



# LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

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### ***Indian Voices to address Thanksgiving***

The Elwha Klallam Heritage Training Center would like to invite the public to participate and share at a Thanksgiving themed Open Mic session at the Elwha Klallam Heritage Training Center on Monday, November 21, 2011.

“There are many different views and feelings that surround the Thanksgiving Day holiday for Native Americans, and we want to have a forum where people can share their feelings on this day,” states Brenda Francis, Communications Manager for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.

Readers will include Brenda Francis, Heritage Center Manager Suzie Bennett, Makah Tribal member Brandan McCarty, comedic writer Christopher Thomas who is a member of the Couer d’ Alene Tribe. There will even be a guest appearance via the internet with Elwha Tribal Elder John Boyd who is currently a faculty member at a university in Indiana. There will also be the appearance to one or two new readers; one is Elwha Klallam Tribal member Juanita Edwards.

The Open Mic will begin at 6 p.m. and is open to the public to share.

“We would like to encourage all to participate in this event,” Suzie Bennett. “We are looking forward to hearing the voices of the community.”