



Bluegrass Toler's Newsletter



President's Message

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Mark Polomchak's Couple with Umbrella

Happy Winter! Although, it's not much like winter except for the dreary days. Hopefully they will be over soon. A great big thank you to Bessie for providing a pin and ink with oil rouging project. It is a bright spot in these dreary days.

I was able to arrange with Robert Warren for a seminar on June 25-27, 2020. He will send projects for us to choose from soon and we can make our choices. Put the date on your calendar.

We didn't have anyone to provide our project for February, so Bessie graciously said she would provide on for us. We thank you so much Bessie. More project information can be found later in the newsletter. We worked on a possible list for next year. If there is a question mark beside your name, we were going by past lists and put your name down. **You are not committed to this list if you don't want to teach or would rather have another time.** Here's our proposed list:

February	Bessie Donna providing lunch. (Others needed to help her.)
March	Rose
April	Mina
May	Sowmya (dog in pan pastels?)
June	Byrle ???
July	Debbie ???
August	Diane ???
September	Mary Lou
October	Retreat
November	Bettye ???

As you remember, we had an "Opportunity to Make Money" for our club going on last year. **Elaine Barton won Mark Polomchak's painting shown here on the left.** Since she painted that one and is quite satisfied with it, she wants to donate the painting back to the club in order for us to make more money with it. Thank you so much Elaine. We need to discuss exactly how we want to progress with this opportunity. Put your thinking caps on!!

We will continue with the same community project next year. Just bring your used plastic bags to share with the local food pantry.

I hope we will see you on February 20.

Connie

FEBRUARY PROJECT

Class Day: Thursday, February 20, 2020
Class Time: 9:30 AM - arrive early to set up and be ready to paint
Class Place: Versailles/Woodford County UK Extension Office
Lunch Plans: Lunch provided by Donna Howard

Bessie Bain graciously volunteered to teach our project again this month. The photo below is rendered in pen and ink with oil rouging, but the project will be taught in acrylics. As such, please bring your usual acrylic supplies. Bessie will provide paints, surface and pattern. Cost is \$20. If you plan to attend, please email Connie @ cbolin522@gmail.com to allow Bessie adequate time to prepare. Also if you would like to assist Donna with lunch please email her directly at donnahowardartist@gmail.com.



The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. – Helen Keller



This is Leap Year, and ancient proverbs say,
If lads don't leap this year,
the lasses may.
~Poor Sir Robin's Almanac,"
Observations upon the four
Quarters of the Year," 1792



*Please remember our ongoing community service project and participate!
Bessie Bain is collecting plastic grocery bags each time we meet for
donation to a local food pantry.*

Bluegrass Tolars Newsletter

MEETING MINUTES BLUEGRASS TOLERS
JANUARY 16, 2020, 9:30am
WOODFORD COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

Nine members had a fun day as we painted an apples and bird pen and ink with Bessie. Thanks, Bessie!

Connie called the meeting to order after a pizza lunch. The date has been set for our seminar with Robert Warren--June 25-27 at the Woodford Extension Office. The building is available for that date.

Discussed our retreat at Lake Cumberland, October 22-25 (set up Oct 21). Once again, Mark Polomchak is not available, so it was agreed for Connie to check Michael Cheek's (oil) availability as a first option. Other options mentioned were Fran Mittelstet (watercolor), Cheri Rol (oil), or our own members teaching again. It was also mentioned maybe Fran and/or Cheri might be available for a one-day seminar at home. Mary Lou suggested we check the SDP catalog for teachers nearby. Theme for retreat was briefly discussed. Mardi Gras was mentioned.

Elaine Barton donated the Mark Polomchak painting she won at last year's raffle (couple strolling on city street) back to club to be re-raffled. She had already painted that particular painting. Thanks Elaine!

Rose asked for a deadline date of the 22nd of each month for anything going into the newsletter.

Bessie suggested we work for new members by getting the word out about our club and retreat. She also suggested that we participate in Woodford County's Art in the Park in May. Members would donate paintings to be sold as a fundraiser for our group. Booth would cost approximately \$100 and we could take turns manning the booth. Donna will provide tents.

A proposed teaching list was created for 2020:

February	Bessie (Donna providing lunch)
March	Rose
April	Mina
May	Sowmya (dog in pan pastels)
June	Byrle (not confirmed)
July	Debbie (not confirmed)
August	Diane (not confirmed)
September	Mary Lou
October	Retreat
November	Bettye (not confirmed)

It was suggested we bring a show-n-tell to meeting every month. Those who do will get their name put in a basket for a \$10 Hobby Lobby drawing. Discuss at next meeting?

Painting resumed after meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Recorded & Submitted by

Donna Howard, Secretary
BGT



**While it is February one can
taste the full joys of
anticipation. Spring stands
at the gate with her finger
on the latch.
-- Patience Strong**



Little Known Facts

If the Moon is directly overhead, you will weigh slightly less due to the orientation and gravity.

The average four-year-old child will ask over three hundred questions a day.

Elephants purr like cats do, as a means of communication.



Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you! -- Dr. Seuss



February

21 Sandra Reynolds
25 Carol Armstrong

If we've missed your special day, please let us know so we can update our records!

Bluegrass Toler Officers

- President – Connie Bolin (cbolin522@gmail.com)
 1st Vice President – Sowmya Viji (sowv55@gmail.com)
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 Newsletter and Website Editor – Rose Amburgey (rose.amburgey@gmail.com)

2020 Instructors & Lunch Volunteers

Month	Instructors	Project Medium	Lunch Volunteers
February	Bessie Bain	Acrylic	Donna Howard
March	Rose Amburgey	Oil	
April	Mina McLean		
May	Sowmya Viji	Pan Pastels	
June	Robert Warren Seminar		
July	Debbie McQueary (not confirmed)		
August	Diane McCamish (not confirmed)		
September	MaryLou Peyton	Acrylics	
October	Retreat		
November	Bettye Maples (not confirmed)		

Please note lunch volunteers are needed for all months -- email Connie if you wish to volunteer.



Bluegrass Tolars 2020 Member 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

Birthday (Day/Month) _____

Make checks payable to Bluegrass Tolars

Amount Enclosed: check _____ cash _____