

Life In Poetry

# A Quiet Pond And An Ancient Exercise

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U.S. Poet Laureate

Among the most ancient uses for language are descriptions of places, when a person has experienced something he or she wants to tell somebody else about. Some of these get condensed and transformed into poetry, and here's a good example, by Susan Kolodny, a poet from the Bay Area of California.

KOI POND, OAKLAND MUSEUM

Our shadows bring them from the shadows:  
a yolk-yellow one with a navy pattern  
like a Japanese woodblock print of fish scales.  
A fat 18-karat one splashed with gaudy purple  
and a patch of gray. One with a gold head,  
a body skim-milk-white, trailing ventral fins  
like half-folded fans of lace.  
A poppy-red, faintly disheveled one,  
and one, compact, all indigo in faint green water.  
They wear comical whiskers and gather beneath us  
as we lean on the cement railing  
in indecisive late-December light,  
and because we do not feed them, they pass,  
then they loop and circle back. Loop and circle. Loop.  
"Look," you say, "beneath them." Beneath them,  
like a subplot or a motive, is a school  
of uniformly dark ones, smaller, unadorned,  
perhaps another species, living in the shadow  
of the gold, purple, yellow, indigo, and white,  
seeking the mired roots and dusky grasses,  
unliveried, the quieter beneath the quiet.

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

VERMILLION — Area high school graduates enrolled at the University of South Dakota this fall are among the recipients of the university's top scholarships — the George S. Mickelson Scholarship and the Presidential Alumni Scholarship.

The George S. Mickelson Scholarships and Presidential Alumni Scholarships are the most prestigious awards offered by USD, and provide outstanding students with four-year, renewable awards contingent upon the student maintaining the minimum grade point average and meeting all other conditions of the renewal criteria as specified by the award. Valued at \$40,000 over a four-year period, recipients of the George S. Mickelson Scholarship must maintain a min-

imum 3.5 cumulative GPA and remain enrolled full-time on the Vermillion campus.

Presidential Alumni Scholarships are valued at \$28,000 over a four-year period. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA and remain enrolled full-time on the Vermillion campus. Students interested in these and several additional scholarships offered by the University of South Dakota can apply for the 2013-14 academic year at <http://admissions.usd.edu/cost-and-aid/scholarships.cfm>.

- Vermillion — Kristina Zalud, Vermillion High School, Presidential Alumni Scholarship;
- Yankton — Lauren Fanta, Yankton High School, Presidential Alumni Scholarship.

# Garages Make Cars Very Happy

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI  
King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Dear Tom and Ray:

My boyfriend and I disagree on whether to keep the car in the garage. He thinks it cuts down on the life of the car (something about cooling the engine). I think a car lives longer if kept in a garage. I understand that a heated garage is not a good idea — but what about just a regular attached garage? Please advise.

— Evelyn

**TOM:** Your boyfriend is being an oil stain on the garage floor of your life, Evelyn. Garages are great for cars — and for their drivers.

**RAY:** At the very least, a garage will protect the exterior of your car from the elements, including those acidic pigeon and pterodactyl droppings. And if it spends every night — or half its life — under a roof, it'll look good for about twice as long.

**TOM:** From what we see in real life, that's about right. Cars we work on that are garaged look a lot better than non-garaged cars their age.

**RAY:** I have no idea what your boyfriend is talking about regarding engine cooling. Maybe he thinks the engine won't cool down as fast if it's closed in a garage? Or that the heat of the engine will warm up the garage and shorten ITS life?

**TOM:** The length of time it takes the engine to cool down makes no difference to anything. So, as far as we know, there's absolutely no downside to keeping your car in an unheated garage.

**RAY:** A heated garage is even better, even though it does create one downside for the car. If you live in the part of the country where it snows and they use salt on the



## CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

roads, by storing it in a warm garage every night, you may slightly speed up the rusting process.

**TOM:** How? Well, let's say you drive on a cold, snowy day, and you get salty ice and slush all over the car. Then you get home at night and pull into your heated garage. What happens? The ice melts. And you're left with salt, water and warm air — perfect ingredients for oxidation (i.e., rust).

**RAY:** Whereas if you leave the car outside, and the temperature stays below freezing, oxidation is inhibited by the lower temperatures, and the rusting process slows down a tiny bit.

**TOM:** On the other hand, if it's snowy and icy and miserable, who cares? That's when you really want to have a heated garage! You want that stuff to melt off overnight so you don't have to kick it out of your wheel wells like Nanook of the North does with his dogsled.

**RAY:** Plus, there are some very real me-

## USD To Confer Degrees At Winter Commencement Dec. 15

VERMILLION — Chief Justice David E. Gilbertson will be the keynote speaker for the University of South Dakota's 37th Winter Commencement at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15. More than 560 candidates will receive degrees during the ceremony at the DakotaDome on the USD campus.

A native of northeast South Dakota and a 1975 graduate of the University of South Dakota School of Law, Gilbertson was elected to a four-year term as chief justice by the members of the state Supreme Court in September 2001. He was re-elected to a second four-year term as chief justice by members of the state Supreme Court in June 2005, and a third four-year term in June 2009. Appointed to the South Dakota Supreme Court in April 1995 to represent the 5th Supreme Court District, Gilbertson was retained by voters in general elections in 1998 and in 2006.

Prior to serving on the state Supreme Court, Gilbertson engaged in private practice from 1975 until his appointment to the circuit court bench in 1986. Additionally, he served as deputy state's attorney and as an attorney for several municipalities and



Gilbertson

school districts. A past president of the South Dakota Judges Association, Gilbertson is a member of the Conference of Chief Justices and chairs its committees on Tribal/State Relations and the Task Force on Politics and Judicial Selection. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Conference of Chief Justices from 2005-2007. In 2006, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Center for State Courts for his defense of judicial independence.

Before earning his Juris Doctor from the USD School of Law, Gilbertson received his undergraduate degree from South Dakota State University in 1972. He currently serves on the Judicial-Bar Liaison Committee of the State Bar Association and is a member of the Glacial Lakes Bar Association, the Brown County Bar Association and the South Dakota Bar Association. He and his wife, Deborah, have four children.

## NE Nebraska RC&D Spotlights Entrepreneurs

PLAINVIEW, Neb. — The Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council located on east Highway 20 in Plainview is showcasing local entrepreneurs during December. Stop by and browse while enjoying a cup of coffee. There's no fee to come and see the creative works of these talented citizens.

Janis Lingenfelter crochets and knits items for young and old alike. She's also a poet in her own right. Handiwork is Emmy Gutz's calling. She's made gift bags, scarves, baby items and more. Lois Olson sews doll clothes for Barbie Dolls and American Girl Dolls. Handmade seasonal aprons were created by Vicky Ashburn and Ilene Lehnert has done blue jeans quilt throws and afghans. Shirley Hoffman makes potato bags and baby quilts.

Dennis Wacker is a multi-talented individual and has on display his wooden crafts, boomerangs and dried flower arrangements. Sue Wiebelhaus created beautiful photos that adorn cards and wall hangings. And Danny Hergert has developed his own scented candles, air fresheners, and hand creams. Local writings are also featured.

The office will be open most weekdays through Dec. 21 so make a visit and find out what's going on. RC&D Council members want this organization to continue providing services and assistance that are requested by citizens of the six-county region. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to make suggestions or just stop in anytime.

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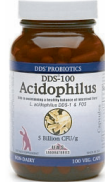
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