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I hope everyone is rested after the Lone Star Gourd Festival. Thanks to all the show chairs and all the volunteers who helped, everything at the Festival just went together so smoothly. An all-volunteer organization is only as good as its members and we have some awesome members. Attendance at the Festival last year was 632 and this year was 592, but when national and local news was reporting the possibility of 5 to 6 inches of rain during that weekend, I am sure that kept some people at home. Those who came seemed to really enjoy the show.

I know most want to know how much TGS made at the show. After all the bills were paid we made just a little over \$1460. Raffles plus shirts and bags left from last year brought in \$1552, so a big thank you to all those who sold and bought raffle ticket. Bay Area Gourd Patch will chair Ways and Means next year so gourd donations will need to be given to them. Education brought in for TGS \$2348 and vendors brought in \$4760. Competition even had a profit of \$252, 14 new members also joined. Expenses for the Festival were \$10,421.

I think a successful show is not just making money but good classes, good vendors, good competition, good advertisement, good demos, good kid's corner, good members, good volunteers, good food from hospitality are needed and we have all of that. If we at least break even, good. If we make money for TGS, all the better.

A special thank you to all those who donated raffle items. Thanks to Judy Richie, Roy Cavarretta, John Flewharty, Mike Ford, Shelia Guidry, Vickie Hartman, Mike Munter, Lynda Smith, and Cheryl Trotter for the donation of the raffle gourds. And thank you to those who donated to the Ways and Means raffle, especially Lynda Smith and the Capital of Texas Patch who made the wall hanging dolls. Also thank you to the Holtons for donating the woodburner.

There has been a question for several years about how many raffles a nonprofit like TGS can have in a year. We can have 2 raffles a year. There are more restrictions such as the amount of money you can raise, but we will never get close to that limit. Our raffles comply with all the guidelines the government sets forth.

Welcome to new members. TGS publishes a magazine quarterly and is posted on the TGS website, www.texasgourdsociety.org. Click on the home page and scroll down to the bottom of the page. to sign in. The username is txgourd. The password is lsgfnbt (It stands for Lone Star Gourd Festival New Braunfels Texas). Then click save and do not log out each time and you will not need to log in again to get to the Gourdzettes. Scroll down to bottom of page again and click on Gourdzette. You will be able to see back issues.

Shelia Guidry, Texas Gourd Society President

A special thank you to Darla Hines for taking on the challenge of teacher gourd art to 11 children that live near her. These children are the future of TGS and the talent they show is incredible. Make sure and look at their winning gourds.



The Texas Gourd Society

Kappa Chapter of the American Gourd Society

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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TGS Patch Happenings

Arlington Gourd Patch

from Georgia Cunningham



April 2016 arrived with everyone in our patch excited about showing off their practice pieces from the marbling class in March. We had some problems with the marbling kits because some of the dyes kept sinking to the bottom. We will still have to work on that concept, and we are asking for help from the company to determine the cause. At any rate, we did have a few successful pieces. Nancy Walsh made a beautiful bracelet from her practice pieces.



During our April meeting Robbie Pritchard demonstrated chip carving for everyone. We all had an opportunity to use her expensive tools and try our hand at carving on her gourd. Robbie does it well; the rest of us had a bit of trouble getting used to using the gouges.

In May we enlisted Nancy Walsh to help us learn faux tooling. Luckily the stormy weather here in Texas cooperated with us, and we were able to do our carving outside in the yard at the Fielder House. We had a large crowd that day and everyone did the preliminary steps that had to be finished later at home. In June we plan to add to our finished faux tooling by creating a buck-stitched rim on our pieces. Hopefully those pieces will be completed for our June meeting. Here you can see J. R. Reynolds burning a design on his gourd.



In June, our patch brought their faux tooling pieces hoping to finish this two part workshop. Georgia Cunningham taught buck-stitching and demonstrated the use of the stitching awl. She also showed her Dremel drill press, and now everyone wants to buy one. We look forward to showing our finished faux-tooled/buck-stitched gourds in the next issue.



Here is a creative tip from Ethel McKithan. She went to a “space-maker” event at the Benbrook Library and created this great dragon for her gourd by using their laser cutter.

Meets 3rd Sunday of the month

<http://arlingtongourdpatch.webs.com/>

Bay Area Gourd Patch

The Bay Area Gourd Patch has been working with many different techniques this year. C.C. Rice and Susan Urban taught basic carving earlier in the quarter. Our patch members were new to carving and they produced some amazing work.



