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## **Finding aid for the poetry of Linda Nemec Foster collection Collection 355**

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department   |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Poetry of Linda Nemec Foster collection  |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | Collection 355   |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | circa 1987-2008  |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 0.42 Linear Feet One box   |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English  |
| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | Linda Nemec Foster (1950-) is a poet in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 2003, she was selected as the first Poet Laureate of the city. This collection is a reference collection containing copies of her poetry (given by Foster), as well as other materials researched and contributed by library staff. |

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## Scope and Contents

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Contains materials given by Foster herself, as well as other materials added by staff. For other representations of her poetry from other sources, see also the generic poetry collection, Coll. 278, the GRPL Poets and Poetry Collection.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

Linda Nemec Foster and Grand Rapids Pulic Library, accession numbers 2005.083, 2007.103, P2008.101.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Coll. 275, Ladies Literary Club Collection. Includes some of Nemec Foster's poetry.

Coll. 278, GRPL Poets and Poetry Collection

See also, Amazing Women of West Michigan / Crystal Bowman, which includes Foster and other area women.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Poets -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Foster, Linda Nemec

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I. Biographical & Historical Information.

| Title/Description   | Instances               |
|---|-------------------------|
| Prints from her website - <a href="http://www.lindanemecfoster.com/">http://www.lindanemecfoster.com/</a> , Oct. 17, 2005<br><u>Date:</u> Oct. 17, 2005 | Box 1          folder 1 |

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Data from other Websites

|                               |       |          |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------|
|                               | Box 1 | folder 2 |
| News articles. Proquest       | Box 1 | folder 3 |
| Newspaper clippings (pending) | Box 1 |          |
| Book jackets.                 | Box 1 |          |
| Amber necklace                | Box 1 | folder 5 |
| Photographs                   | Box 1 | folder 6 |

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## Series II. Poetry

### Subseries A. Ephemeral Formats

#### Scope and Contents

Poetry in newspaper clippings, issues on single sheets of paper, of packaged in some other form, such as a program.

| Title/Description  | Instances |
|--|-----------|
| Beginnings / by Linda Nemec Foster. Print from Grand Rapids Public Library website. n.d.   | Box 1     |
| Humanities Council of Grand Rapids, first Poet Laureate of Grand Rapids, 2003.   | Box 1     |
| History of Sweat / Linda ... No publisher or date. In black lettering on one small sheet of heavy textured gray paper.   | Box 1     |
| Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts presents Community Photo Album, Sept. 9 – Oct. 17, 1992. Poems by Linda Nemec Foster. c. 1992. Signed by the author. Small crème flyer (1 folded sheet). | Box 1     |
| A Poem for the Season of Fire and Ice. Grand Rapids Press. Dec. 22, 2002. ProQuest print.  | Box 1     |

### Subseries B. Book Formats

#### Scope and Contents

Her work issues as soft or hard cover booklets, with or without publishers imprints.

| Title/Description  | Instances |
|--|-----------|
| Amber Necklace from Gdansk : poems / Linda ...Baton Rouge : Louisiana State Univ. Press, 2001. Signed. Hard cover with book jacket.  | Box 1     |
| Contemplating the Heavens : a sequence of poems by Linda ...Signed. Roseville, Mi. Ridgeway Press, 2001. (Another copy in Coll. 275) | Box 1     |

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|--|-------|
| A History of the Body : prose poems by Linda Nemeč Foster.<br>Cover illustration by Kathleen G. Van De Mark. Minneapolis :<br>Coffee House Press, 1987. Signed "To my Mother & Father ..."   | Box 1 |
| Listen to the Landscape : haiku / by Linda Nemeč Foster, hand-<br>colored photographs by Dianna Carroll Burdick. GR : William<br>B. Eerdman's Publishing Co., 2006<br><br><u>Material Specific Details:</u> c. 1, 2007.103.1, Added 1/15/2008<br>c. 2, 2007.103.2, Added 1/15/2008 | Box 1 |
| Living in the fire nest : poems by Linda ... Roseville, Mi. :<br>Ridgeway Press, 1996. Signed.   | Box 1 |
| A Modern Fairy Tale : the Baba Yaga Poems / Linda ...<br>Roseville, Mi. : Ridgeway Press, 1992. Signed. Illustration by<br>Kathleen Van de Mark. [opposite title page]   | Box 1 |
| Ten Songs from Bulgaria / Linda Nemeč Foster. W. Somerville,<br>Mass. : Cerveni Barva Press, 2008<br><br><u>Material Specific Details:</u> c. 1, P2008.101, Added 11/20/2008<br>c. 2, 2009.029, Added 3/3/2009   | Box 1 |
| Trying to Balance the Heart : poems by Linda Nemeč Foster.<br>Northville, Mi. : Sun Dog Press, 1993. Sign. "For my Mom &<br>Day ... Cover illustration by Virginia Rose Kane.  | Box 1 |
| Talking Diamonds / Linda Nemeč Foster. Kalamazoo, Mich.<br>New Issues Poetry & Prose. P2009.049  | Box 1 |

