Poet Samuel Green to speak at Clark College

Event is part of Columbia Writers Series

Washington’s first Poet Laureate who has taught in hundreds of classrooms throughout a distinguished career will hold a reading and question-and-answer session at Clark College in Vancouver on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at noon, in the Penguin Student Union.

Samuel Green will speak as part of the college’s Columbia Writers Series.

“The Columbia Writers Series is designed to bring writers — whether they are fiction or nonfiction writers, poets, playwrights or screenwriters — to the college,” said English professor Jim Finley, the director of the program. “We not only bring diverse voices to campus, but we recognize the work of Clark’s own faculty authors as well.”

Green was born in Sedro-Woolley, Wash., in 1948, and raised in Anacortes, Wash. He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Western Washington University. He is a 50-year veteran of the Poetry-In-Schools program, and has taught at colleges around the United States and in Ireland.

Green’s poems have appeared in the pages of journals. In 2007, Gov. Chris Gregoire named him to a two-year term as the first Poet Laureate for Washington State to build awareness and appreciation of poetry across the state.

He and wife Sally Green live in a log house on Waldron Island off the Washington coast.

Clark College is located at 1930 Fort Vancouver Way.