



The Texas Gourdzette

Kappa Chapter

American Gourd Society

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**Our Cover Picture is "Chasing Time"
by Jill Robinson of Austin. 1st Place Contemporary
entry in Kerrville's Southwest Gourd Fine Arts Show**



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Message from the President...

How this summer is flying by and what looked like a long time till Festival is now right on our door. I hope you have been busy creating your best gourd(s) for competition or patch competition. From what I am hearing, there is lots of excitement out there especially for the challenge categories and the open challenge, Alien Creatures. Can't wait to see them. Patch competition is going to be very interesting.

I am not sure if this Gourdzette will get to you before the deadline of July 15 for competition entry applications. If it does, you only have a few days to get in at the lower price. Judy tells me that only one application has been received by her. Help Guadalupe Patch out by getting your applications in as soon as you can.

As you know, two of our teachers have dropped out. If you were enrolled in either of those classes you can apply the fee to another class or get a refund. Contact Sheila Guidry which ever you decide.

Ways and Means is going to be great this year. Lots and lots of quality gourds, supplies and tools will be available by silent auction.

Also, if you are available on July 31, we can use some volunteer help setting up the convention center exhibit hall and competition room. Just show up and we will put you to work.

I'm looking forward to this year's show. Remember it will be our last in New Braunfels as we move to Fredericksburg in 2020. Let's make it our best ever.

Until later...

David Cleaveland

Show-Me Gourd Society 22nd Anniversary

Fine Art Festival

Ozark Empire Fair Grounds
3001 N Grant Ave
Springfield, MO 65803

April 4 & 5, 2020

Fine Arts and Crafts by Local
and Nationally Known Artists

Saturday 9:00-5:30

Sunday 10:00-3:00



www.showmegourdsociety.com



Gourd Artist of the Year
Merrill McHenry - 2020

Admission: \$5.00. Children under 12 free!
Good for both days of the show. Free parking.

Highlights:

- AGS Sanctioned Competition
- Competition classes: Growers, Youth, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Masters
- Register in advance for workshops with teachers from around the USA. Workshops will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- Nationally recognized gourd artist showing and selling their work.
- Live auction - noon on Saturday
- Vendors selling gourds, gourd supplies and embellishments
- Awards
- Dinner Saturday
- Free Demonstrations
- Concession stand Saturday and Sunday
- Raffles for prizes throughout the weekend.



78th Annual NC Gourd Arts & Crafts Festival

presented by the NC Gourd Society



Saturday Nov 9, 2019 9am - 5pm
Sunday Nov 10, 2019 10am - 4pm

NC State Fairgrounds - Raleigh, NC
Holshouser Bldg



COME BY FOR SOME GOURD FUN!

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COMPETITIONS

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GROWING TALKS

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GOURDS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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www.ncgourdsociety.org 919-696-0744



The Texas Gourd Society

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Purpose: The purpose of the Texas Gourd Society is to promote interest in and appreciation of gourds, both to our membership and to the general public. We will do this by sharing information through education, meetings, festivals, and shows related to the culture, history, uses, crafting, and artistry of gourds.

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57TH ANNUAL OHIO GOURD SHOW

October 4,5,6 2019

**A Family-Friendly
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Ohio's
New
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Gourd Art
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More!!!!**

**Take Me Out to the
GOURD SHOW!**

Open to the Public Friday-Sunday, Oct 4-6
Oct 4—Friday 12-5—sales & workshops
Oct 5—Saturday 9-5— Gourd Show & judging, sales & workshops
Oct 6—Sunday 12-4— Show, sales & special family day activities

