

Life In Poetry

Poet Analyzes How To Divide Things

BY TED KOOSER
 U.S. Poet Laureate

If you had to divide your favorite things between yourself and somebody else, what would you keep? Patricia Clark, a Michigan poet, has it figured out.

FIFTY-FIFTY

You can have the grackle whistling blackly from the feeder as it tosses seed,
 if I can have the red-tailed hawk perched imperious as an eagle on the high branch.
 You can have the brown shed, the field mice hiding under the mower, the wasp's nest on the door,
 if I can have the house of the dead oak, its hollowed center and feather-lined cave.
 You can have the deck at midnight, the possum vacuuming the yard in its white prowl,
 if I can have the yard of wild dreaming, pesky raccoons, and the roaming, occasional bear.
 You can have the whole house, window to window, roof to soffits to hardwood floors,
 if I can have the screened porch at dawn, the Milky Way, any comets in our yard.

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Service Award Presented To USD Professor

VERMILLION — Matt Fairholm, Ph.D., associate professor of political science at the University of South Dakota, is the 2013 recipient of the Blair and Linda Tremere Faculty Service Award, which is presented annually to a member of the College of Arts & Sciences faculty who has demonstrated outstanding public service to the local community or to the state of South Dakota.

Fairholm is an educator long affiliated with civic leadership. With teaching interests rooted in public administration, leadership theory and practice and constitutional governance, Fairholm's teaching and training experience spans the public, private, non-profit, and university settings. He has been a member of the USD faculty and W.O. Farber Center for Civic Leadership since 2002, and his commitment to the community includes working on the Vermillion City Planning Commission and the Community Safety and Protection Committee, where he did a survey for the Vermillion Police Department. Fairholm was the driving force behind a campus conference on the historic Missouri River Flood of 2011. Fairholm received a Ph.D. in Public Administration from The George Washington University, both a B.A. and M.A. in Public Policy from Brigham Young University.

The Blair and Linda (Schuller) Tremere Faculty Service Award was established in 2011 by Blair and Linda Tremere of Golden Valley, Minn. to encourage and recognize the valuable role that Arts & Sciences faculty play in the lives of their communities and state. All tenure-track and tenured faculty in the College of Arts & Sciences are eligible to receive the award. Linda (Schuller) Tremere is a 1970 alumna from the USD School of Business (B.S., Accounting) and a native of Amhers. Blair Tremere, a Sioux Falls native, is a 1968 alumnus from the USD College of Arts & Sciences (B.A., Government/Journalism) and also received his M.A. in Public Administration from USD in 1971.

Tyndall Garden Club Set To Host Sale May 11

TYNDALL — The Tyndall Garden Club will hold a Plant, Bake, Craft & Gift Sale on Saturday, May 11, running from 8 a.m.-noon at the VFW/Legion building on Main Street.

Items for sale will include seeds, starts, bulbs, potted plants, house plants, outside plants, homemade cookies, bars, bread, quick bread, lemon curd, pies, etc..

There will also be various crafts items available.



Fairholm

Advantages Of Ceramic Brake Pads

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
 King Features Syndicate

Dear Tom and Ray:

I recently needed to replace my brakes, and the shop sold me on ceramic brake pads. The pads have a lifetime warranty, which is very appealing. I also was told that ceramic pads will generally prevent rotors from warping, eliminating the pulsating affect that one feels when braking with warped rotors. After making the purchase, I've been told by several people that ceramic pads wear the rotors more evenly, preventing warping, but they also wear the rotors far more quickly. In your experience, did I save money by going with ceramic pads? Or am I actually spending more money, both up front (on the pads) and down the road (on additional rotors)?

—Jared

RAY: Here's the brief, sordid history of brake pads, Jared. The first pads were made out of shoe bottoms. My brother remembers sticking his foot out the door and dragging his shoe on the road until the car either stopped or hit something.

TOM: Yeah. That was last week, in my '78 Fiat!

RAY: Brake pads in recent years have been made out of asbestos, other organic materials, semi-metallic materials like steel wool and iron and, most recently, ceramic compounds mixed with copper strands.

TOM: Each of these materials had its advantages and disadvantages. For example, asbestos brake pads were nice and quiet, but they caused lung cancer. Non-asbestos, or-



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

ganic pads were safe for humans but didn't always stop the car very well. Semi-metallic pads performed well but made obnoxious brake noises and left black brake dust all over people's wheels.

RAY: So the current state of the art is the ceramic pad, which seems to balance all of the criteria of brake pads pretty well. It lasts a good long time, stops the car well, dissipates heat quickly, absorbs noise better than metallic pads and leaves a nice, light-colored brake dust that's a lot less visible and bothersome than the black stuff.

