

## Volunteer Spotlight Interview



## LIZ DEKKER

(Liz has been volunteering at FIN for about ten years and is that killer combo of volunteer who takes on front of house at events and as a driver! Her love of film is evident and always makes sure that she sees quite a few!)

**Cydney: What is your day job?**

Liz: I am an office administrator for an electrical contracting company in Burnside. I do payroll, account payable/receivable, answer phones and whatever else comes up?

**C: How did you get involved with FIN? How long have you been a volunteer?**

L: A friend mentioned it and I was in between jobs at the time. I love film and had lots of spare time, so I applied! I believe that was 2006 and I haven't missed a year, so that would make this my 13th year!

**C: What keeps bringing you back year after year?**

L: There are so many reasons! The chance to see films that don't usually come to the regular cinemas, get re-acquainted with fellow volunteers, see a side of the film world that the general public doesn't see, and meet some very interesting people.

**C: Why do you volunteer, generally?**

L: The chance to see things I might not be able to see if I had to buy a ticket is one reason, but there is so much more. You get to meet people you might not otherwise; you feel that you have made a difference, helped in some way. You feel appreciation and get to a side of things that you wouldn't by buying a ticket. I also enjoy the camaraderie of working with other volunteers and staff. I am an empty nester and am often alone at my office, so being around so many other people is a good change.

**C: What is your favourite FIN Atlantic International Film Festival memory?**

L: That is so hard [to answer], but I will have to say it was running into Ron Hynes outside the theatre before his documentary THE MAN OF A THOUSAND SONGS and helping him get a candy out of a vending machine. It cost a toonie and he was trying to use a quarter! I also really enjoyed finding about his earlier life in the film.

**C: What is your favourite film?**

L: I've seen a lot of films, but GHOST still gives me chills. Such love!

**C: What is your favourite movie snack?**

L: That would have to be popcorn!