

Bluegrass Tolers

President's Message By Marsha Clark

Hello Ladies,

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"Now you belong to him who was raised from death in order that we might be useful in the service of God." Romans 7:4b TEV I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and fall is fast leaving us as well. What a cold Halloween. I hope everyone got enough treats to be satisfied and enough tricks to have fun.

The October Retreat at Lake Cumberland was a welcome reprieve for everyone who attended. We enjoyed each other's company and the painting expertise of Mark Polomchak, Mina McLean and Byrle Thomas. Thanks to Terry Bauer and Byrle Thomas for their make it/take it tables and to Mina McLean for her store items. It seems we all needed extra items this year.

Mark Polomchak, graciously gave us his original paintings to be given away to retreat attendees. Three of his paintings were won and they will be loved by their new owners. We decided to keep one of his paintings to use as an opportunity for others to win. We will be asking members of the BGT to sell tickets for \$5 each or 6 for \$25 to your family and friends. It is a wonderful painting. I hope to win this myself. We will have tickets and the painting to see at the November meeting.

This newsletter includes instructions for November/December, 2014. Please read it carefully. Our newsletter editor/web designer Connie Bolin will have knee surgery on November 20 and will miss our November class but she wanted to be sure to get out this information to everyone. Please keep her in your prayers during this surgery.

Our November class is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, in Versailles. The class will be taught by Diane McCamish. Welcome back Diane. You have been missed and I'm sure your family enjoyed your company. She is teaching a watercolor Santa face and you won't want to miss it. More information is provided later in the newsletter. Please let me (<u>marshalclark@yahoo.com</u>) or Mina McLean (<u>mina.minasplace@gmail.com</u>) know if you plan on attending at least one week ahead of the class and so we can prepare for lunch. Class starts at 9:30 sharp so please arrive early to have your painting spot set and ready to go. Lunch will be provided for the November class. Cost is \$10.

December class is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10. Note this class is on Wednesday due to scheduling conflict with Versailles office. Mina is teaching a Christmas ornament for us. Class information and fee is included in the newsletter.

President's Letter continued

Please let Mina or me know if you will be attending this class as soon as possible. Class starts at 9:30 sharp so please arrive early to have your painting spot set and ready to go. Lunch in December is Christmas potluck. Bring your favorite finger foods and we will fellowship. Instead of exchanging gifts this year, let's bring extra baby items (diapers/wipes/lotion/shampoo) for the Nile House in Versailles.

NOW – for the most important news to share. Please read the note below from Mina McLean speaking as President of KDA as well as our VP:

"Once again, it is your humble President speaking, I have a lot to convey to all of you so please read carefully and if I have made any mistakes or if you do not understand please contact me or any board member.

Due to the decreased membership in both the Louisville and Blue Grass clubs, the boards have been discussing merging the two clubs. We feel this is the only way to save both clubs. It takes several officers as well as finances to run 2 clubs. We feel that if the clubs merge we will only need one set of officers and 1/2 the financial needs. We will have more "woman" power to run things. When we have classes and seminars the same bunch attends each, so in essence we are merged, just governed by separate bodies. Also some have stated that trying to attend both each month is hard to do, as well as prepare classes for the 2 clubs.

We have discussed everything several times before we are bringing it to the club. Nothing has been written in stone yet. We are open to your ideas and suggestions. Please be constructive. We have tossed around about location. We have come up with a tentative solution. We will (if merger is passed) meet one month at Louisville and one month at Versailles. With the thought in our minds to look for a central point between the two, if the alternating locations does not work.

We have such wonderful people in our clubs, great friendship, compassionate, sharing and helping each other, and trying to help our communities. Let's try to look at this objectively. We only want to continue to have this. Some of you might not know that BlueGrass Tolers is the mother of Kentuckiana.

We welcome your comments and/or suggestions. This is a wonderful group who want to expand our painting techniques and fellowship with each other in a more economical way for everyone."

We all look forward to serving your needs and ask everyone to participate with thoughts, ideas, and a helping hand throughout the year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in November and December.

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Don't forget about renewing your SDP and Bluegrass Tolers' memberships for 2015!!



November's Project (11/20/14)

Diane McCamish is teaching us this month. We are doing a watercolor painting of Santa. Instructor Brings: paint, pattern, instructions, picture, watercolor paper Cost: \$20 (\$10 if you bring your own surface)

Student Brings: Watercolor supplies





December's Project (12/10/14)

Mina McLean is teaching in December.

We are doing a toy soldier ornament.

Instructor Brings: paint, pattern, instructions, picture, and ornament supplies

Cost: \$25

Student Brings: Acrylic supplies; glue gun if you have one

Bluegrass Tolers 2015 Membership Application

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