

# Island author follows her dream

## Is it too late to begin a new career at 72?

Drummond Island, Michigan – March, 2007 – It's midnight. Do you know where your grandmother is? If she is like Cheryl Lanning, she is at her computer working on the outline of her second novel. Her first mystery/suspense, *Rapunzel's Window: a novel of secret obsession*, will be out April 1 in paperback.

*Rapunzel's Window* offers a unique perspective of small town America when a psychotic stalker threatens to reveal the interwoven secrets that form the intricate tapestry of village life. When the stalker turns to arson and murder, captured by the unforgiving lens of journalist Thomas Pope's camera, Tom is caught in the web of the killer's obsession.

Those who read for depth as well as entertainment, and appreciate a good story written with passion, will be intrigued by the book's thought-provoking insights into the empowerment of women, the challenges and choices confronting the conflicted characters, the courage that leads to redemption, the strength to change and endure, and the power of love to make us whole.

### The Arizona Connection

After working (as Cheryl Denning) in radio, television news, and newspapers, the author wrote freelance and on assignment for *Arizona Magazine* in Phoenix. Her nonfiction credits include: a series of food and entertainment pieces, cover features (notably "Robert Cox: The Last of the Keystone Cops") and humor pieces ("Species Boyus Collectus"). In researching some of her subjects, Cheryl rode with the trash collectors, hung out with the maintenance crew in Del Webb's Sun City models and the staff of an answering service, fed and watered racehorses at Turf Paradise, rode a school bus to experience what its driver encountered, traveled the Valley for a piece on foreign consuls, watched the returns at Penney's the day after Christmas, and tried to keep up with a 96-year-old minister.

The author, born and raised in a small farming community in northwestern Ohio, returned to college for her degree and taught writing, public speaking and journalism for 23 years to high school and junior high school students in Phoenix. She is an active member of the Upper Peninsula Publishers and Authors Association and the Red Hat Society.

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*Rapunzel's Window: a novel of secret obsession*, ISBN 978-0-9792488-0-1, \$17.95, Mystery/Suspense will be available April 1 through Potagannissing Bay Publishing, P.O. Box 218, Drummond Island, MI 49726, [www.potagannissingbaypublishing.com](http://www.potagannissingbaypublishing.com) [pbpub@lighthouse.net](mailto:pbpub@lighthouse.net), and bookstores. To order a review copy, call 906.493.5889.