



**FOLFAN**  
Friends of Lakes Folsom & Natoma



## September 2018 FOLFAN Newsletter

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## Meet FOLFAN Members Glenn and Kaye Hermanson



FOLFAN has many wonderful members who are dedicated to caring for Folsom Lake SRA. This month we introduce you to Glenn and Kaye Hermanson.

***What community do you live in? How long have you lived there?***

We moved to Folsom almost 25 years ago in December 1993.

***What do you do for a living? If you are retired, what did you do for a living and did you relocate to the Folsom area upon retirement?***

(Glenn) I'm a civil engineer with a national consulting firm. My focus is on water and wastewater pipelines. Kaye works at UC Davis Medical Center as a clinical psychologist in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Her focus is on patients with brain and spinal cord injuries.

***How did you hear about FOLFAN?***

I have been a member of Friends of Folsom Parkways for many years. A few years ago at one of those meetings we were discussing trail connectivity and how the trails in Folsom connect to an overall regional trail network. FOLFAN was discussed as an advocate for trails in the park.

***What is your favorite thing about our organization?***

Government does many things very well, but there are some things it doesn't do well. My favorite thing about FOLFAN is it has a grassroots base and can do some of those things that government can't do well. The combination of State Parks and FOLFAN increases the overall enjoyment of the park for the people in the area.

***What is your favorite thing about our park and how do you use the park?***

I must admit, when I first moved to Folsom, the only time I saw the park was when I drove over the Dam Road on the way to Auburn to visit my brother. In the summer of 2001 I was introduced to geocaching. Geocaching took me to many different nooks and crannies in the park including Rattlesnake Bar and the rock piles at Mississippi Bar. I still remember in October of 2001 following my GPS from the Old Salmon Falls trailhead and "finding" the old Salmon Falls Road bridge that is normally under water. I no longer geocache but I now use the park for orienteering (<http://www.goldcountryorienteers.org/>), bike riding, kayaking, and most recently SUPing (Stand-up Paddleboarding).

***What would someone be surprised to know about you?***

Years ago, when I was a recently graduated engineer, my job allowed me to live for a short time in Alaska, Florida, and Hong Kong. Some people may also be surprised to hear that I have been the Folsom Area Creek Week Coordinator for the Sacramento Area Creeks Council for about 15 years. Every year I organize a one-day litter clean-up along the creeks and trails in Folsom, as part of the countywide Creek Week event.

## **Project Updates - Trail Repairs**



**Hinkle Creek Culvert** - Contractors are in the process of repairing a culvert that washed out from storm water three years ago in the Negro Bar Unit of the State Park. The culvert allowed the creek to flow under a road, which later served as a paved multi-use trail. Creek water is being diverted during construction.

**South Side Paved Trail** - Portions of the multi-use paved trail on the south

side of Lake Natoma are closed for repairs. This project was made possible by FOLFAN, thanks to a generous donation of \$10,000 from Jay and Cindy Freeman, along with \$10,000 in matching funds from FOLFAN's Adopt-the-Parkway program. The Freemans enjoy bike riding in the park and chose this project as a way to give back to the community. Repairs begin with root bump removal, grading and asphalt patching. Closures will be between the access road at Nimbus Flat and may extend to the Willow Creek area. Additional repairs, including a new overlay and striping, will commence later in the year.



**Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail beneath the Orangevale Bluffs** - State Parks has now received the geotechnical report with the plan for stabilizing the Orangevale Bluffs and repairing the Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail that was damaged from winter storms and rockslides a couple of years ago, resulting in the closure of a very popular trail. The next step is the environmental reviews, after which the work can begin on the bluffs and the trail. Depending on how long the environmental reviews take, and when the winter rains come, it is possible that the work may be completed and the trail re-opened in late 2018. It is also possible that it will be 2019 before the trail can be re-opened.

## **Explore the Electricity Fair at the Folsom Powerhouse SHP on September 8th**



Join us for a host of free activities for children, including cooking and making crafts with solar energy, water exhibit activity, face painting, photo booth, electric automobiles on display, tours of the historic Powerhouse with stations of self-discovery and interactive exhibits in the Visitor Center/Museum.

**The Electricity Fair is at the Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park**, 9980 Greenback Lane, Folsom, CA, 95630. Hours are from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Free parking is available throughout Old Folsom.

## Fun-raiser at Pete's Restaurant and Brewhouse October 2<sup>nd</sup>



Deb Moreno, Don + Elizabeth Rose and FOLFAN Board Member Jim Cassio on the Patio at Pete's

FOLFAN is hosting our fourth annual fun-raising event on the beautiful back patio at Pete's Restaurant & Brewhouse, 6608 Folsom-Auburn Rd. in Folsom. Pete's award-winning patio courtyard overlooking Hinkle Creek will be ours for the evening, so bring your friends and family and have a great time! Twenty percent of what you pay Pete's for your food and beverages will be donated to FOLFAN.

Pete's is a great family-style restaurant serving the Folsom community and surrounding area with a fresh menu, craft beers, premium wine, full service bar and a beautiful back patio. Arrive when you'd prefer on Tuesday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> between 6:00 and 8:00 PM - and let them know you're with FOLFAN's Fun-raiser.

Pete's Restaurant and Brewhouse in the shopping center on Folsom Auburn Road at Greenback Lane.

## Volunteer Opportunities



**The Great American River Clean-Up (GARCU) is September 15th.** Come on out to Negro Bar with FOLFAN and be a part of a worldwide effort to clean our waterways! What started as the Coastal Clean-up has expanded into a global effort to restore our life-giving lakes, rivers, streams and coastline.

The cleanup is from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Negro Bar picnic area. Stick around for a thank-you

BBQ in the shade! FOLFAN acts as site captain and volunteers must register in advance through the American River Parkway Foundation. Register NOW at <http://arpf.org/what-we-do/programs/clean-ups/>

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**Membership**



Membership and Donations: Your support is vital to FOLFAN's ongoing mission. Follow the link to join or renew membership - or donate - online. You can also download a form that you can send by mail. <http://www.folfan.org/HelpUs/Contribute.aspx>

Leadership: If you are interested in attending a meeting of the Board of Directors please contact Linda McDonald at [president@folfan.org](mailto:president@folfan.org).

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