 and "Audition Piece," a contest winner at First Run Theater in 2008. He wrote, produced, and directed an award-winning documentary in 2007, "The Journeys We Must Take," about the new Lewis & Clark sculpture on the St. Louis riverfront. Gerry worked as a writer, producer, and creative director for two national ad agencies, and has been adjunct professor at Webster University, most recently teaching a film class on Charlie Chaplin, his idol. "This workshop will not get your name up in lights on Broadway, but you will come away with some basic knowledge and interesting insights into the difficult art of playwriting. If it were easy, I'd be living in

New York by now. All you need for this workshop is a writing pad, a pen, an interest in theater and writing plays, and a little imagination." Gerry lives with his wife Mary Lee and two Golden Retrievers in Kirkwood, and has been a member of SLWG for seven years.