

American Life in Poetry

# The Fleeting Beauty Of An October Snow

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U.S. Poet Laureate

Here's a lovely poem for this lovely month, by Robert Haight, who lives in Michigan.

### EARLY OCTOBER SNOW

It will not stay.  
But this morning we wake to pale muslin stretched across the grass.  
The pumpkins, still in the fields, are planets shrouded by clouds.  
The Weber wears a dunce cap and sits in the corner by the garage where asters wrap scarves around their necks to warm their blooms.  
The leaves, still soldered to their branches by a frozen drop of dew, splash apple and pear paint along the roadsides. It seems we have glanced out a window into the near future, mid-December, say, the black and white photo of winter carefully laid over the present autumn, like a morning we pause at the mirror inspecting the single strand of hair that overnight has turned to snow.

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### SCHOLASTICS

#### LINDSAY VIK

**BROOKINGS** — Lindsay Vik of Yankton was awarded the Susan Wilder Scholarship in Family and Consumer Sciences for the 2014-2015 academic year at South Dakota State University. She was recognized at the College of Education and Human Sciences scholarship banquet Sept. 6 in the Volstorff Ballroom at SDSU's University Student Union.

Vik is a junior majoring in human development and family studies at SDSU where she is active in human development and family studies club. The daughter of Ian Vik of Yankton and Lisa Krueger of Sioux Falls, she is also an employee of the Children's Museum of South Dakota.

Susan Wilder was born March 25, 1882, at Morris-town, Minnesota. She received her education at the University of Minnesota, earning both Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees. She did some early teaching in a rural school and at one time was a science teacher. Wilder also attended school in Chicago and at Cornell University. She was a home agent in Illinois in the years 1918-21. In 1921, Wilder came to South Dakota State and was specialist in foods and nutrition for 10 years. She assisted in the establishment of a "4-H Student Loan Fund," in 1930. In 1940, the name was changed to "A Student Loan Fund" and at the time of her death in 1941, her brothers and friends contributed greatly to the fund and it was renamed in her memory. In 1953, the Homemakers Extension of South Dakota accepted the loan funds as a worthy project but voted to give scholarships instead of loans. The Susan Wilder scholarship continues to generously provide assistance to students in the College of EHS thanks to the

South Dakota Association for Family and Community Education.

#### ERIKA EVELETH

**MINNEAPOLIS** — Erika Eveleth of Dakota Dunes completed their studies from The Art Institutes International Minnesota on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014.

The Art Institutes International Minnesota is a regional leader in design, media arts, creative management and culinary arts education, and is located at 15 South 9th Street in downtown Minneapolis.

Founded in 1964 as Lowthian College, The Art Institutes International Minnesota is a diverse, dynamic institution of higher education whose mission is to educate students for creative careers. The Art Institutes International Minnesota is one of The Art Institutes ([www.artinstitutes.edu](http://www.artinstitutes.edu)), a system of over 35 locations throughout North America, providing an important source of design, media arts, fashion and culinary arts professionals. The website for The Art Institutes International Minnesota can be found at [www.artinstitutes.edu/minneapolis](http://www.artinstitutes.edu/minneapolis).

### Car Talk

# Advice On A 'Fun' Car

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI  
King Features Syndicate, Inc.

#### Dear Tom and Ray:

I am newly retired. I have always purchased the cheapest car sold by each brand (Honda Civic, Toyota Corolla). I now find myself with enough money to purchase a more upscale, fun car for the first time in my life. I love the Miata, but my back just won't take the lack of height of the sports car. I am thinking of a slightly used upscale car like the Lexus ES. But I know I'll be upset with the high cost of repairs. Help me find my first fun car. — Lana

**TOM:** You're pulling in two different directions here, Lana.

**RAY:** On the one hand, you want something fun. You're tired of driving a boring automotive appliance.

**TOM:** On the other hand, automotive appliances are nice and reliable!

**RAY:** So we'll give you two different kinds of suggestions.

**TOM:** A used Lexus is certainly a fine choice. While "fun" wouldn't be the first word I associate with Lexus, it is quiet, comfortable and reliable.

**RAY:** You will pay more for repairs, because the coffee is better and the carpet is thicker in the Lexus waiting room. So you have to be prepared for that.

