

## Wake Up to Your Dreams

On Thursday September 28th, 2000, Maryanne Pope had an argument with her husband, John. She told him, again, how scared she was of waking up twenty years later and still not have finished writing a book. John looked her in the eye and said, "You're probably right...just as long as you realize that will have been *your* choice."

The next day John died of a brain injury. He was a police officer and had been investigating a break and enter complaint when he stepped through a false ceiling. There was no safety railing in place to warn him of the danger. The alarm turned out to be false.

Maryanne's wake-up call, however, was real. Two weeks later she started writing what would become her first book, *A Widow's Awakening*. Ten years later, Maryanne is also writing plays, screenplays, short stories and articles and is releasing her book *Barrier Removed; A Tough Love Guide to How, Why and When to Pursue Your Dreams* in 2011. She is an executive producer and founder and CEO of Pink Gazelle Productions, which she runs from Vancouver Island, BC.

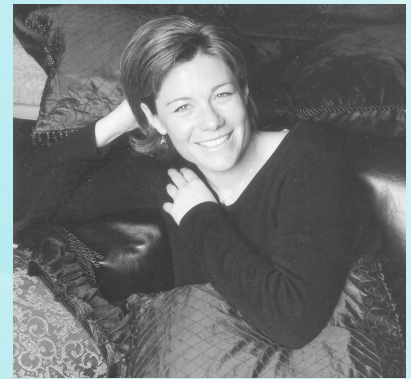
Join Maryanne as she shares her powerful and candid journey about the importance of pursuing one's dreams by learning to identify and transform barriers into bridges.



*"Maryanne is an energetic speaker with an important message about facing life's challenges head on and reaching for your dream."*  
Brian Willis, Winning Mind Training

*"Maryanne Pope's presentation to our breakfast club was meaningful, insightful, touching, spirited and fast-paced."*  
~ Bruce Lee, Chairman, Synergy Networking

*"I really enjoyed your presentation to the Alexandra Writers Centre this evening. I admire your courage and determination, as well as your ability to reach out and touch your audience."*  
~ Ellen Kelly, Calgary, AB



**Maryanne Pope**

Author of the book *A Widow's Awakening*, Maryanne is also an award-winning playwright, film producer, workplace safety advocate, environmental educator and inspirational speaker. A storyteller at heart, she also writes short stories, children's stories, essays, articles, play scripts, and screenplays. Maryanne is also the board chair of the John Petropoulos Memorial Fund, an organization that raises awareness about workplace safety issues facing emergency responders.

### Attendees take away the following from Maryanne's presentation:

- A powerful example of the importance of waking up to one's dreams
- Suggestions as to why, how, and when to pursue dreams
- An awareness about the danger of procrastination and excuses

### This presentation is well suited for:

- Women seeking inspiration and encouragement to pursue their dreams
- Students and educators



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