



# Bluegrass Tolers

## President's Message

By Marsha Clark

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## Happy St. Patrick's Day

Spring will come – this month... Yeah.... Clocks moved ahead one hour so we have one extra hour of daylight in the evening. Yeah....

If you weren't at our February meeting, you missed a great class of mixed medium taught by Sowmya. Thank you so much. The March class, a watercolor, will be taught by Gayle Liable. See the picture and details of materials needed to bring in the newsletter. **Please let me or Mina ([minasplace@aol.com](mailto:minasplace@aol.com)) know if you plan on attending.** She definitely needs to know how many surfaces to prepare for so let us know no later than the week prior to the class. – Classes start at 9:30 sharp so please arrive early to have your painting spot set up and ready to paint.

For lunch this month, Debbie McQueary, our Hospitality Chair has agreed to take care of the lunch. Please be willing to bring items if she calls on you.

At our lunch meeting (see minutes elsewhere in the newsletter), we discussed "Social Painting Classes" to be offered to the public. Members are working on the logistics of hosting these. Please be willing to help work these and offer any other suggestions you may have as possible money makers for the club.

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,*  
Marsha

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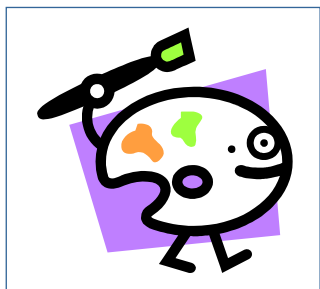
### Area Chapters Newsletter Editors

- Greater Cincinnati  
[Pat Hull](http://www.gcdapainters.org) (web site <http://www.gcdapainters.org> )
- Lake Cumberland [Amanda Thompson](https://sites.google.com/site/lakecumberlanddecorativeartist) (web site <https://sites.google.com/site/lakecumberlanddecorativeartist>)
- Kentuckiana [Sandra Sturgeon](http://www.wix.com/kdapainters/kentuckiana-decorative-artists) (web site <http://www.wix.com/kdapainters/kentuckiana-decorative-artists>)

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**Neary Rattanak** – *Quote meaning: Women are Precious Gems (Gems are a thing of permanent strength and value, and if it is soiled, it can be polished and made to shine even more brightly.)*  
 (from *All That Is Bitter & Sweet*, Ashley Judd's Memoir, page 80)

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## This Month's Project

**Gayle Liable** is with us this month!

**Contact:** Mina McLean at [minasplace@aol.com](mailto:minasplace@aol.com) or Marsha Clark at [marshalclark@yahoo.com](mailto:marshalclark@yahoo.com)

**Date:** March 20

**Medium:** Watercolor

**Size:** 5.5 X 12.5 paper

**End Size:** 10 X 17 with double mat

**Instructor Provides:** Picture, pattern, instructions, paint w/palette, pattern traced on surface, acid free backboard

**Cost:** \$60

**Student Brings:** Watercolor supplies.



## Officers

*President: Marsha Clark*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president: Mina McLean*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president: Debbie McQueary*

