

## Linda Holderness Bio

I was born in Washington D.C., but in my heart I am a fourth-generation Californian. My great-grandfathers were gold miners in Grass Valley, and my father grew up next to the Red Castle on Nevada City's Prospect Hill. World War II transported him to Washington, where he met my mother and stayed. I recall watching Rose Bowls in my childhood, huddled by a fire, enamored of a place where people could wear T-shirts on New Year's Day. I moved here after college — and have not looked back. The fifth and sixth generations are here now, and we are all proud Californians.

**Folsom has been my home since 1980. What a wonderful town ... and I have been privileged to write about it for most of the time I've lived here.** Residents may remember receiving a monthly City of Folsom Newsletter in their mailboxes — I founded that newsletter and produced it for 11 years, winning an award along the way.

I have also been a reporter and editor for newspapers, including The Sacramento Bee and Mountain Democrat, as well as an information officer for the city of Folsom, technical writer at Intel, medical writer and editor, professional blogger, communications manager for a state employees association, and publicity chair for many political campaigns, including races for: Assembly, Board of Supervisors, Folsom City Council and FCUSD school board; school and library bonds; and three ballot measures. For more than 20 years, I have owned a writing and editing service. I have won three writing awards and received proclamations from the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, city of Folsom and Rotary Club of Historic Folsom.

Currently, I specialize in editing and publishing books and newsletters. I teach a memoir-writing class at the Folsom Senior Center and have published several anthologies of the writers' works, all available on Amazon.

I believe in giving back to my community and as a library commissioner played a leadership role in the long drive to build the Folsom Library. After an extensive search, the late Ernie Sheldon and I spearheaded the effort to acquire the present library site. As a member of the Friends of the Folsom Library, I developed the website and wrote scores of articles advocating for and publicizing the library. As president, I developed The Giving Tree and the much-loved holiday book tree. For 10 years, I handled publicity for the Folsom Lake Symphony.