**Admission \$5.00 (kids 12 and under free)
Free parking!**

**Delaware County Fairgrounds
236 Pennsylvania Avenue, Delaware Ohio**

Estimated distance (miles) from

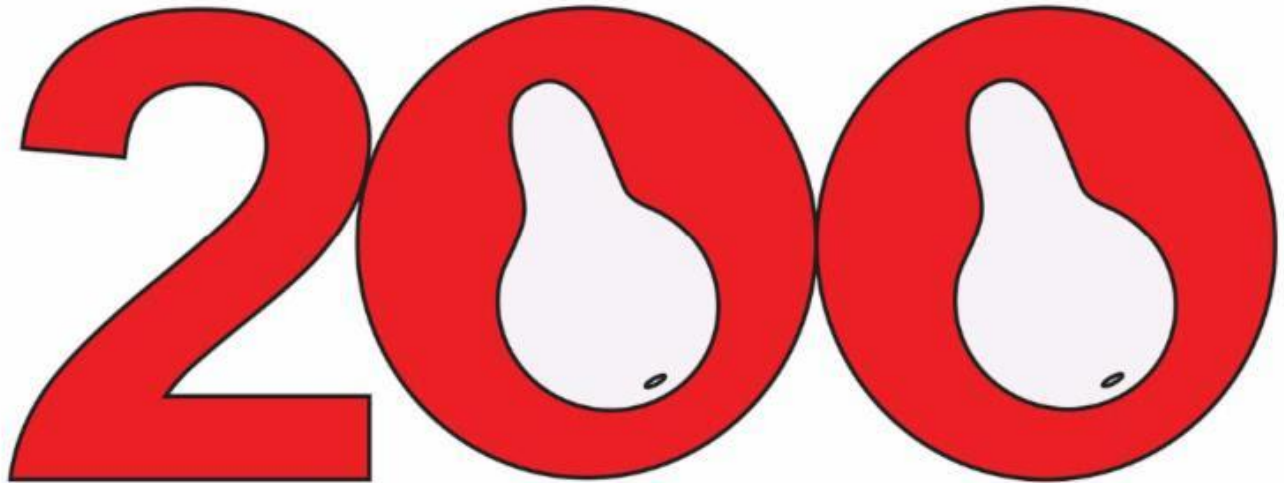
Columbus	30
Dayton	81
Toledo	116
Cleveland	127
Cincinnati	131
Marietta	147

Are you interested in selling gourds, gourd crafts or art supplies at the Show? Please contact us! Gordon Smith
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Find us on Facebook and www.ohiogourdsociety.com

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200



ALGS GOURD SHOW 2019

October 18 & 19, 2019 Cullman, Al.

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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www.alabamagourdsociety.org

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to teach or be a vendor.**

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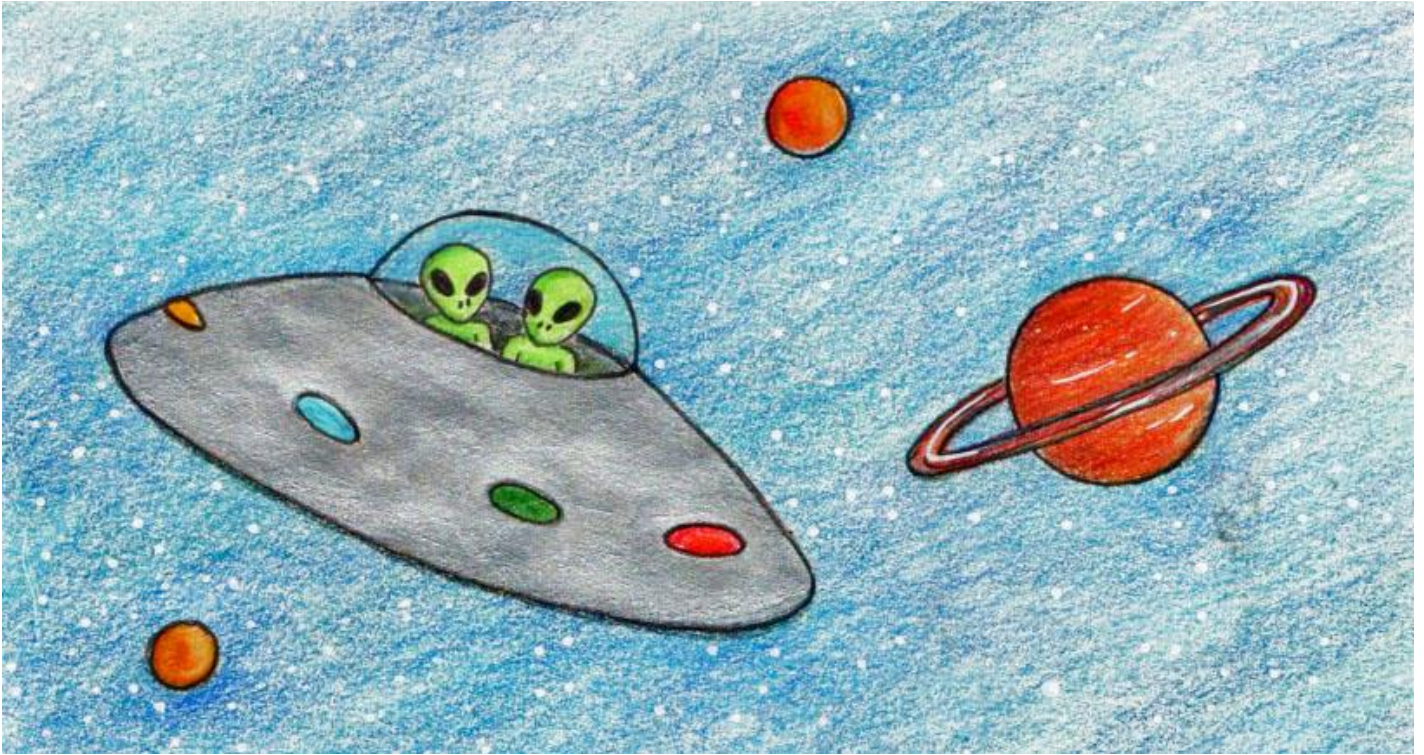
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Calling all Celestial Beings