## Subseries C. Digital Formats

### Scope and Contents

Items in digital files, on CD or other digital storage format, or linked to the Web.

| Title/Description   | Instances |
|---|-----------|
| CD. New Letter on the air / Linda Nemeč Foster. Produced<br>at the Univ. of Missouri, Kansas City. Catalog no. 042705.<br>www.newsletters.org | Box 1     |

## Subseries D. Materials & Publications

Physical Location: These materials are shelved in the Northeast Room

| Title/Description                                       | Instances |
|---|-----------|
| American Poetry Anthology, vol. VI, no. 4 (Winter 1986) |           |
| Artful Dodge no. 24/25 (1993)                           |           |
| Artful Dodge no. 28/29 (1995)                           |           |
| Artful Dodge no. 32/33 (1998)                           |           |
| Artful Dodge no. 50/51 (2012)                           |           |
| Atlanta Review, vol. V, no. 1 (Fall/Winter, 1998)       |           |

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basalt (vol. 7, no. 1, 2012)

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The Bellingham Review, vol. 5, no. 2 (Fall, 1982)

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Big Scream, no. 50 (Winter, 2012)

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Big Scream, no. 54 (2015)

---

Bless Me, Father: Stories of Catholic Childhood (anthology, 1994)

---

The Bridge, vol. 1, no. 1 (Fall 1990)

---

The Bridge, vol. 1. no. 2 (Spring/Summer 1991)

---

The Bridge, vol. 3. no. 1 (Winter, 1993)

---

The Bridge, vol. 7, no. 1 (Winter 1998)

---

Brix: The Tabloid Issue, vol. 4, no. 1 (1989)

---

Brix, vol. 4, no. 3 (1990)

---

The Burning World, no. 9 (1987)

---

The Burning World, no. 10 (1987)

---

The Burning World, no. 11 (1988)

---

The Burning World, no. 13 (1995)

---

Calliope, vol. 21, no. 1 (Fall/Winter, 1997)

---

Catholic Girls (anthology, 1992)

---

Celery, no. 9 (1981)

---

Century of Voices: Detroit Women Writers (anthology, 1999)

---

Concert at Chopin's House (anthology, 1987)

---

Connecticut Review, vol. XXXIII, no. 2 (Fall 2011)

---

Contemporary Michigan Poetry (anthology, 1988)

---

The Cresset, vol. 78, no. 3

---

Dan River Anthology, 1986

---

Dominion Review, vol. XV (1997)

---

Double Take, vol. 3, no. 1 (Winter, 1997)

---

The Driftwood Review, vol. 7 (2003)

---

Driftwood no. 9 (Spring 2008)

---

Driftwood no. 10 (Spring 2010)

---

Driftwood no. 10 (Fall 2010)

---

Driftwood no. 10 (Spring 2011)

---

Dunes Review, vol. 11, issue 11 (Winter, 2006)

---

Dunes Review, vol. 12, issue 2 (Winter, 2007)

---

Eclipse, vol. 15 (Fall, 2014)

---

eleven (Summer, 1986)

---

5 AM, issue 7/8 (1997)

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Fli-Back (February, 1976)

---

Free Lunch, no. 36 (Autumn, 2006)

---

Fresh Water (anthology, 2006)

---

The Georgia Review, vol. LXVI, no. 1 (Spring, 1992)

---

Grand Rapids College Review, vol. 1, no. 1 (Spring, 1988)

---

Great Midwestern Quarterly no. 1 (Winter, 1997)

---

The Hiram Poetry Review nos. 51-52 (Fall, 1991 - Summer, 1992)

---

I Am Becoming the Woman I've Wanted (anthology, 1994)

---

Inch, issue 27 (Winter, 2014)

---

Indiana Review, vol. 16, no. 1 (Spring, 1993)

---

Invisible City (nos. 26-27, August 1980)

---

Korone, vol. X (1998)

---

Labyris, vol. 4, no. 10 (Spring, 1983)

---

Labyris, vol. 4, no. 11 (Winter, 1983)

---

Luna Tack, no. 7 (Summer, 1985)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. II, no. 2 (Fall, 1985)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. III, no. 1 (Spring, 1986)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. IV, no. 3 (Fall, 1987)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. X, no. 2 (1993)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. XI, no. 1 (Spring, 1994)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. XII, no. 3 (Fall, 1995)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. XVII, no. 1 (Spring, 2000)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. XVII, no. 2 (2000)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. XIX, nos. 1 & 2 (2002)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. XX, no. 3 (Fall, 2003)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. XXI, no. 1 (2004)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. XXII, no. 1 (Winter, 2006)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. XXIV, no. 1 (Fall, 2007)



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The MacGuffin, vol. XXV, no. 1 (Fall, 2008)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. XXVI, no. 2 (Winter, 2010)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. XXVIII, no. 1 (Fall, 2011)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. XXIX, no. 2 (Winter, 2013)

