

Bud Brand

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As nature weaves
a magic wand
to make an autumn breeze,
the maple leaves
are bashfully
seen blushing in the trees.

A 1970 graduate of UW-Superior, **Bud Brand** has had 115 works of poetry published in a number of newspapers and in more than fifty books and anthologies, earning him the moniker of the Wisconsin Wordsmith. He and his wife Donna (nee Evans) recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.