*Secretary: Jo Carol Carter*

*Treasurer: Byrle Thomas*

## Birthdays

*Shirley Via – March 9*



**Don't forget to pay your Bluegrass Tolars' and SDP dues!**



## Meeting Minutes *submitted by Jo Carol Carter*

- The Feb 20, 2014, meeting of the Bluegrass Tolars was held at the Extension Building in Versailles, KY. The lesson was presented by Sowmya Viji. The project was an acrylic Barnyard Tulip design by Judy Ribitch.
- Marsha Clark presided at the meeting an agenda is attached. The September 19, 2013, minutes were read and approved.
- Attending 12 members were: Marsha Clark, Connie Bolin, Mina McLean, Debbie McQueary, Jo Carol Carter, Cathy Hall, Carolyn Leet, Mary Lou Payton, Barbara Ryan, Byrle Thomas, Sowmya Viji and Nina Parker.
- The luncheon was pizza. Debbie McQueary was given information collected on having lunches catered. She will review the information and give her recommendations at next meeting.
- The financial report was submitted by Byrle Thomas. The 12/31/13 balance is \$4487.77. The report is attached. A motion was made by Jo Carol Carter seconded by Connie Bolin to accept the report. The motion was approved.
- 2014 Projects were discussed. Mina will finalize the projects, including the possibility of a May session with a national teacher, for the club to review. A motion was made by Jo Carol Carter and seconded by Mary Lou Payton, rather than discussing possibilities without details have Mina bring a list of projects for 2014. We know Mina has the expertise to make good choices for the club's approval. The motion was approved.
- 2013 Conference items: Mary Lou Payton was pleased with the conference boutique. She may not be available to work the Boutique in 2014. She is updating the 2013 form with information learned from her work at the club's first boutique. A motion was made by Byrle Thomas seconded by Nina Parker to increase the club Boutique's profit from 10% to 20% in 2014. The motion was approved.
- Marsha Clark outlined details for a "Social Painting with Friends." Marsha showed examples of projects suitable for a social. The club would sponsor the event and it may be held at Marsha and Connie's church donating a portion of the proceeds to the churches mission work. Deco Art has an Art Kit for sale that Mina McLean thinks would be perfect for the event. Byrle Thomas and others have worked this type of event in the past and think it is a very workable fund event for the club. A motion was made by Byrle Thomas seconded by Connie Bolin for Marsha Clark to research dates and other particulars involved with the social and Mina McLean will check with Deco Art about the availability of the Art Kits. The group targeted will be 14 years and up. The motion was approved.
- Sowmya Viji shared a fact sheet about the international 'We Serve' Foundation. The foundation accepts used and new books to benefit poor students. The goal is 120,000 free public libraries. Sowmya asked club member to get involved and donate any books they may have available. The information is attached the foundation web site is: [www.intlternationbookkproject.org](http://www.intlternationbookkproject.org).
- Since there was no further business, a motion was made by Jo Carol Carter and seconded by Connie Bolin to adjourn the meeting.

## Information from Other Chapters

**Greater Cincinnati Decorative Artists** Retreat - Catch Spring Fever Retreat! Don't miss out on the fun. April 4th, 5th and 6th at Higher Grounds in West Harrison, Indiana. Contact Alice Goldfuss 513-598-1819 - [sunnybeach01@yahoo.com](mailto:sunnybeach01@yahoo.com).

**Lake Cumberland Decorative Artists** - Mark Polomchak will be doing a watercolor seminar on May 23 and 24, 2014, in Somerset, KY. Cost of \$60.00 per day for members. Non-members will be invited if there are any openings after member sign up - cost of \$60.00 per day plus \$15.00 club membership dues. Sign up and deposits are collected by Treasurer, Barbara Ryan.



**Hello from Texas, The Yellow Rose Chapter** of Dallas, Texas is planning an Alaskan cruise for September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and would like to extend an invitation to all other painting chapters.

CONTACT – RORY MORGAN, CRUISE COMMITTEE CHAIR, address: 20 A Rhea Mills Cr, Prosper, TX 75078 or email [ycr2014akcruise@yahoo.com](mailto:ycr2014akcruise@yahoo.com)

PS – The Seattle Painting Convention starts on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – what a great way to add on some painting and shopping time.

**Bluegrass Tolars 2014 Membership Application****\$15.00****Mail to:****Byrle Thomas****4591 Leitchfield Rd****Cecilia, KY 42724****Name:** \_\_\_\_\_**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_**Permission to list in Directory** \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No**New** \_\_\_ **Renewal** \_\_\_**Student** \_\_\_ **Teacher** \_\_\_**Shop Owner** \_\_\_**Name of Business** \_\_\_\_\_**Birthday (Day/Month)** \_\_\_\_\_**Make checks payable to Bluegrass Tolars****Amount Enclosed: check** \_\_\_\_\_ **cash** \_\_\_\_\_