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**SIXTH ANNUAL NEWBURYPORT LITERARY FESTIVAL'S
AUTHOR DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION ANNOUNCED**

Featured auction item a South African Photo Safari at the Zulu Nyala Game Lodge!

NEWBURYPORT, Mass. – The Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF) is proud to announce its annual Dinner with the Authors and Silent Auction, slated for Friday, April 29, 2011, 7:30 p.m. after the Opening Ceremony.

The Dinner with the Authors gathers authors and guests to drink and dine in support of the NLF and will take place at Nicholson Hall at the Greek Church, 7 Harris Street, Newburyport. The cost of the dinner is \$50 per person. Tickets for the event are \$50 and available online at <http://newburyportliteraryfestival.org/html/donate.html#Dinner> or by sending a check, made out to the Newburyport Literary Association, to the Newburyport Literary Association, Box 268, Newburyport, MA 01950. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the evening of the event.

Adding to the dinner will be the annual Silent Auction. This year's featured auction item is a South African Photo Safari at the Zulu Nyala Game Lodge! Romantic, harsh, exciting, intriguing and breathtakingly beautiful, South Africa invites a travel experience like no other. Here is your chance to experience the best of both the wild and sophisticated South Africa. You and a guest will enjoy a six day, six night photo safari at Zulu Nyala Game Lodge in the heart of Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa. One of the richest wildlife conservation regions in South Africa, Kwa- Zulu Natal is also home to the Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park World Heritage Site and the Elephant Coast.

Your South African Photo Safari includes accommodations for two, three meals each day and two game viewing activities in the Zulu Nyala Game Reserve. Please note that the package does not include airfare, transfers, side trips or alcoholic beverages. The total value of this package is \$3,950. For more information, visit www.zulunyala.com.

Besides the safari, 30-40 items will be available for bidding during the auction including various trips, first edition books, goods and services from many local businesses including Riverside Cycle, The Elephant's Trunk, The Grog, Joppa Fine Foods, and much more.

The NLF is made possible through the generosity of our founding sponsors - The Institution for Savings and the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank. Additional support is provided by the Provident Bank, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Cultural Council Amesbury, Comcast and the Newburyport Rotary Club.

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The Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF), organized by the Newburyport Literary Association, annually celebrates reading, and the love of books. The 2011 NLF features more than 40 writers of distinguished fiction and non-fiction – including short story writers, children's authors, biographers, nature writers, critics, screenwriters, poets, novelists, and journalists – who will read and discuss their work in venues throughout Newburyport's historic downtown.

For more information on the 2011 NLF, including authors and their work, please visit
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