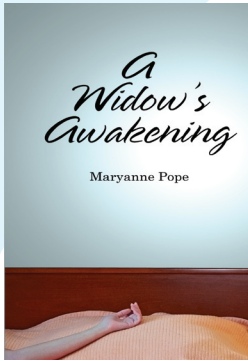
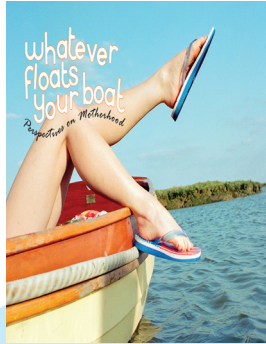


## Projects



Told in the style of creative non-fiction, *A Widow's Awakening* is an extraordinary story of soul mates, saints, saviours, suicide and safety in the workplace that takes the reader on an unforgettable journey.

*"To be or not to be...a mom?"* is the question of the weekend as a group of women set sail on a houseboat. Myths are shattered and truths revealed in this thought-provoking documentary that delves into the depths of motherhood. This powerful discussion-generating tool can be screened for your group.



While backpacking through India, two Canadian widows take a morning off from the rigours of travel in this candid and comical one-act

play. Workplace safety, impaired driving and two very different paths through widowhood make this theatrical production a unique addition to your event.



### *Creating Partnerships for Safer Workplaces*

The John Petropoulos Memorial Fund is a non-profit society that raises public awareness about the importance of workplace safety for emergency services personnel. Please visit [www.jpmpf.ca](http://www.jpmpf.ca) for details on the Fund's safety initiatives.



### *Synergy in Action*

Pink Gazelle Productions Inc creates literary, film and theatrical works that entertain, enlighten and encourage people to effect positive change in themselves and the world around them. For a complete listing of projects please visit [www.pinkgazelle.com](http://www.pinkgazelle.com).

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*Speaking fees are negotiable, depending on the group, length of presentation, and preparation time needed*

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*It is my hope to encourage others to awaken to what's important in their own lives and the world around them...and if something needs changing – be that on an individual, societal, environmental or political level – to do it. – Maryanne*

## About Maryanne

Maryanne Pope is the author of *A Widow's Awakening* and the award-winning playwright of *The Widows* and *Saviour*. She is the Founder and CEO of Pink Gazelle Productions Inc and the executive producer of the documentary, *Whatever Floats Your Boat...Perspectives on Motherhood*.

As the Board Chair of the John Petropoulos Memorial Fund – a non-profit society started up in memory of Maryanne's husband, a police officer who died in the line of duty as the result of a preventable fall at an unsafe workplace – Maryanne is also a respected advocate for workplace safety.



Concern for the environment is another of Maryanne's passions. As the creator of the *Face the Future* environmental public awareness campaign, she educates people on thinking globally while acting locally to help reduce their environmental footprint.

Maryanne is an avid reader and loves traveling, walking, hiking, swimming, skiing and hip hop dancing. She lives in Calgary, Alberta, Canada with her two dogs.

## Why Book Maryanne?

On September 29th, 2000, Cst John Petropoulos of the Calgary Police Service was investigating a break and enter complaint at a warehouse when he stepped through a false ceiling, fell nine feet into the lunchroom below and succumbed to brain injuries. There was no safety railing in place to warn him of the danger. He was 32.



So began Maryanne's difficult journey of coming to terms with John's death and her new life without him. Nine years later, she has successfully transformed her loss into positive change through the John Petropoulos Memorial Fund's safety initiatives as well as through her company's creative works.

Whether she is speaking about the circumstances that led to John's death, her experience with grief and post-traumatic stress, workplace safety, reducing vehicle idling, or discussing the pros and cons of motherhood, Maryanne brings passion, enthusiasm, honesty, life experience and always a touch of humour to her presentations.

Maryanne presents to a variety of groups, association members, conference attendees, seminar participants, and students at the secondary and post-secondary levels.

## Experience

Maryanne has spoken to various audiences including emergency services, victim support, mental health professionals, workplace health & safety, the business community and women's groups. Her broad audience appeal, combined with extensive experience with the media, allows Maryanne to speak confidently to groups of all sizes and backgrounds.

## Topics

- Overcoming adversity and living with purpose
- Setting goals & achieving dreams
- Workplace safety and injury prevention
- Grief, depression and post traumatic stress
- Writing, playwriting and filmmaking
- Entrepreneurship and non-profit management
- Reducing environmental footprint
- Determining whether or not to become a mom

## Testimonials

*A heartfelt and emotional tale of desperate sorrow turned into inspiration as Maryanne used the passion of her lost love and her eloquence to reach out and touch the hearts of hardened Police Veterans. Not an easy feat.* - Mike Turcotte, Calgary Police Veterans Association

*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

*After reading Maryanne's book, I felt it necessary for others to hear her story. It's important that we learn from her and her life experiences, as I'm confident that her story can be used as a tool to allow others to cope with their loss.* - Vince Savoia, Tema Conter Memorial Trust