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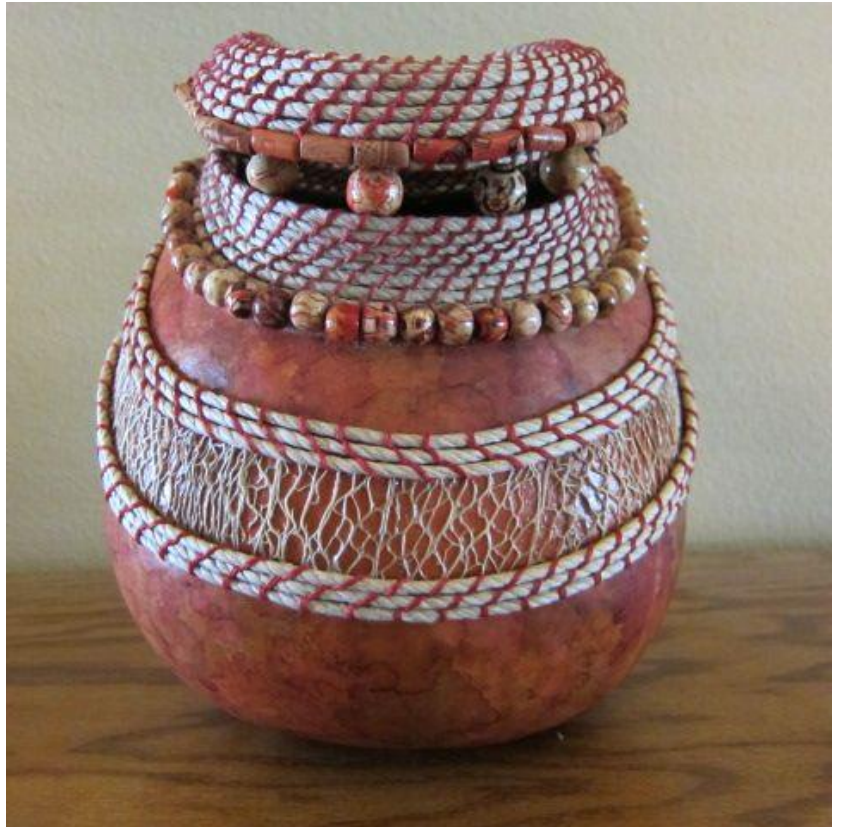
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by Shelia Olmstead Guidry, Past President of TGS.**



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Message from the President,

Time is fleeting by as we prepare for Festival in August. I hope you are getting ready for the classes, competition and exhibits. It is going to be an exciting time. Remember the special open category of "Alien Creatures" and the challenge categories in each division. I hope everyone will participate with at least one entry. That makes it more fun. Don't forget the patch competition.

The contract is signed, and it is official that we will be in Fredericksburg in 2020. And the show will be in October for the next five years. Our art medium just seems to fit the fall and lots of people are in the spending mood getting ready for Christmas.

Classes are filling up quickly. I hope you have signed up for the ones you want to take. All the classes are on the website, so go there and pick the classes just right for you.

There are still several you that have not renewed your membership in the society. Please do that as soon as you can so we can get an accurate list of our members. It also helps us be able to do all the things we need to do to keep growing.

I know most of you are aware that we have lost two of our members in the last month. We have said good-bye to Cheryl Trotter and Joe Pritchard. These folks will be missed. Remember these families as they adjust to their loss.

Until later...

