



Bernie and Beth Sloane are 2015 Bass Unlimited poster sponsors.

TBLA Announces Sponsor of 2015 Bass Unlimited Poster

The Toledo Bend Lake Association (TBLA) will unveil its annual Bass Unlimited (BU) Poster during the Unveiling Gala and Auction at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, in the Grand Ballroom at Cypress Bend Resort on beautiful Toledo Bend Lake. The Unveiling Gala is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Toledo Bend Lake Association is a non-profit organization that sponsors the Annual Bass Unlimited Banquet and Auction as its major fundraising project to support and benefit Toledo Bend Lake.

This year, Noah Bounds of Blanchard, Louisiana, an artist whose focus and passion are on wildlife painting, is the 2015 poster artist. Artist Bounds is a student at LSU-Shreveport and a student of Don Edwards, artist for the 2011 Bass Unlimited poster.

The 2015 poster is sponsored by Bernie and Beth Tatman Sloane of Opelousas, Louisiana. Though they still own a home in Opelousas, their primary residence is now at Toledo Bend Lake where they have owned their lakehouse, known as "Sloane Pointe," for 17 years. The Sloanes call the development of their lakehouse a "Labor of Love" as it continues to be a project in progress. Bernie and Beth have been loyal supporters of the TBLA and TBCAC for the past ten years.

The Sloanes have been married for more than 45 years and have two grown sons, Shane and his wife Jolynn live in Youngsville, LA, and Cyrus and his wife Joannie live in Opelousas. Both families have a son and two daughters.

Beth Sloane has been retired from her job as a Probation Officer with the State of Louisiana since 2004, retiring with 32 years of service. While she loves to fish in the Lake, she also enjoys gardening. She has many hybrid day lilies, roses, amaryllis, irises, and lily of the Nile in her many flower beds.

Bernie has been in the commercial property and casualty insurance business as an agent for the past 35 years. He has been associated with Stiel Insurance Agency in Lafayette for the past 25 years. His specialty is insuring the various service companies working in the oil and gas industry. After 35 years as a commercial insurance agent, Bernie has

decided to slow down a bit and let his son, Shane, take the helm. Bernie will still be involved in the business on an as-needed and of-counsel basis after this year.

The Sloanes plan to attend the Unveiling Gala on Thursday, April 2, where Artist Bounds will be signing posters. The posters will be available at the Poster Sales table at the conclusion of the Unveiling Program. The cost of an unframed poster is \$20. Framed posters are \$40.

The first numbered framed poster as well as the framed original artwork from which the poster was created will be auctioned by Professional Auctioneer Kevin McDonald, beginning at 7:30 p.m. In addition to this year's poster, items that are auctioned will include two (2) pieces of original art by previous Bass Unlimited artists—Ron Kidwell and Norma Godwin.

Debbie Nichols, owner of Nichols, Incorporated, and her talented staff will decorate the ballroom for this festive event. Ms. Nichols was the sponsor of the 2006 BU Poster. She has graciously allowed Bass Unlimited to sell its posters at her Many store. If 2015 posters are still available after the Bass Unlimited Banquet and Auction on Friday, April 17, they will be available, framed and unframed, at the Many store.

The 2015 Bass Unlimited Poster can be ordered now. Unframed posters sell for \$20 each and framed posters sell for \$40 each. They will be available for pick up at the Poster Unveiling. To order your poster, send a check or money order to the address shown here. Make checks payable to Bass Unlimited of TBLA:

Bass Unlimited of TBLA
Poster Coordinator
P. O. Box 1031
Many, LA 71449

For Bass Unlimited Poster collectors who want to add the same numbered poster to their collection, indicate on your check the poster number you want to reserve for pick-up after the Unveiling. Collector-specific numbers are guaranteed available until Monday, March 23. If you would like your poster personalized, enclose a note with the wording to be used.

Unframed posters from 2003, 2004, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2014 are still available. The cost is \$15 each. To have posters mailed, add \$8 to the cost of the poster(s) to cover shipping and handling, regardless of how many posters you order.

The Toledo Bend Lake Association is made up of citizens deeply interested in the community in which they live and who are involved in the betterment of the Toledo

Bend Lake area. The Association has no political affiliations with any state or federal agency. It is a non-profit organization.

For more information about Bass Unlimited or TBLA, pre-paying for a poster, and having your poster personalized and ready for immediate pickup after the Unveiling Auction, contact the Poster Coordinator at 318-590-0599 or go to www.toledobendlakeassociation.com.