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Photo Caption: (from left) Kristen Lindquist and Elizabeth Tibbetts will read their poetry in Belfast on September 18.

“POETRY OF PLACE” READING AND PRESENTATION

(BELFAST) – Elizabeth Tibbetts and Kristen Lindquist will read poems celebrating the local landscape in the Abbott Room at the Belfast Free Library, 106 High Street, on Tuesday, September 18, 6:30 p.m. Their reading will be accompanied by a slide presentation of images of area landscapes, with an emphasis on those special places in our community that have been protected by land conservation efforts. The event is co-sponsored by Coastal Mountains Land Trust and the Belfast Free Library, and is part of the Library’s ongoing Tuesday Talks series. The program is free and open to the public.

Elizabeth Tibbetts’s book “In the Well” was winner of the 2002 Bluestem Prize. Her chapbook “Perfect Selves” was published by Oyster River Press as part of its Walking to Windward series of New England poets. She has received several prizes for her poetry, as well as a Maine Arts Commission Fellowship, and has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize. Her work has been published in many venues, including various literary journals and anthologies, the Camden Herald, and Down East magazine. She has participated in the Belfast Poetry Festival,

and her poetry have been read by Garrison Keillor on National Public Radio's "Writer's Almanac."

Kristen Lindquist's chapbook "Invocation to the Birds" was also published by Oyster River Press for their Walking to Windward series. Her most recent chapbook, "Bald and Ragged Mountains: Poetry of Place," published by Coastal Mountains Land Trust, was put together as a way to creatively support the Land Trust's conservation efforts in the two mountains. Her writings have also been published in several journals and anthologies, including Down East magazine, the Maine Times, and the Camden Herald, for which she writes a monthly natural history column.

The two women have done many readings together throughout the state. They are both currently featured in "Sailing Maine," an attractive collection of poetry and photographs recently published by Cedar Mountain Books. A limited number of these books will be available for purchase at the reading, as well as some of the poets' other collections.

Coastal Mountains Land Trust has been working since 1986 to permanently conserve land to benefit the natural and human communities of the western Penobscot Bay region. Many of the images that will be shown during the reading depict places the Land Trust has protected, including Belfast's Passagassawakeag Greenway. For more information on the Land Trust's work, please visit www.coastalmountains.org.

For more information on the reading please contact Brenda Harrington at the Belfast Free Library, 338-3884, x. 10, or Kristen Lindquist at Coastal Mountains Land Trust, 236-7091.