**TOM:** As an alternative, instead of an entry-level luxury car, we often recommend that people get a completely



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Tom and Ray Magliozzi

dekked-out version of a non-luxury car.

**RAY:** For instance, instead of a Lexus ES350, you could get a loaded Toyota Camry XLE (on which the Lexus is based). You'd save some money on the purchase price, and you'd save money on repairs. When the Camry is loaded to the gills, the cars are very comparable — and comparably equipped.

**TOM:** So one suggestion would be to look at a fully loaded Camry, Accord, Altima or any other car you like from a non-luxury manufacturer. But get every option you could possibly want on it to make it luxurious to you.

**RAY:** If we disregard your concerns about repair costs and just focus on "fun," then, Lana, I see you in a British Racing Green Mini Cooper convertible.

**TOM:** That's as much fun to drive as

the Miata, but it's more than just a few inches off the ground. If you're of a certain age and you get a Miata, you also have to get the optional winch to lift you out of the driver's seat.

**RAY:** The Mini is reasonably upscale. You can get it with leather seats, a navigation system, heated seats and all that. And it'll cost you about 35K brand-new.

**TOM:** Chances are, it won't be as reliable as your Civics and Corollas have been. But it's got a four-year, 48,000-mile warranty, so you can drive it trouble-free for four years, and then decide if you love it enough to keep it for the long haul.

**RAY:** Or if you've had enough "fun" and are ready to back to a Civic. Enjoy whatever you get, Lana.

What is the most cost-effective way to buy a car? Tom and Ray hash it all out in their pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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## SD Farmers Union Hosts Education Meeting

**HURON** — South Dakota Farmers Union recently hosted the National Farmers Union Education Meeting in their state office in Huron. The two-day conference focused on educational programming topics as well as provided Education Directors from across the nation with an opportunity to share their best practices and discuss ways to overcome challenges.

"We learn a lot from each other," explained Bonnie Geyer, S.D. Farmers Union Education Director and the event's coordinator. "Although each of our state education programs is unique, we all share the same focus — which is to provide rural youth with leadership and cooperative educational programming that is fun and captures their attention year after year."

Geyer explains that exchanging ideas with her peers gets her motivated for the 2015 camp season. Each summer she oversees the organization of more than 56 day camps and three 3- to 5-day leadership camps, and a State Leadership Camp. More than 2,000 South Dakota rural youth attend these camps.

Serving South Dakota Farmers Union as its Education Director since 1997, Geyer says that although summer youth programs have always been popular, in recent years, enrollment has increased.

"It's mostly word-of-mouth. One kid has a good time and they tell their friends, relatives and neigh-

bors," Geyer explained. "Farmers Union camp programming works to empower young people to become influential leaders in their home communities. Camp activities encourage them to explore interests and discover their strengths."

To keep young people returning year-after-year, Geyer said the National Farmers Union provides an excellent curriculum and she works with a team of teens and collegiate interns to help her and the many volunteers from communities across South Dakota plan camp activities and programming that are fresh and new. "Like all camps, we also have plenty of camp traditions," Geyer said.

Cathy Stutz, the Wisconsin Farmers Union education director, can relate. Stutz, who was among the directors to attend the conference in Huron, attended Farmers Union youth activities and camps from the time she was 6.

She said that along with the fun activities, it was the cooperative philosophy she was taught at Farmers Union camp that kept her involved through her teen years and beyond. "I am not competitive by nature, so the idea of everyone working together and bringing everyone's skills, interests and talents to the table to make the world a better place, really resonated with me," said Stutz, who interned and worked for both the Wisconsin and National Farmers Union camp programs during college and then moved into her current role after she graduated in 1997.

During the conference, Stutz, Geyer and the other education directors visited about ways they can recruit more youth as they age-out of the youth programs to become involved in Farmers Union adult education programs and take on leadership roles.

"Like many multi-genera-

tional organizations, we are faced with the challenge of maintaining members through their college and early professional years," Geyer said. "We often see them return to Farmers Union once they have children of their own, because they want their own children to experience the same benefits they did as campers."

To learn more about S.D. Farmers Union youth programs, visit [www.sdfu.org](http://www.sdfu.org) or contact Geyer at [bgeyer@sdfu.org](mailto:bgeyer@sdfu.org) or 605-352-5976 ext. 125.

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