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LONG ISLAND AUTHORS OFFER STIMULUS PLAN

For those in a slump or feeling the winter blues, the Long Island Author's Group (LIAG) has an immediate and dramatic solution. Join them at Martha Clara Vineyards for their 2nd annual book fair, where twenty local authors will offer a stimulating selection of their own titles.

John Cardone, author of Without Consent and Tales Under A Full Moon, and founder of the group, says, "There's no better way to shake off the blues than a car ride to one of LI's best wineries and join in the fun of meeting writers over a glass of wine." "This event will bring new meaning to the term *stimulus plan*," adds David B. Axelrod, Suffolk County's Poet Laureate and a LIAG Board Member, "Book lovers will have a chance to ask questions and discuss the works of local authors. You have to be stimulated by that."

Books range from, Anne Surchin's beautifully photographed, Houses of the Hamptons – a special look at the Hamptons during the years 1880–1930, to Michael Cinquemani's Night Tides – the story of Massapequa's own striper fishing legend Billy the Greek. You can talk with Kerriann Flanagan Brosky about her newest look at stories of the paranormal in Ghosts of Long Island II. Throw in gardening, children's books, self-help, cooking, murder mysteries, assorted memoirs, romance and even poetry, and you have the perfect mix for a Sunday afternoon.

The group was formed to help make Long Islanders aware of a wide range of talent right in their own region, and Martha Clara Vineyards in Riverhead, was chosen to emphasize the excellent and burgeoning wine industry on Long Island as well. Nancy Bartow, facility manager at Martha Clara says, "The first LI Authors Book Fair, last March, brought in a large audience, so we're expecting another large, fun-filled crowd for this one."

This indoor event is scheduled, rain or shine, for Sunday, March 22, from noon to four p.m., or at least until folks have had a chance to taste a variety of vintages. Within the group of authors, there is a little rivalry to see whose is the most popular book at the festival, so don't be surprised if authors are out in front of their tables talking up their titles. "You will have a good chance to meet the authors and have them inscribe a book for you—or a gift for someone special," says Florence Gatto, author of, The Scent of Jasmine. Dorothy McPartland, author of Wishing Stars, a children's picture book, explains, "There's no better way to cheer someone up in these tough times than to give them a good book to read."

What: LI Authors Group 2nd Annual March Book Fair and Signing Event

When: Sunday, March 22, 2009, from Noon to 4 PM.

Where: Martha Clara Vineyards, 6025 Sound Avenue in Riverhead, NY.

Directions: www.marthaclaravineyards.com.

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