for the 2019 Lone Star Gourd Festival



Fast Forward to the Future and create a visitor from or beyond the Milky Way. Intergalactic Gathering is an Open Category and is eligible for the Best of Show Award. Open your mind and imagination and make the best creature ever. Two heads? Multiple arms? Legs? Purple or whatever color turns you on. Let's see your wild side. We are announcing this category so you will have plenty of time to create this wonderful being. Name your being along with its Planet. Tell us it's story. Let's break the record for the number of entries in a category. Just imagine the Competition Room filled with Out-of-this-World beings. Since this is an Open Category it will not be judged for a Best of Division, but will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards. And, don't forget, it will be eligible for Best of Show and any other major award.

TGS Patch Happenings

Arlington Gourd Patch

The Arlington Gourd Patch members seem to have more ideas than time to get them done!

In January and February 2019 Susan Ashley taught us how to do a “drum gourd”. She named it this because the leather strips resemble the pattern on the side of regular drums. This was a 2 part project that included coiling on the rim which is needed to hide the ends of the leather strips. Here is a picture of the one Ethel McKithan finished.



Our March workshop was led by Becky Truex. She brought Kroma Crackle for us to work with and encouraged us with the great possibilities for using this on future gourd projects. Here is a piece that Julie Lind created and shared with us.



April rolled around and our group was able to finish part 2 of the Knotless Netting project that was begun last October 2018. Georgia Cunningham led us in completing this activity. Here is the finished project Julie Lind did. She opted to work her netting from the middle to the top rather than from the middle toward the bottom. She also added beads and microbeads for enhancement. Gourders are such creative individuals!



Coastal Bend Patch

Coastal Bend Gourd Patch



Well- Oren Guidry had his second knee replaced in middle of May so Shelia was not ready to have the patch meeting at her house for that month. Shelia became the Uber driver for Oren. But Oren is doing better now.

In June, the patch painted Santas on a gourd piece. Never too early to start planning for Christmas.

Dallas Gourd Patch



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The Dallas Gourd patch meets the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Elks Lodge in Dallas. Our meetings are 10-3 and we welcome anyone with an interest in gourds.

The last 3 months have been filled with classes and fun times. In March, Hellen Martin gave a lesson on how to use colored pencils. Our leaves turned out wonderful and we were all ready to go home and color.

Our annual gourd retreat was held in May at Cutters Paradise in Rowlett. We had 4 days of laughter, food, sharing and fun projects. What a wonderful way to get to know our fellow gourders better.



In June, member Sharon Cook demonstrated her Cricut machines and let us use her stencils and stamps to make our own patterns.

