

Dear Members,

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

**The Board and I hope to see you at our Christmas Party** on Tuesday December 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to [bartlesvilleartassociation@gmail.com](mailto:bartlesvilleartassociation@gmail.com) by Thursday November 28.

At the party we will

- Share a meal with Barbecue meats rolls and non-alcoholic drinks provided by BAA and members are asked to bring a large side or dessert to share.
- Vote on changes to the bylaws. An email to members was sent out with the proposed changes, so please review that before the party. Thank you to Kathleen Rutledge who headed the effort to streamline the bylaws and bring them up to date.
- Donate art/craft supplies to the Lighthouse Outreach Center. Linda Radaker, Director of development will be present to accept the donations. You may choose to bring new or very gently used supplies or cash for this donation.\*\*
- Vote on a Slate of Officers for 2020. Those who served in 2019 were Celeste Cleary, Eloise Needleman, Stacey Foresman, Tom Roane, Steven Graham, Patti Kerr, Janet Odden, Cheryl Bridendolph, Kathleen Rutledge, and Amy Jenkins. Celeste (publicity), Eloise (secretary), and Stacey (treasurer) are retiring. The current board has nominated Dana Graham, Kerri Fleming and Nana Marchae to join the board in 2020. We'll introduce board members and explain changes in duties before the member vote.
- Introduce the 2020 menu of Art 101 classes that come free with your membership. You may sign up for a class at the party if your membership is current.
- Introduce "Schmoldt Champion of BAA" award winner/s for 2020

Instead of a Spotlight Artist for November, I would like to "Spotlight" Celeste Cleary, Eloise Needleman, and Stacey Foresman, our retiring board members.

**Celeste Cleary** has been our publicity chair for 3 years and has taken our communication to a new level on Facebook and gmail. She also took over the web page when Rosie Taylor retired, and will continue to be our webmaster in 2020. Celeste made it possible to pay for dues and classes online. Now most people sign up and pay for classes from their phones thanks to Celeste. She is also an "idea" person and was responsible for the "Paint your Pet Parties" and other successful events we've hosted. She has taught in our 101 program of free classes, doing tech related classes. And when anyone emailed our gmail address, Celeste received the message and diverted it to the proper recipient.

**Eloise Needleman** stepped up when we were looking for a treasurer. That is the hardest board position to fill because most artists do not like accounting. She worked long hours and learned about accounting systems and how to file our taxes. After becoming proficient, she asked to be relieved of

that job and became our secretary. She is a gifted writer and editor and contributed to the BAA newsletters and news releases and will continue to help in these areas.

**Stacey Foresman** has been our treasurer for a year and has also worked full time for Phillips 66. She has a business background, but is also interested in art. She has spent several hours a week keeping BAA finances on track. In addition to her treasurer duties, She and her sons have volunteered at the Spring Show and other BAA events. She is going into some training opportunities with Phillips that will take extra time in 2020.

Thank you Celeste, Eloise and Stacey for making BAA a better organization by sharing your talent! We appreciate each of you more than words can express.

**Thank you to Nana Marchae** who coordinated our BAA Winter Gallery November 15 and 16 with enthusiasm and fresh ideas. Special thanks to our sponsor Simple Serenity Therapeutic Massage who donated snacks and hot drinks for shoppers, and Diane Leroux who also made homemade treats. Also thanks to Nana's husband Donovan for helping to set up and tear down the gallery space! We had quality and variety with our 18 vendors. They were Carol Barker, Marta Bentley, Vance Blackwell, Cheryl Bryan, Pamela Carrico, Livimar Diaz, Keri Fleming, Pepper Hume, Amy Jenkins, Diane Leroux, Camilla Lutton, Claire Lutton, Nana Marchae, Martha Reyburn, Lori Roll, Larry Waid, Marie Wallick-Ham and Annette Walker.

**Kiddie Park needs face painters for their Christmas show** -Milk & Cookies with Santa, on Saturday Dec. 21st, from 9 am to 11 am at Spirit Church west campus at 900 South Dewey. Volunteers would need to bring acrylic paint, brushes, and other supplies with them. If you can help, contact Dedra Morgan at [d1m2nd@gmail.com](mailto:d1m2nd@gmail.com)

**BAA is sad to announce the passing of member Rick Brezinsky** on November 3. He contributed to our Spring Show as an artist and donor, and also gave scholarships to students for our summer art camp. Our condolences to his widow Terry and the rest of his family.

Best Regards,  
Amy Jenkins

\*\*Lighthouse suggested these supplies -  
sketch pads, drawing pencils, erasers, watercolors, watercolor paper, acrylics, palettes, brushes, canvases, crayons, glue, hot glue guns, stencils, stamps, stamp pads