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Prize-Winning Poets Read at EvCC Nov. 5

*Washington State Poet Laureate Kathleen Flenniken and
EvCC Instructor Bethany Reid Speak*

EVERETT, WA – Washington state poet laureate Kathleen Flenniken and Everett Community College instructor Bethany Reid will read from their new books at 1 p.m. Nov. 5 in EvCC's Jackson Center Wilderness Room.

Flenniken, the state's 2012-14 poet laureate, will share selections from "Plume," her second collection of poems published in spring 2012. Reid, who teaches American literature and creative writing at EvCC, will read from "Sparrow," winner of the 2012 Gell poetry prize.

"These are two poets intimate with the history and geography of Washington," said EvCC English instructor Kevin Craft, coordinator of the Possession Sound Writers series. "Flenniken's book in particular deals with the history of the Hanford nuclear site. It promises to be a reading in which poetry as a witness to the larger forces and events which shape our lives takes center stage."

Reid, also the author of the poetry chapbook "The Coyotes and My Mom," earned the 2011 Lois Cranston Memorial Prize for her poem, "The Apple Orchard." Her poems have appeared in numerous journals.

Flenniken's work has been widely recognized. Her first book, "Famous," published in 2006 won the Prairie Schooner Book Prize in poetry, was named a Notable Book by the American Library Association and was a finalist for the Washington state book award.

The reading is free and open to the public. The event is sponsored by the Possession Sound Writers Series, the Humanities Washington Poet Laureate Program and the Everett Community College Foundation.

Everett Community College is located at 2000 Tower St.

For more information about the reading, visit www.everettcc.edu/possessionsound or contact EvCC English instructor Kevin Craft at kcraft@everettcc.edu or 425-388-9395.

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