We are busy getting ready for the TGS Festival with our Gourd Patch Competition. We are also busily making fall and Halloween gourds for the Dallas Arboretum Gift Shop. This is a yearly project that we do to show them our appreciation for letting us have a month in the fall, during their Halloween and pumpkin patch theme, to do gourd demonstrations and

gourd sales.

We are also gearing up for the State Fair of Texas where we can demonstrate gourds to the public. Pictures will follow in October.

Southeast Texas Gourd Patch

The Southeast Texas Patch has been busy the last couple of months. In April we all traveled to Hallettsville where Roy demonstrated his method of laying beads in a channel and how to mount a cabochon.



At our May meeting, demonstrations were given using the different styluses to wood burn a design on a gourd. We also discussed what our patch challenge would be and how many of our group would contribute a piece to the display. These pieces were brought to our June meeting and everyone thought our display was looking good. Seven items were brought and there should be an additional five to add when we set up the display at the Gourd Festival. You must come to Festival to know what our display is all about.

We decided to cancel our July meeting and we do not meet in August because of Festival. Our September meeting will be learning to use fiber on a gourd, taught by Joanne Tompkins. Looking forward to Festival, see you there.

Roy demonstrates woodburning on a gourd

Competition

- a timely note from Judy

Guys and gals, I hope that you all are working on entries for Competition. Don't wait too long to get started. It would be wonderful to walk into the Competition Room at the Festival and see over 200 entries the way we used to have. So, get your creative ideas going. Read the rules carefully since there are changes. Master's Division artists be sure to read about the Challenge Categories and choose at least one, since it's mandatory. And, don't forget the special Open Category, Celestial Beings. Create the Outer Space creature of your dreams or nightmares. And, remember, the open category is eligible for Best of Show.

COMPETITION?!

- a personal note from Rickie

It's not about ribbons - it's about sharing the experience!



The 2019 Virginia Gourd Show, Sale & Competition

5/13/2019



2019 Virginia Gourd Show, Sale & Competition

Nov. 16-17, 2019

Saturday / Sunday: 10am-5pm

at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley

901 Amherst St, Winchester, VA 22601

Mark this weekend on your calendar to take an unique opportunity **to purchase gifts from a wide variety of artisan gourds, to compete**

in the annual gourd competition, and of course the chance **to choose the right raw gourds for your personal projects**. There is no admission fee to the first floor of the Museum to view the competition and make purchases at the Virginia Gourd Show, Sale & Competition but there is a small fee for nonmembers to enter the upstairs exhibits.

Join us at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley

Ways and Means News

By Roy Cavarretta, Chairman

Reprinted for Timeliness

The Ways and Means Chair is responsible for creating opportunities that will raise money for the Texas Gourd Society. This year Roy Cavarretta has volunteered to be the chair of the 2019 fund raiser.

This year's Raffle will be like last year with the gourds being donated by Award Winning Gourd Artists.

As Chair of Ways and Means, Roy is requesting that each patch assemble and donate a basket of gourds and/or gourd art related items. This could be supplies, books, burrs, embellishments, inks, paints, brushes etc. Roy is also asking for donations from individual members to donate a completed gourd of competition quality for the silent auction. You may also donate a piece of equipment or tool either new or in near-new condition to put into the silent auction. These items can be delivered to the TGS Festival at the Ways and Means Booth. If possible, please provide the approximate value with your donation to put on the bidding sheet along with recognition of you as the donator.

The Ways and Means silent auction will end at 4:15 p.m. Saturday afternoon, August 3, 2019. This will allow time the highest bidders to pick up their items Saturday afternoon. Those not present can be notified and can pick up their items on Sunday.



Blue Whale Arts

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Turkish Gourd
Lamp Beads
4mm, 6mm, 8 mm

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- Embossing Powder
- PVC Gourd Scribe
- Razertip, Proxxon, Microlux
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- Dried Botanicals/Naturals
- Bed Springs
- Clay Tools and Molds
- Pine Needles Natural/Dyed
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Deadlines for ad changes are the first day of January, April, July, and October

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Hordes of Gourds

Gourds for sale \$2 - \$8

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