

**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 Nemeč Foster collection
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	circa 1987-2008
<b>Extent</b>	0.42 Linear feet One box
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Linda Nemeč 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.

## Scope and Contents note

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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 Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department

### Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Linda Nemeč 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 Archival Materials note

Coll. 275, Ladies Literary Club Collection. Includes some of Nemeč 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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### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Foster, Linda Nemeč

### **Subject(s)**

- Poets -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

**Series I. Biographical & Historical Information.**

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**Collection Inventory**

<b>Series I. Biographical &amp; Historical Information.</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Prints from her website - <a href="http://www.lindanemecfoster.com/">http://www.lindanemecfoster.com/</a> Oct. 17, 2005	1	1
Data from other Websites	1	2
News articles. Proquest	1	3
		<b>Box</b>
Newspaper clippings (pending)		1
Book jackets.		1
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Amber necklace	1	5
Photographs	1	6
<b>Series II. Poetry</b>		
<b>Subseries A. Ephemeral Formats</b>		
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		

**Subseries B. Book Formats**

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

**Box**

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Beginnings / by Linda Nemeč Foster. Print from Grand Rapids Public Library website.  
n.d.

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Humanities Council of Grand Rapids, first Poet Laureate of Grand Rapids, 2003.

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History of Sweat / Linda ... No publisher or date. In black lettering on one small sheet of heavy textured gray paper.

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Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts presents Community Photo Album, Sept. 9 – Oct. 17, 1992. Poems by Linda Nemeč Foster. c. 1992. Signed by the author. Small crème flyer (1 folded sheet).

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A Poem for the Season of Fire and Ice. Grand Rapids Press. Dec. 22, 2002. ProQuest print.

**Subseries B. Book Formats****Scope and Contents note**

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

**Box**

1

Amber Necklace from Gdansk : poems / Linda ...Baton Rouge : Louisiana State Univ. Press, 2001. Signed. Hard cover with book jacket.

**Subseries C. Digital Formats**

Contemplating the Heavens : a sequence of poems by Linda ...Signed. Roseville, Mi. 1  
Ridgeway Press, 2001. (Another copy in Coll. 275)

A History of the Body : prose poems by Linda Nemeč Foster. Cover illustration by 1  
Kathleen G. Van De Mark. Minneapolis : Coffee House Press, 1987. Signed “To my  
Mother & Father ...”

Listen to the Landscape : haiku / by Linda Nemeč Foster, hand-colored photographs by 1  
Dianna Carroll Burdick. GR : William B. Eerdman's Publishing Co., 2006

Living in the fire nest : poems by Linda ... Roseville, Mi. : Ridgeway Press, 1996. 1  
Signed.

A Modern Fairy Tale : the Baba Yaga Poems / Linda ... Roseville, Mi. : Ridgeway Press, 1  
1992. Signed. Illustration by Kathleen Van de Mark. [opposite title page]

Ten Songs from Bulgaria / Linda Nemeč Foster. W. Somerville, Mass. : Cerveni Barva 1  
Press, 2008

Trying to Balance the Heart : poems by Linda Nemeč Foster. Northville, Mi. : Sun Dog 1  
Press, 1993. Sign. “For my Mom & Day ... Cover illustration by Virginia Rose Kane.

Talking Diamonds / Linda Nemeč Foster. Kalamazoo, Mich. New Issues Poetry & Prose. 1  
P2009.049

**Subseries C. Digital Formats****Scope and Contents note**



**Subseries C. Digital Formats**

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

**Box**

CD. New Letter on the air / Linda Nemeč Foster. Produced at the Univ. of Missouri,  
Kansas City. Catalog no. 042705. [www.newsletters.org](http://www.newsletters.org)

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