



# Bluegrass Tolerers Newsletter



## President's Message

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Every moment is a fresh beginning.  
--T.S. Eliot

## Happy New Year!

WOW! How fast time flies. The loss of that extra week between Thanksgiving and Christmas had me spinning. Hope you all are more organized than me!!

A great big thanks goes to Barbara Ryan for teaching our November lesson. We appreciate her standing in for Mina, and we hope Mina is getting better every day. Bessie will teach our lesson in January. More about that later in the newsletter. Thanks, Bessie for taking January since we never know what the weather will be. Just a reminder: BGT classes are closed if the Woodford County schools are. Watch for updated information by email and on our website.

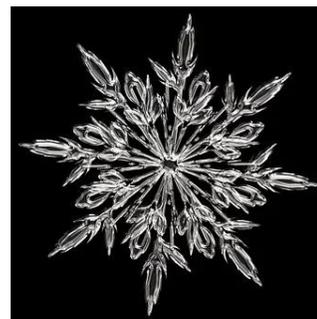
Thanks to Mary Lou Payton, Cindy Maupin, and Carolyn Edwards for providing a delicious lunch. We will have pizza in January.

As you remember, we had an "Opportunity to Make Money" for our club going on all year. We drew for the paintings and the following persons won: Elaine Barton, Marsha Clark, Myra Casey, and Lisa Copeland. Thanks for participating. The club made approximately \$300 from this opportunity.

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

Hope you had a wonderful Christmas and will continue to enjoy the remainder of the holiday season. We will see you on January 16.

Connie



## **JANUARY PROJECT**

**Class Day:** Thursday, January 16, 2019  
**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:** Pizza

Our project this month, "Spring", will be taught by Bessie Bain in pen and ink with oil rouging. Bessie will provide all supplies and will apply the pattern. Cost is \$20. If preferred, members can bring their own pencils instead of oil. Only oil will be provided. If you plan to attend, please email Connie @ [cbolin522@gmail.com](mailto:cbolin522@gmail.com) so Bessie has adequate time to prepare.



*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.*

Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.

--Edith Sitwell

Resolve to keep happy, and  
your joy and you shall form  
an invincible host against  
difficulties.

--Helen Keller



What good is the warmth of  
summer, without the cold  
of winter to give it  
sweetness.

--John Steinbeck



I close my eyes to old ends.  
And open my heart to new  
beginnings.

--Nick Frederickson

Take a leap of faith and  
begin this wondrous new  
year by believing.  
--Sarah Ban Breathnach



What a wonderful thought  
it is that some of the best  
days of our lives haven't  
even happened yet.  
-- Anne Frank

**MEETING MINUTES BLUEGRASS TOLERS  
NOVEMBER 21, 2019  
WOODFORD COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

Fourteen were present to paint fall leaves led by Barbara Ryan. A lovely meal was prepared by Mary Lou Payton, Cindy Maupin, and Carolyn Edwards. Thanks to all!

Connie thanked all who helped with the retreat, especially our instructors. Will discuss next year's retreat early in 2020. Baskets and country store netted approximately \$500. First of the year we will have a full report on retreat profits.

Sowmya will get together a list of teachers for 2020. Bessie will teach a Robert Warren pattern (barn) in January. Connie will check with Robert about coming back in late spring or early summer.

Winners of our donated paintings from our "donations raffle" were Lisa Copeland (2), Marsha Clark, Elaine Barton, and Myra Casey.

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Donna Howard, Secretary



## **New Year Trivia**

The first New Year's Eve party in Times Square occurred in 1904, and was a celebration of The New York Times's new headquarters. At the time, the Times tower was the second-tallest building in Manhattan.

The celebration involved a street festival that lasted all day, which ended in a show of fireworks. More than 200,000 people were in attendance.

While the tradition of a Times Square New Year's Eve celebration dates back to 1904, the ball was not dropped at this event until 1907, according to Times Square's website. The first Ball weighed 700 pounds and had a diameter of 5 feet. It was constructed out of wood and iron, and had one hundred light bulbs on it.



**December**

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Phyllis Ashley

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

## *Bluegrass Tolars Officers*

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## *2020 Instructors & Lunch Volunteers*

As indicated earlier in the newsletter, Bessie Bain will be teaching our January project in pen and ink with oil rouging and we will be having pizza for lunch.

Instructors and lunch volunteers for the remainder of the coming year will be decided at our January 16<sup>st</sup> meeting.



# *Bluegrass Tolars 2020 Member Application*

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\$15.00

Mail to:

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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 \_\_\_\_\_