

Event Spotlight: *We're Pleased to Present...*

"Formatting for Writing Success."

**Gerry Mandel, Faye Adams, and Mary Menke
Moderated by Rebecca Carron Wood**



**July 15, 2010
From 7 p.m to 8 p.m.**

**Barnes & Noble-Ladue
8871 Ladue Road, Ladue MO 63124**

Free and open to the public!

Please register to attend:

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In lieu of a lecture, our July 15 program at Barnes & Nobel-Ladue will be a panel discussion on "Formatting for Writing Success." SLWG President REBECCA CARRON WOOD and members, MARY MENKE, FAYE ADAMS, and GERRY MANDEL will talk about the do's and don'ts of formatting your manuscript to gain the (favorable) attention of agents and publishers. Join us and learn what you can do to improve your chances of getting published!

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.

Faye Adams is a freelance writer who has published three poetry chapbooks and four hardback books: A book of poetry, a children's book and two books of poetry and nonfiction. She also writes fiction, flash fiction, essays and memoirs. She has published work in newspapers, magazines, poetry journals, periodicals, and anthologies. Faye has helped conduct poetry workshops in classrooms and for writers groups. She serves as Corresponding Secretary of the MSPS Poetry Chapter, "On the Edge," and has served Writers Society of Jefferson County as Secretary (2006) and Poetry Moderator (2005 & 2006). She is currently the SLWG Rep. to MWG. and serves as the Contest Chair for the Big WriteContest for Kids. She was one of two featured poets at the Lucidity Poetry Retreat in Eureka Springs, AR in April, 2009.

Mary Menke is Vice President of Operations for St. Louis Writers Guild, joining in 2000. Mary is editor of The Scribe, SLWG's quarterly print newsletter. After working for many years in corporate America (in both writing and non-writing positions), Mary started her own writing and editing business, WordAbilities LLC. In addition to helping writers polish their manuscripts for publication, Mary teaches English composition classes at several local colleges.

Rebecca Carron Wood is President of St. Louis Writers Guild. She earned her Ph.D. in English from Saint Louis University and has taught composition, literature, and creative writing at several local colleges and universities. She writes poetry, fiction, and technical manuals. She was editor in chief of the SIUE student newspaper, and has worked as a copy editor at the Belleville News-Democrat. Rebecca got married last month and has added her new husband Bill's last name.