Karen Knight's 1st place n carved gourd

Karen Knight is shown working on the gourd that won a first place ribbon at the Lone Star Gourd Festival. Karen is a colored pencil artist and is new to gourds.

Later in That was different

C.C. Rice Farm to projects. curb her she got to our



Kay Lynn with her thunder gourd

the quarter the patch made thunder gourds. a fun project and everyone's gourd had a tone.

made a trip to Arizona and got to go to the Wertz pick out gourds and supplies for the patch. Fortunately we heard that her sister was there to compulsive gourd hoarding habit and make sure the hotel that night and then safely home with gourds.

Baytown to teach weaving on a gourd. We also Anya Ezhevskaya and she did a stellar job on very different and colorful. And everyone



Anya's first gourd

1 a gourd



Work in Progress



The Baytown Patch had a booth at the Lone Star Festival for the first time this year. We sold supplies and gourds and made a little extra money for the patch. Special thanks to Susan, Kay Lynn and Karen for donating their time, materials and manning the booth while C.C. ran amock at the festival.



Coastal Bend Gourd Patch

Coastal Bend Gourd Patch is happy to say we have gained 3 new members. I went to a Quilters' meeting with a friend and brought some of my gourds to show. And when I pulled one out of the bag, a lady hollered that she has some gourds and wanted to know what to do with them. Two other ladies were also interested and have come to the last 2 meetings and I think they are hooked on gourds. So the lesson is, whenever you go to other creative meetings, bring gourds. You never know what might happen.

We played with Brusho Watercolor dyes in June. It was so much fun sprinkling the crystals on a wet gourd, then spritzing with water and doing it over and over until the gourd was covered.



In July we coiled on the gourds.



In September, we will make gourd turkeys. What do you call a whole bunch of gourd turkeys – a **GOURDous flock of turkeys!!!**



If anyone is ever visiting or vacationing in Corpus Christi on the 4th Saturday of the month, we would love to have you come to Coastal Bend Gourd Patch. Just email or call Shelia Guidry at sheliaathome@aol.com phone 337-376-9690 or cell 864-569-9595.



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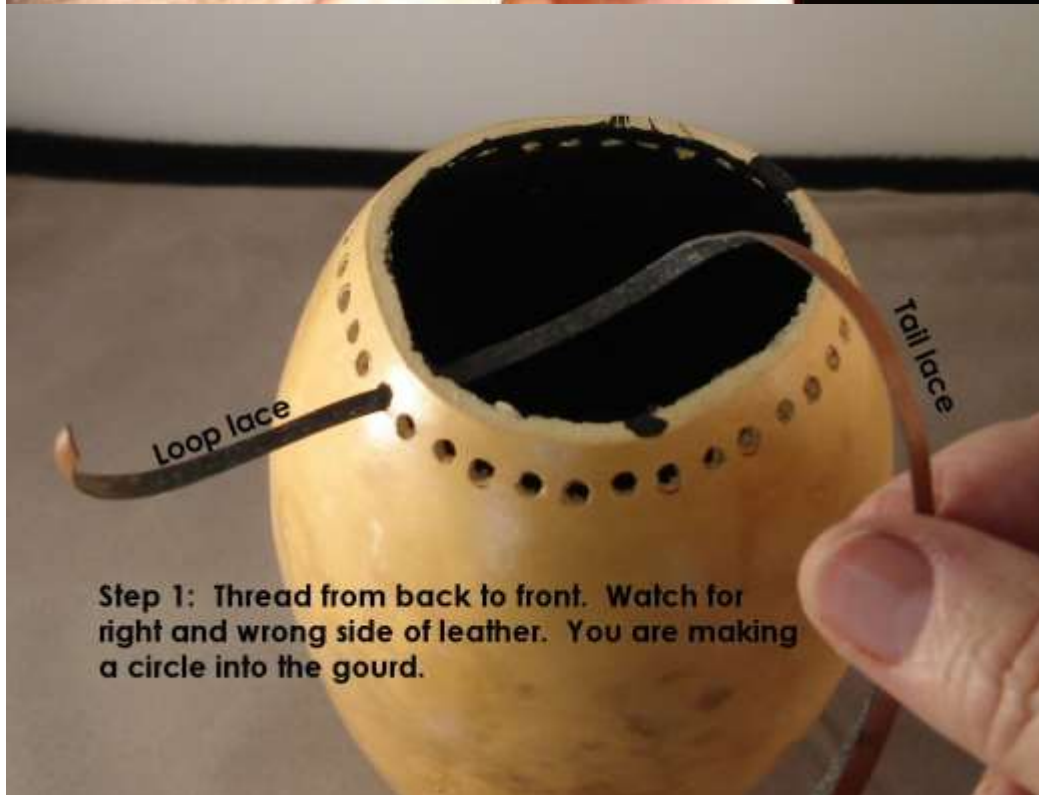




