

## **Artistic family featured at Fayette courthouse**

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Law and art have been passed down from one Fayette County attorney to another. The artwork of Bernadette K. Tummons and her family is on display at the Fayette County Courthouse Law Library.

When the law library started featuring artists in September 2008, Tummons, a Uniontown attorney, was one of the first to display. She shared some of her watercolors along with a painting of President John F. Kennedy that was created by her late father, A.J. Kuzdenyi, who also was an attorney in Uniontown.

Even as a child, Tummons remembers her parents allowing her to be expressive. The family painted their art all over the walls. "We weren't shy about anything," Tummons said, recalling being a child and making charcoal drawings that were given to relatives and never seen by her again. Even a crayon drawing of John Lennon has been gone but not forgotten to her. "I can still see it and feel it."

On display at the law library are Tummons' cross-stitch works, a rosary, crochet art, a watermelon costume made for her daughter and later worn by other children, and a pencil drawing of a cat she made in 1974. Those pieces of art are included in the book "Benjamin Franklin Butler: The Damnest Yankee" with cover art by Tummons' sister, a crayon picture that her daughter made in 1989 at age 5, and a dragon made of a paper mache overlay on a metal frame made by her son. The JFK portrait that normally hangs in the law library is out being touched up. In its place is a painting that Tummons' father made --- his last painting --- it is of Tummons' son playing the fiddle. It was never finished. Her father died, leaving the image partly sketched and partly painted. "It's finished enough, so I won't dare touch it," Tummons said of the painting that was meant to be a Christmas present to her.

### **See for yourself**

The Tummons' family art will be on display at the courthouse until March 31.