David Cleaveland, President



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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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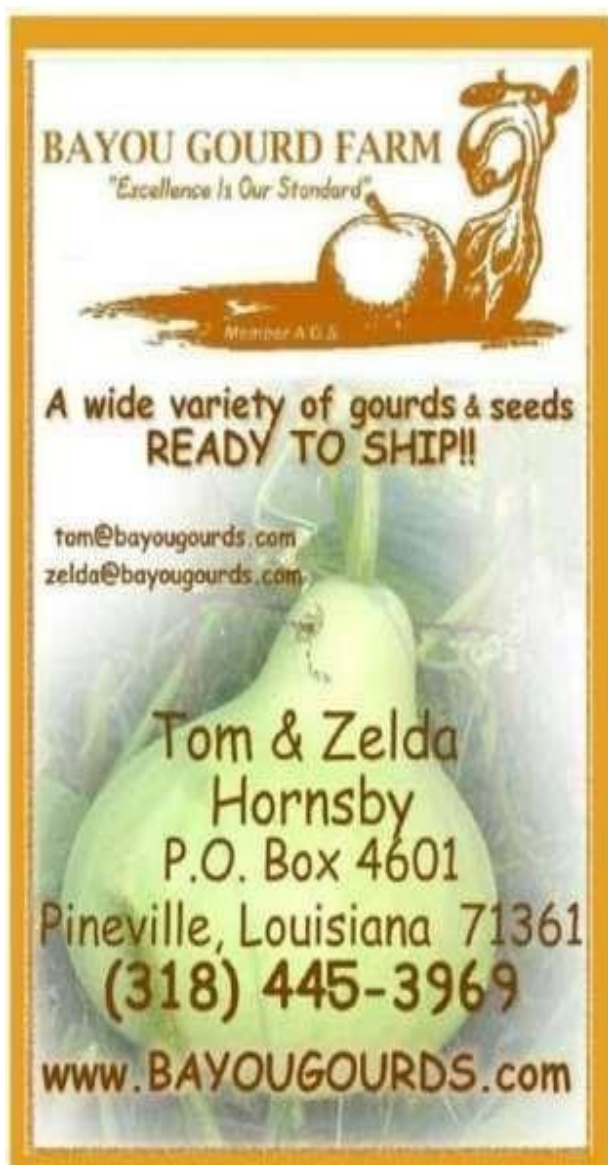


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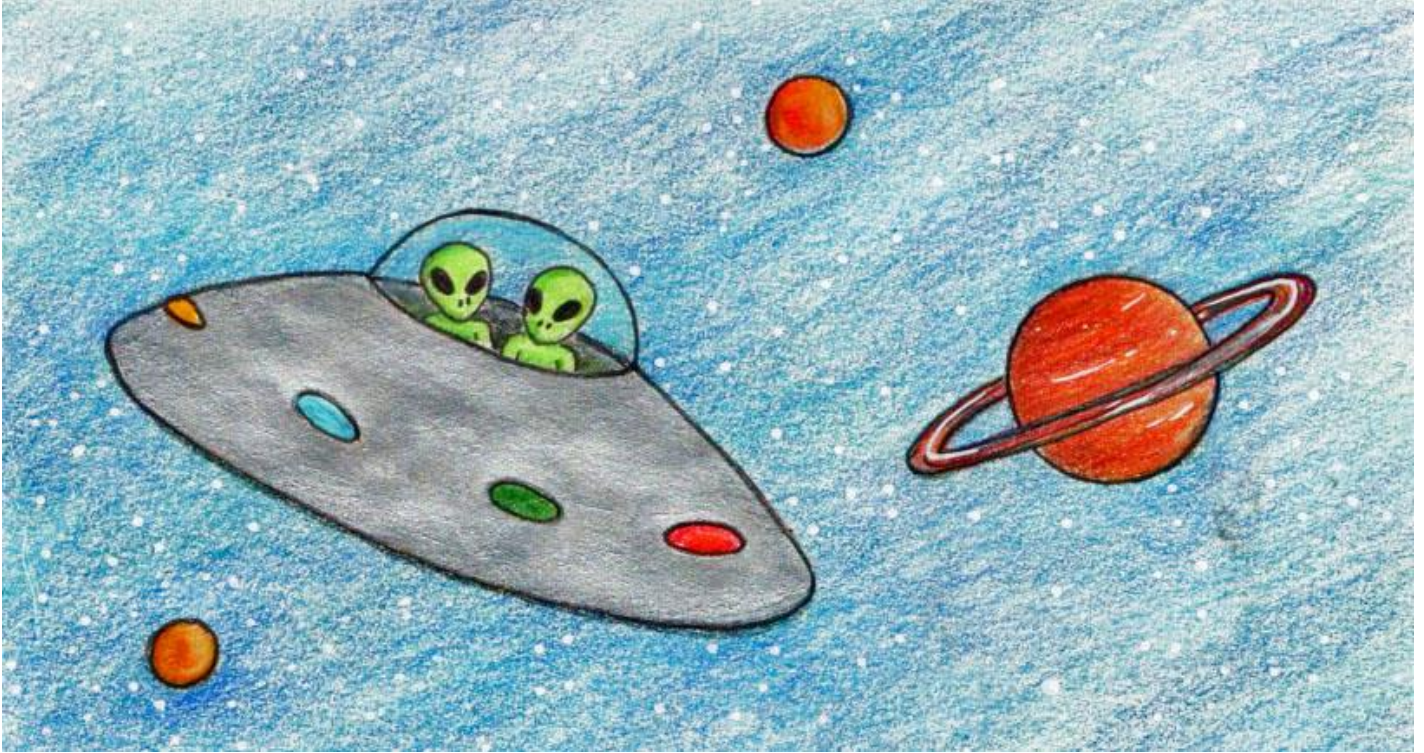
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TGS Patch Happenings

