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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*In each newsletter and on our Web site, we plan to feature a MN WIFT member and learn about what she's doing, where she's been and her plans for the future. If you know someone we should turn the spotlight on, clue us in by contacting [communications@mnwift.org](mailto:communications@mnwift.org)*

### **This Month.... Catherine Gray interviewed by Susan Marks.**

Meet writer/producer/director Catherine Gray. Catherine is a passionate artist with a strong commitment to helping women and girls empower themselves. Recently, Catherine helped coach women political candidates as part of The White House Project. She is also one of the directors of TV by Girls—an organization committed to mentoring girls by teaching them to harness the power of the media.

But that doesn't even begin to describe Ms. Gray! Catherine is also a graduate of the Minneapolis College of Art and Design and has her own production company, Oh My Films. She is a recent recipient of the prestigious Jerome Media Art grant for her narrative short film, *Grace on a Stick*. (Those of us who are intimately familiar with the fundraising process know that receiving a Jerome grant is no small achievement! Yea Catherine!)

It may seem like Catherine has been a filmmaker her entire life, but prior to landing in Minnesota in 1996, she had a completely different career—owning a construction company in Houston, Texas. But very true to her character, she was writing, designing and developing media projects on the side and eventually found her “artist self” in Minnesota.

On any given day, Catherine is producing, consulting, teaching and writing for her corporate and non-profit clients while working on her own films and screenplays. Expect more great things from her as she continues to support her sisters in film and video while pursuing her dreams of writing and producing a feature length film.

If you don't know Catherine yet, make sure you introduce yourself at the next WIFT gathering. We are lucky to have such a member in our midst!

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