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**Mayor Stephanson honors Marianne Skotdal with proclamation**

EVERETT – Everett Mayor Ray Stephanson has proclaimed Dec. 14 “Marianne Skotdal Day” in honor of the longtime Everett resident.

“I have a great admiration and respect for the work that Marianne and her family have accomplished in Everett,” said Stephanson. “Her love for our community is evident in all of the ways she improved our collective quality of life through her passion for art and her inclusive spirit.”

Marianne was a teacher and librarian with the Everett School District before forming Skotdal Real Estate with her husband Art Skotdal. The company’s buildings can be seen throughout the downtown core.

The proclamation notes Marianne’s creativity and her love of reading, and how those interests inspired the landscaping and art installations around many of the Skotdals’ downtown properties.

“Marianne’s legacy will live on in the vibrant, exciting neighborhood that’s developing in our downtown core,” said Stephanson. “I am grateful for her example, and I am honored to be able to recognize her life and her achievements through this proclamation.”

Marianne passed away on Nov. 10, 2016. To read the full text of the proclamation, visit [www.everettwa.gov/MarianneSkotdal](http://www.everettwa.gov/MarianneSkotdal).

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