Arlington Gourd Patch

No report this time. We all mourn the loss of Mr. Joe Pritchard.

Bay Area Gourd Patch

Congratulations to Eleanor Wuthrich who was selected to be a feature artist in the Texas City Art Show! The show will be held in the Doyle Convention Center in Texas City on April 14-17.



In January we learned to carve a coiled pattern into our gourds.



In February everyone started a project gourd where we are learning 3 techniques. We worked with transient dyes and experimented with an alcohol spritz on it.

In March we learned Tenerife weaving. The gourds will be completed in coming months with closed coiling.



Capital of Texas Gourd Patch

Howdy everyone!

As they say in Texas, “if you want the weather to change, just wait a few minutes!” Gosh, isn’t that the truth? The wild flowers and countryside are just beautiful though!!

We have been planning for the Patch Competition, and seem to have a pretty good idea going, and that’s all I will say!!

Jeanne introduced “dump” painting to us at our last meeting. What fun, 10 folks and 10 different but really interesting paintings!

Acrylic paints are mixed with glue and a bit of distilled water into small cups, it is then poured into a larger cup. Invert the large cup (like getting a cake onto a cake base) onto the canvas that is used. After sitting on the canvas for a second or so, lift the cup up and WOW. After it spreads on the canvas, we used a small torch to draw air bubbles out of the paint. The paintings did take up to a week to fully dry because the paint is thick on the canvas. Jeanne showed how to apply the paint to gourds also. My garage floor has some nice colors on it!!

I will close for now, and hope to see y’all at the festival! Remember, if you are able to volunteer for setting up, tear down, helping at the “kids corner” or anywhere, please do. It takes all of us to make the festival the success it is!!

Keep on gourding,
Debbie



Coastal Bend Patch

Coastal Bend Gourd Patch has met sporadically over the last few months. Shelia’s Dad came down with pneumonia so one more trip was made to Louisiana. He is better now so the patch is back on track. We worked on gourd mask and will finish them at the next meeting. Some masks will look like this one but we are lucky to have a member that has several large birds. So some of the masks will have blue feathers. Pictures to come in the next Gourdzette.

Shelia and Oren Guidry are off to the Missouri Gourd Festival now. Marla and Doug Garber and Barbara and Jimmy Holton will also be there teaching and being a vendor. So Texas is well represented.

Cowtown Gourd Patch

The Cowtown Gourd Patch worked on egg shaped gourds for the March meeting making Pysanky eggs. People brought show and tell items, including a figure by one of members who is a woodcarver. Also, we had a show and tell of kachina gourd seed magnets and ornaments.



Dallas Gourd Patch

The Dallas Gourd Patch has started off with a bang this year. At one of our first meetings we had a demonstration using Kroma Crackle. What was neat was that we spread our wings and did a live stream. That was so successful that we are going to do it again. We had so many comments and questions.....what a new experience.

