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## From the Desk of the President;

Greetings to all our C.A.R. clowns and friends.

Wow, it seems so difficult to believe that it is already 2012. How was your December? This years Christmas was very memorable for both me and my extended family and I sincerely hope that you were able to make some lasting memories and enjoyed the holiday season as well. Did you ring in the New Year with a wild celebration, a quite gathering of friends or were you working? Did you all make some new resolutions?

As we start off a new year, I just want to thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you as president of such a great clown alley. It's because of all your kindness and support and a wonderful board of directors that helps me keep it all going. And just a friendly reminder that dues are due. And there is no price increase, it's still just \$12.00 per year, \$1.00 per month, a quarter a week. Wow, what a deal. I'm also happy to announce that after all the computer glitches and spam attacks we've had in the past couple of months, the giggle press is here

Enjoy!  
Next month our education will cover skits, projection and performance tips. While we are in our slower months lets all zero in on these important skills.



Hey did you know that there is a place that wants your old greeting cards: **The St. Judes Ranch for children accepts all occasion cards year round. They also have an increased need for birthday and thank you cards. You can mail your donations to :**

**St. Jude's Ranch for Children  
Recycled Card Program  
100 St. Jude's Street  
Boulder City, NV 89005**

I hope that You and your family have a Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous 2012..

Your Prez,  
Nancy "Bubbles" Opatich

## Previous Events

**December 17.** The North American Children's Holiday party was very busy. We had 2 clowns face painting and Kaboom doing balloons.



—editor note:

I've ordered from Magic 4 Less before and while their products is not the highest quality, they do give you a great deal.

Donna Nowak - ShowOffs Founder and Owner has agreed to host a one day workshop on Beginner to Intermediate Face Art in February. The date to be determined. Cost is \$10.00 ...here's some things you'll learn:  
How to put together a professional kit.

Use your sponges and brushes properly - let them work for you.

Maintain your equipment

Use color theory for the most appealing designs

Shade and highlight

Apply line-work to really 'pop' your designs

Add details to your work

Paint full faces that will "wow" your audience

Paint 1/4 and 1/2 faces that will really get attention

Bring your kit and your enthusiasm with you and join us for a day of inspired creative painting. She will have professional products available for purchase, so don't worry about what you may not have. If you get a chance check out her web site: [www.showoffsbodyart.com](http://www.showoffsbodyart.com)

We are in the process of scheduling a face painting workshop in Feb and trying to get a date locked in. It will be either the Saturday Feb 4 or Saturday Feb 25.

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# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <b>C.A.R Meeting</b>	5	6	7 Rich "Chimples" Burrous
8	9	10	11	12	13 Nancy "Bubbles" Opatich	14
15 Martin Luther King B-Day	16	17	18	19	20	21 Ply- mouth Ice Sculptures
22 Sit Around and Do	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 	30	31	1 <b>C.A.R Meeting</b>			

*"Let's get out there and have some fun."*



**ALL balloon creations** (in this



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at 7:00 pm.

**At the New Beginnings Church**  
on Puritan & Delaware  
between Beech & Inkster in Redford.

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## What to do with your real Christmas tree---

By Nancy Opatich

This article is about options for your old cut and soon to be discarded Christmas tree.

### 1.) Make a feeder for birds and squirrels!

First, remove all ornaments and lights. Take the bare tree and move it out to your yard still in the stand. String it with popcorn and cranberries, sprinkle with birdseed or hang bird feeders from the boughs. Smear pine cones with peanut butter, hang apple rings or orange halves. Hang hollowed-out orange halves in the tree and fill them with nuts.

Enjoy the show as the birds feast on your gift to nature! Not only will the tree provide food for wild-life during the cold winter days, but it can also be a place for them to hide from cold winds.

2.) Mulch the tree for your garden. It can then be used in the landscape as a cover around trees, shrubs, and flowers. This helps insulate the soil, conserve soil moisture, and retard weed growth. It also helps return nutrients to the soil as it breaks down. Pine needles are great for ground covering and mulch.

3.) Christmas trees make excellent material to build brush piles for wildlife. These piles provide cover for small animals and birds. The animals use the piles to hide from predators, as safe resting places and to raise their young. Start with larger limbs or rocks for the base and pile several trees on top. Perhaps your neighbor will want to add their trees to your pile.

4.) If you have plants that need covering for the winter, remove the tree's branches from the trunk. The branches can then be used as a blanket over perennials or other tender plants in your garden.

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