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**“YOUR MANUSCRIPT IS DONE, AND THAT WAS THE EASY PART!” TO BE TOPIC FOR
FEBRUARY 8TH MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY WRITERS CLUB
Award-winning Local Author Marion Witte Tells How She Got Published
And How Others Can Too**

(Ventura, CA – January 18, 2011) Ventura resident Marion Witte grew up on the Great Plains and suffered through a childhood filled with abuse. Marion has captured her true-life story in *Little Madhouse on the Prairie*, a memoir where she recounts the abuse and tells how she recovered and healed her spirit. She will be the guest speaker at the Ventura County Writers Club February 8th meeting, where she will discuss how she got *Little Madhouse* published, how she marketed the book using traditional and new media, and what authors must do to get their book in front of their niche market. *Little Madhouse on the Prairie* recently received special recognition by winning the Independent Publishers Editor’s Choice Award.

“The world of publishing is changing daily and an author must be aware of all methods of promotion, marketing, and finding the right people to help promote their books,” said Ms. Witte. “The days of million dollar advances to first time authors are gone. So are the in-house editors and publicity departments for new writers. Writing the book is only the first step on a long path of work to getting noticed by the public and making sales. But it’s not impossible and can be done, especially with digital delivery of books and the other new methods that give an author access to a far wider audience.”



A bright young girl who studied hard, when Marion excelled at school and escaped to college, she finally thought she’d found sanity. But her youth haunted her. After a successful CPA career with Deloitte and Touché and also in the tour industry, she found herself in California where she resettled and became a partner in a variety of businesses.

Fortune shined on her efforts, and in 2007 she sold her business interests to pursue her passion — empowering children. She has become an outspoken advocate for the need to radically change the way we view children and parenting in the 21st Century. To that end, she founded and manages the Angel Heart Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mission is: “All Children Deserve a Safe and Just World.” Still in the process of healing, she recounts her story in *Little Madhouse*, and works daily works to help others overcome their issues with self-esteem, trust and intimacy. Her goal is to let others know that there is hope and that healing is possible.

VCWC cont'd

Opening the VCWC meeting will be “Hot Tips and Tricks,” a new feature for the club where each month a knowledgeable club member will discuss a topic from grammar to social media to ways to break writer’s block.

The meetings begin promptly at 7 PM at the club’s new meeting place, the Oxnard Borders Books in the Esplanade Center just off Highway 101 between Vineyard and Oxnard Blvd exits. The public is welcomed to all meetings.

CALENDAR INFORMATION

February Meeting of the Ventura County Writers Club

February 8th , 7 PM

Borders Books in Oxnard, CA at the Esplanade Shopping Center

Guest speakers: Marion Witte.

Open to Members and non-members. No fee.

For more information on the Ventura County Writers Club, visit: <http://www.venturacountywriters.com/>

About Ventura County Writers Club

Since its formation in 1933 with four members in Ojai, the club has grown to more than 150 members and holds monthly general membership meetings. Members may attend, free of charge, a variety of Writers Workshops, groups that meet one or more times a month throughout the county to read and critique manuscripts and discuss many aspects of the business of writing. Monthly meetings are open to all interested writers and are held the second Tuesday of each month (except December) at Borders Book in Oxnard at the Esplanade Center. This is a new location beginning January 2011

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