Some of the members attended a workshop given by Donna Armstrong on Gourd Gnomes that was an absolute hit !! After being posted on Facebook, people all over are clamoring over the precious characters and want to learn how to make them. She will be teaching a class at the Texas Gourd Festival in August at New Braunfels .

We also hosted the annual Spring Texas Gourd Society Meeting, with 39+ in attendance. Tables were decorated like Texas flags displaying a basket of flowers made by Dee Reichert. The Dallas Patch provided a buffet lunch. David Cleaveland, TGS President, presided over a good meeting and presented a lot of information about our upcoming festival this year and following years. Demonstrations were given by Tiffany, Sue Haberer, and Roy Cavaretta. We also had a raffle and silent auction which were very successful. – Sue Haberer, President, Dallas Gourd Patch

Guadalupe Gourd Patch

We didn't have a meeting in January.

Several of our members were lucky enough to attend the Wuertz Festival. So, at our February meeting they brought their class gourds to show us. Then we played with Colored pencils on gourds.

In March we learned a new finish using acrylic paints. This is a great finish to paint Native American designs or other styles if you wish. We had a great time with it.

April will find us all learning to use Kroma Crackle. We will be using gourd shards to experiment with.

Our patch continues to grow. We have a wonderful group and have much fun at the meetings. If anyone wants to join our group, email Judy Richie at judyrichie@yahoo.com

Hill Country Gourd Patch

The Hill Country Gourd Patch has been active , though hampered by weather and flu. Several of us plan to go to New Braunfels for at least a day.

Southeast Texas Gourd Patch

CHERYL LYNN TROTTER 1949-2019

Cheryl Lynn Trotter came in to the world on June 7, 1949, and was shortly followed by her lifelong best friend, her twin sister. She was so small that her first bed was a cigar box. She spent her days with her sister always at her side, which never changed as they grew. They were each other's greatest gift from the beginning.

She trained people to train dogs for many years. She thrived on connecting with people and helping them learn to treat animals with kindness.

She was a loving wife and mother who devoted her time to taking care of her family and showing them they were loved. She worked hard at everything she did, and she always did things well.

She developed a love of art. Her creative mind and talents were soon evident through her exquisite work with gourds. Becoming a grandmother, or "NuNu", was a crowning moment in her life. She doted on her grandbabies like no other. She developed a unique relationship with each of them, and she will forever be remembered with great fondness.

She fought a hard battle against bile duct cancer towards the end of her life. She stayed positive and persevered, with Buddy by her side.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Berthe Lobit, and twin sister, Carol Lynn Minar. She will continue to be loved and missed on earth by her husband, Buddy Trotter, daughter and son-in-law, Mandi and Thomas DeLano and grandchildren, Lexi and Hudson DeLano, along with many other friends and family.

Cheryl asked to be cremated, saying that she did not wish to take up space on earth that could be used by the living. Her ashes will be spread in her favorite location, Sedona, Arizona. Think of her if you ever get to visit this beautiful place.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you visit the Houston Zoo or the Houston SPCA and donate in her name.

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

I have never entered a gourd into Competition. (I was not worthy, I had nothing original, I don't like artistic competitions, Good Lord! Have you seen what those people can do?!)

But these new Fun categories have brought me around to realize that entering my work (humble as it is) is a key to growing our artistic community. Share and show! Encourage each other! Build awareness! Let's fill up that hall with our work. Every gourd wants to go to the fair.

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

Ways and Means News

By Roy Cavarretta, Chairman

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.

With good contributions to the silent auction, plus the raffle ticket sales, Ways and Means can be the most profitable revenue generator.

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

This year, there will be an incentive for the TGS member that sells the most Raffle tickets prior to July 15, 2019. Raffle tickets will be available for pick up at the TGS Spring Meeting that is being held in Dallas on March 16, 2019. The incentive being offered is a Complimentary room at the Hampton Inn in Schertz, TX which is approximately 15 miles from the New Braunfels Convention Center, the location of the TGS Festival. The gourd festival will be open to the public on August 2 through August 4.

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.

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