

MN WIFT Monthly Newsletter  
2012

December

### MN WIFT Mission

#### Empower

women of all ages to reach their highest potential in the film, television and media industry .

#### Provide

international access to a broad network of resources, education and support.

#### Promote

events that showcase work; engaging audience in open-forum discussion.

#### Inspire

the public and marketplace with diverse voices.

### MN WIFT New & Renewing Members

MN WIFT welcomes new members **June Neely** and **Linda Ronning** and renewing members **Kathy Ferrey**, **Jojo Liebeler**, and **Carly Zuckweiler**. We look forward to seeing you at a MN WIFT event soon!

### December MN WIFT BOD Meeting

**Tuesday, December 11, 2012**  
**6:30pm Board Meeting**



[The Icon Theater](#)  
Conference Room  
1625 West End Boulevard  
St. Louis Park, MN 55416  
(612) 568-0375

*Members are always welcome to attend.*  
*For more information email*  
[secretary@mnwift.org](mailto:secretary@mnwift.org)

**Unified Holiday Party 2013!**

### A Letter from our President, Amanda Lathrop



*Greetings members and friends!*

*In early December, three MN WIFT representatives were able to attend the Women in Film international (WIFTI) Summit in Washington DC. I have heard the statistics of being part of a global network of 13,000 women from 5 Continents, but I never truly understood the true power of this until the summit. We meet amazing women from India, The UK, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, Sweden, Denmark, and all over the U.S. We shared information on chapter development, crowdfunding, branding, pitching, transmedia, International co-productions and much, much more. We also started friendships that will last long after we have all gone back to our corners of the world.*

*As a member of MN WIFT you are connected to our local community, but you are also connected to a much larger community and have potential networks and friends all over the globe. I encourage you to go to <http://wiftichapters.org/> and check out what you are a part of. I also encourage you to contact local chapters when you are traveling. If you would like more information on the summit or how you can access this global network please speak to Meighan McGuire, Jody Lichtor, or myself. We look forward to sharing our experience with you and all we've learned in our events over the coming year.*

*Wishing you Happy Holidays,*

*Amanda Lathrop*  
*President, MN WIFT*  
[president@mnwift.org](mailto:president@mnwift.org)

### Member Spotlight - Lynn Steele

**My name is ...**  
Lynn Steele

**I am originally from...** Milwaukee, Wisconsin - Earth

**I got my start in the industry...** as an agent at Eleanor Moore, now Moore Creative



Plans are currently underway for the 2nd annual Unified Holiday Party...

Stay tuned for the festive details!

### "THE LUMINA SPARK PORTRAIT" EVENT WRAP UP

November's Educational event was led by Lumina workshop leader, [JANE SCHUETTE, M.A., Ed.](#), consultant, coach and experienced facilitator, specializing in leadership and team development, innovative thinking and emotional intelligence.

Back by popular demand, Jane presented a different, more extensive, in-depth program and characterization that benefited even repeat attendees! Prior to the event, attendees completed an online Personality Questionnaire. They left with a customized, 40-page profile revealing how our personal style, communication, underlying motivations and stress tendencies greatly color how we respond to challenges on the job - and in life.

#### Stay in Touch

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I am currently working as... a Casting Director at [Lynn Steele Casting](#)



The project/s on which I've most enjoyed working is/are... weird stuff, real people, interview type auditions, print, commercials.

MN WIFT can impact women in the film, television and new media industries by... being fun!

I am inspired by... Meighan McGuire

My hobbies or special interests are... photography, travel, gardening, raise orchids, my cabin, x-country skiing, kayaking, walking the lakes, reading, sewing...

In ten years I see myself... looking really old!

#### MN WIFT Member Pages



On Monday, November 19th, MN WIFT held its first ever Member Appreciation night. We had great food (a big thank you to Eli's Northeast) and a wonderful time catching up. We are very happy for everyone who won our fabulous raffle prizes, especially Ulysses Awsumb and Shannon Layton who won MN WIFT memberships.

#### Member News

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MN WIFT member, Marci Grams is offering a one-day class, **Audition & Act Like a Boss ACTING SEMINAR FOR ARTISTS** ages 14 - 24. On **Saturday, December 8th, 2012**. Sign up for both morning and afternoon sessions and save \$10. Morning session: "How to get started and work as a paid actor," 10 - 12pm (\$50). Afternoon session: "Acting exercises to practice & on-camera auditions & critiques," 1 - 4pm (\$70). 10 class person minimum. Location: 9220 Bass Lake Road, Minneapolis, MN 55428.

For more details, contact [marcy@blacksmithproductions.com](mailto:marcy@blacksmithproductions.com).

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**"Outward Bound Women,"** a trailer about the 1965 first Girls Outward



Canoeing in the Boundary Waters 1965, Maxine Davis

Bound Course in America, was shown at a 300-person gala in NY City, a dinner celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Outward Bound in America.

The event was held in the vast nave of The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, Wednesday evening, October 24, 2012. **MN WIFT member, Maxine Davis** will be posting information about her planned documentary on INDIEGOGO within the next six months.

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In an effort to tell stories across the United State and around the world, **MN WIFT member, Dawn Mikkelson** and Emergence Pictures are launching a Voices of Forgiveness Campaign. They are looking for your recorded stories of forgiveness that have touched your life. All films that meet content and technical criteria will be featured on the Risking Light website/YouTube page. A select few of the submitted films from the Voices of Forgiveness campaign will be featured in the documentary. Submission Deadline: January 1, 2013 6pm CST. **For more details**, go to <http://riskinglight.com>.

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*Members, if you have something you want to see in the newsletter, write it up in a few sentences (125 words or less) with a description of WHAT, WHEN - Date and Time and WHERE. Include a LINK to more DETAILS (if applicable) and submit it to [communications@mnwift.org](mailto:communications@mnwift.org) by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.*

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