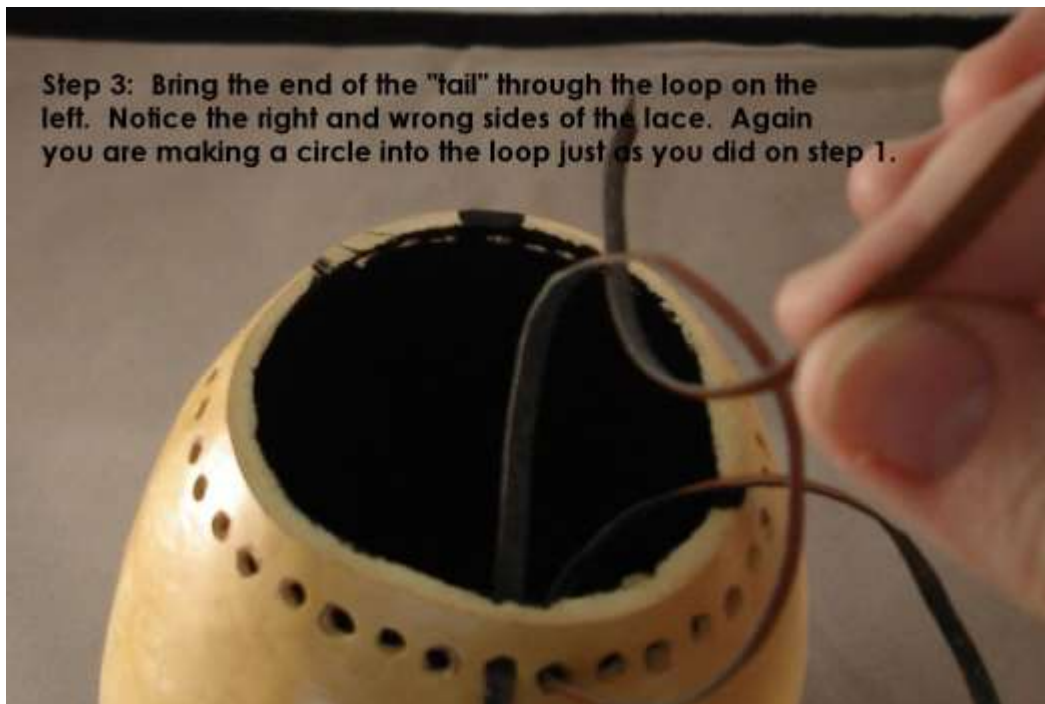
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Kerrville Art and Cultural Center *Fine Art Gourd Show*

Congratulations to all the TGS members who won awards at the Kerrville Art and Cultural Center Fine Art Gourd Show.

Southwest category- 1st -Joshie Green, 2nd- Roy Cavarretta, 3rd- Judy Richie.

Contemporary category- 1st, 2nd and 3rd - Judy Richie.

Fiber category- 1st and 3rd- Joanne Tompkins, 2nd- Shelia Guidry.

Carving category- 1st and 3rd- Bill Decker, 2nd- Gloria Christian.

Mixed media - 1st and 3rd- CC Rice, 2nd- Crystal Zeiman.

Sculptural/Figurative- 1st - J Birky, 2nd- Mike Peyton, 3rd - Lynda,Smith.

Best Newcomer was Mike Munter and best of show was Bill Decker.

Judges Special awards- 2 to Crystal Zeiman and 1 to Roy Cavarretta.

5 Honorable Mentions - 2 to Mike Munter, 1 to Yoshie Green, 1 to Shelia Guidry and 1 to Mike Peyton.

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All Hands on Deck!

These brave people are the committee heads who will produce next year's Gourdfest. They can use some help, folks. Take the time to let them know you will help with Lone Star Gourd Festival 2017. Publicity is really needed but remember, you will have guidance.

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