---

The MacGuffin, vol. XXXI, no. 1 (Fall, 2014)

---

The Michigan Poet (anthology, 2016)

---

MidAmerica, vol. XXXIII (2006)

---

Mid-American Review, vol. XVIII, no. 1 (Autumn, 1997)

---

Mid-American Review, vol. XI, no. 2 (1991)

---

Mid-American Review, vol. XV, nos. 1 & 2 (1995)

---

Midwest Poetry Review, vol. 1, no. 1 (Summer, 1980)

---

Migotania, issue 9 (2005)

---

Milkweed Chronicle, vol. 6, no. 3 (Fall, 1985)

---

Modern Poems of Ohio: I Have My Own Song for It (anthology, 2002)

---

Negative Capability, vol. VII, nos. 1 & 2 (1987)

---

New American Writing, issue 22 (2004)

---

New Millennium Writings, issue 17 (2007-2008)

---

New Millennium Writings Sarajevo, issue 23 (2014)

---

New Poems from the Third Coast: Contemporary Michigan Poetry (anthology, 2000)

---

Nimrod, vol. 26, no. 1 (Fall/Winter, 1982)

---

Nimrod, vol. 44, no. 1 (Fall/Winter, 2000)

---

North American Review, vol. 289, no. 5 (Sept.-Oct, 2004)

---

North American Review Sins, vol. 293, no. 5 (Sept-Oct. 2008)

---

Northwoods Journal, vol. III, no. 2 (Winter, 1995)

---

Ohio Poetry Day: Contest Winners (anthology, 1971)

---

Onthebus, issue 13 (1994)

---

Onthebus, issues 10 & 11 (1992)

---

Passage North Anthology (anthology, 1990)

---

Passages North, issue 34 (Winter, 2013)

---

Passages North, vol. 3, no. 1 (1981)

---

Passages North, vol. 9, no. 2 (Summer, 1988)

---

Passages North, vol. 14, no. 1 (Summer, 1993)

---

Passion (anthology of national juried visual art and poetry exhibition, 1994)

---

Peninsula: Essays and Memoirs (anthology, 2000)

---

The Pennsylvania Review, vol. 3, no. 1 (Spring/Summer 1987)

---

Permafrost, vol. 9, no. 1 (Winter, 1986-87)

---

Place of Passage: Contemporary Catholic Poetry (anthology, 2000)

---

Poesia, vol. 6, no. 1 (Spring, 2008)

---

Poetry and Painting in the Galleries (anthology from GRAM exhibit, September 1998- January 1999)

---

Poetry in the Gallery - Women in Art (anthology, 1991)

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Poetry in the Gallery - Our Visions: Women in Art (anthology, 1995)

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Poetry in the Gallery - Our Visions: Women in Art (anthology, 1997)

---

Presa, no. 18 (Spring, 2013)

---

Presa, no. 19/20 (Fall, 2013)

---

Polish American Studies, vol. LXIV, no. 2 (Autumn, 2007)

---

The Prose Poem, issue #1 (1991)

---

Puerto del Sol, vol. 28, no. 1 (1992)

---

Quadra-Project (ten postcards of various poets, 1985)

---

Quarterly West, no. 39 (Summer/Fall, 1994)

---

Rattle, vol. 14, no. 1 (Summer, 2008)

---

Riffing on Strings, anthology (2008)

---

River Styx, no. 49 (1997)

---

Rosebud, vol. 1, issue 2 (Summer, 1994)

---

Rosebud, The Best of, no. 1 (2001)

---

Salamander, vol. 13, no. 1 (Winter, 2007/2008)

---

Sierra Madre Review, vol. 1, no. 1 (Winter, 1984-85)

---

Sky (Fall, 1992)

---

Song of the Owashtanong: Grand Rapids Poetry in the 21st Century (anthology, 2013)

---

The South Florida Poetry Review, vol. 9, no. 3 (Spring, 1992)

---

Tendril, no. 12 (Winter, 1982)

---

Tendril, no. 16 (Summer, 1983)

---

There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays, anthology (1997)

---

Touching: Poems of Love, Longing, and Desire, Fearless Poetry Series, vol. 2 (2011)

---

Two Review, 2009

---

Visions, no. 28 (1988)

---

Visions, no. 58 (1998)

---

Voices: Dyer-Ives poetry Competition, anthology of winners (1974)

---

The Wayne Literary Review (Spring/Summer, 1993)

---

Windhover, vol. 16 (Spring, 2012)

---

Witness, vol. IX, no. 1 (1995)

---

Witness, vol. XXI (2007)

---

The Worcester Review, vol. VIII, no. 2 (Fall, 1985)

---

Word Wrights!, no. 15 (Spring, 1999)

---

Writer to Writer, vol. IV, no. 1 (Spring, 1998)

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w Zmowie (translated into Polish, 1994)

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