TOM: So, you got the right pads, Jared. That's what we use on our customers' cars these days, mostly to eliminate complaints about noise and dust.

RAY: When ceramic brakes first came out, I remember that the suppliers warned us

against using them with cheap rotors, because they are harder than the older, metallic pads — that's what makes them longer-lasting. But rotor makers have caught up, and we haven't had any problems in recent years. So as long as you're not buying your rotors from a guy in a trench coat who says, "Psssst!" I don't think you'll have to worry about excessive rotor wear.

TOM: As far as we know, however, ceramic pads do not prevent warping. If you misuse or overheat your brakes, rotors will still warp. It's possible that the improved heat-dissipation qualities of the ceramic pads may help prevent warping to some degree, but you're not going to be immune from warped rotors.

RAY: You will be immune from black brake dust and ear-splitting brake squeal, though. So congratulations on a wise purchase, Jared.

To buy or not to buy — options, that is. Are options worth what you pay for them, or are you better off just going with the basics? Order Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" to find out. Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to nEXT Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Spring Carries The Risk Of Tick-Borne Illness

"Spring means more time outdoors and more risk for tick-borne diseases. Every year in South Dakota we see cases of Rocky Mountain spotted fever, tularemia, ehrlichiosis and Lyme disease - all tick-borne illnesses."

DR. LON KIGHTLINGER

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Tick samples should be sent within a small bottle sealed with tape. DO NOT crush the sample or put the tick on tape. Make sure that your name, phone number and date of submission are attached to the bottle. If sending the sample via post, pack the vial in a padded envelope or cardboard containers. Ticks will be identified but not tested for Lyme disease.

The 2011 tick survey did find plentiful numbers of Dermacentor dog ticks. While the dog tick doesn't carry Lyme disease, it does transmit Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, tularemia and ehrlichiosis, so people should protect themselves from this tick species.

Tick bites are usually painless and appear as a small red bump with a bright red halo. To remove an attached tick, use tweezers or

a tissue and pull slowly and steadily, being careful not to crush it. Then apply antiseptic to the site to prevent infection. If you use bare hands to remove a tick, wash your hands thoroughly with warm water and soap. Avoid touching your eyes before washing.

Tick-borne illness symptoms include onset of a moderate-to-high fever, stiff neck, deep muscle pain, arthritis, fatigue, severe headache, chills, a rash on the arms and legs or around the site of the bite, and swollen lymph nodes, particularly in the neck. If you develop any of these symptoms after a tick bite, see your doctor. With Rocky Mountain spotted fever the illness does not start immediately after the tick bite, but typically 5 to 10 days after the tick attachment.

When outdoors, repel ticks by tucking your pants into your socks and spraying clothes and any exposed skin with a tick repellent. Other precautions include:

- Check frequently for ticks when outside, especially the scalp and folds of skin. Ticks need to be attached for several hours to spread infection so you can significantly cut your risk by checking for and removing ticks right away.

- Check small children thoroughly and often for ticks when they've been outside or have had contact with pets or livestock that may have ticks.

- Ask your veterinarian about appropriate insecticides and collars to protect pets from ticks and limit the number they carry into the home. For added protection, apply insecticides and tick repellents to your pet's bedding.

- Check your animals frequently for ticks. To remove ticks from animals, apply constant traction with forceps or tweezers. If you must use your fingers, wear disposable gloves then wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.

Fact sheets on specific tick-borne diseases can be found on the Department of Health web site at <http://doh.sd.gov/Disease-Facts/>.

ServSafe Renewal Class Slated For Yankton

A ServSafe Renewal Class will be held on Saturday, May 11, at the Yankton County Extension Office, 115 Case St. The class begins at 8 a.m.

To register, contact Sandi Kramer at 660-5430. Deadline to register is May 8.

BIRTHDAYS

LEE DUTCHER



Dutcher

Lee Dutcher will be celebrating her 90th birthday on May 1, 2013. Her family is requesting a card shower in her honor. Please send cards to 914 W. 10th St., Yankton, SD 57078.

50th Anniversary Celebration



Mr. & Mrs. Carrol and Pearl Jerke

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol "Bud" and Pearl Jerke, Yankton, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house hosted by their family.

The open house will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2013, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Springwater Village RV Park Clubhouse, 3002 West 8th Street (1.5 miles west of Yankton on Hwy 52).

Pearl Kriz and Carrol "Bud" Jerke were married January 26, 1963 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton, SD.

The couple has one child: Dave (Jackie) Jerke, Yankton. They have three grandchildren: Chris, Austin, and Trenton Jerke.

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