



St. Louis Writers Guild's Workshop For Writers

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



Write an Essay, Right Here, Right Now

**With
Catherine Rankovic**

**Saturday, January 5, 2013
10am-Noon**

**The Kirkwood Community Center,
111 S. Geyer Rd, Kirkwood, MO 63122
Free for members, \$5 for non-members**

Start and finish a great first draft of an essay, on a topic of your choice, during our workshop, using a 12-part formula devised by Catherine Rankovic over 20 years of university teaching. The results are surprising and you might well want to share what you write. The techniques taught will enhance any creative nonfiction work, first draft or final draft. Catherine's formula is a launch pad for raw beginners and a bag of proven tricks and techniques for advanced and published writers.

Bring a notebook and pens.

Catherine Rankovic

Catherine Rankovic's books include *Meet Me: Writers in St. Louis* (Penultimate, 2010), *Island Universe: Essays and Entertainments* (WingSpan, 2007); *Fierce Consent and Other Poems* (WingSpan, 2005) and *Guilty Pleasures: Indulgences, Addictions, and Obsessions* (Andrews McMeel, 2003). She received her M.F.A. from Washington University, where she has taught writing since 1989; she also teaches poetry and creative nonfiction in the online M.F.A. program at Lindenwood University. Her essays and poems have appeared in *The Missouri Review*, *The Iowa Review*, *Boulevard*, *River Styx*, *Umbrella*, *Garbanzo*, *Bad Shoe*, *The Progressive*, *Sou'Wester*, *Natural Bridge*, *Gulf Coast*, *St. Louis Magazine*, *Gateway*, *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, and other journals and anthologies. Her awards include the Missouri Biennial Award for essay writing, first place in the Midwest Writing Center's annual poetry competition (2009), first place in the St. Louis Poetry Center annual competition (2010), a Pushcart Prize nomination (2011) and an Academy of American Poets award. She teaches creative nonfiction and poetry workshops in the online MFA program at Lindenwood University and is a professional manuscript editor. Her website is www.BookEval.com.