“A Candle in the Wind” describes a series of activities that students can do to learn about how candles work. Through a series of simple tasks the chemistry and physics of what happens as a candle burns is revealed. The article is intended for chemistry instructors to use in teaching chemical principles using the ordinary, yet compellingly fascinating table candle. The most visually striking activity is the “Jumping Flame Trick” in which a lit match is inserted into the smoke rising from a recently blown-out candle. The flame jumps from the match, down the column of smoke and relights the candle. Rick Mickelson, UW-Eau Claire photographer, took the series of photos that were used to make the striking cover image illustrating the Jumping Flame.