

Artist for 2014 Bass Unlimited Poster Announced

Ron Kidwell of Stonewall, Louisiana, is the artist commissioned to create the 2014 Bass Unlimited Poster for the Toledo Bend Lake Association. Mr. Kidwell has been painting and teaching painting for the last 20 years. Though his focus and passion are on wildlife and landscape painting, he has been commissioned to paint murals, florals, and still-life paintings as well. He teaches a wet in wet style of painting.

Artist Kidwell has taken workshops from several professional artists such as Don Edwards, whom he considers a mentor and friend, John-Seerey Lester, John Banavich, Daniel Smith, and Paco Young. He also travels to popular photo spots across the nation each year, so his paintings reflect scenery from Colorado, Wyoming, Washington State, the Tetons, Yellowstone, and other sites. His work is shown in states across the nation as well.



Though Mr. Kidwell was born in Ohio, he grew up in Shreveport and spent many summers around the Albert Pike and Shady Lake areas of Arkansas. In the 60's and 70's when Toledo Bend was formed, Ron's father had a camp on Carter's Ferry Road where the old Kawlija's Tavern was located. His memories of the lake at that time are reflected in this year's oil painting.

He retired from SWEPCO before embarking on his dream of becoming a well-known artist. He has won numerous contests in Northwest Louisiana and the surrounding area. He hopes to realize another dream of having one of his artworks chosen as a state or federal duck stamp. He has served as president and treasurer of the Shreveport Art Club, president of the Men's Art Guild of Shreveport, and

vice president of the Louisiana Society of Animal Artists. Ron resides in Stonewall with his wife Mary.

The poster unveiling is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at the Wildwood Resort on beautiful Toledo Bend Lake. Artist Kidwell will be attending this function to personalize the numbered and signed posters. He also plans to attend the Bass Unlimited Banquet and Auction on Friday, May 30, 2014. The unveiling event is open to the public and has no admission charge.

The 2014 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*: Order forms are available online at www.toledobendlakeassociation.com.

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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 **Wednesday, March 26, 2014**. If you would like your poster personalized, enclose a note with the wording to be used.

Posters from 2003, 2004, 2005, 2009, 2010, and 2012 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.

The Bass Unlimited Banquet and Auction is the Association's major fundraiser. 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.