



MNWIFT Member Spotlight - Susan Marks

From Saint Paul, Minnesota

I got my start in the biz doing photo research for an historic documentary film. This inspired me to direct my own historical documentary film while working fulltime in the biz.

I am currently working as a producer/writer/director for Lazy Susan Productions (basically freelance!)

The project I am most excited about is Our Wildest Dreams: A True Crime Documentary of Dolls & Murder, - a documentary I'm directing about dollhouse crime scenes, our nation's fascination with forensic justice television, and our own (understandably) uneasy relationship with death. I'm super excited that John Waters is narrating!! I'm also really excited about the screenplays I'm writing.

In ten years I see myself writing screenplays fulltime and doing other fabulous documentary projects on the side.

The best part about being a member of MN WIFT is to be in the presence of such talented, funny and motivated women!

I think we can strengthen the community of women in production by hiring one another, volunteering on each other's projects, offering support, motivation and feedback to one another. I also think we should pool our talents and connections to create a PSA campaign for a worthy cause. (Maybe a woman's shelter?)

Most people don't know that I my dream is to one day be wealthy enough to create an organization that serves as a rich auntie with money to burn for humane societies, pet rescue organizations and shelters, so all animals have a fighting chance.

If I could be anywhere in the world right now it would be Prague or Ireland.

Three people I would love to meet are Kelly Deal (musician), Laurie Notaro (humor writer) and Maria Bamford (comedian). What do you know? All women!