



# THE TEXAS GOURDZETTE

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AMERICAN GOURD SOCIETY

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## Spring Meeting March 12, 2016

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*Cold Dreams of Gourds in January*

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## President's Message by Shelia Guidry

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Christmas is over and soon all my decorations will be put away for another year. I hope everyone had a Merry and Holy Christmas.

TGS will have a Spring Meeting March 12, 2016. That meeting will include an open Board meeting, followed by lunch (bring-your-own), and then by demos. More information is here in the newsletter. This is a good way to meet new members. Members can also sell supplies at the meeting but space is limited. If you would like to do a demo, please let me ([sheliaathome@aol.com](mailto:sheliaathome@aol.com)) and Rosa Semien ([rsemien@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsemien@sbcglobal.net)) know.

This year, the Lone Star Gourd Festival will be held from August 19 to 21, 2016. Classes will be from August 17 to 21. TGS has also signed a contract with Hampton Inns in Schertz, Texas, the same hotel that a lot of us stayed at last year. The rate is cheaper than last year since the date is two weeks later. It is \$92 a night and is cheaper than the government rate (military rate), so those who are retired military can use the TGS rate also. To make reservations, call 210-566-6110 and ask for the TGS rate.

Vendor application is already on the website. Those who were vendors last year will have first choice for their same booth if you send in the completed application by March 7, 2016. After that date, anyone can request any open booth with completed application.

Teacher application will be on the website soon. So if you want to teach, start working on what you plan to submit to Vickie Hartman.

*Shelia Guidry*, Texas Gourd Society President



# 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

Several of the "show and tell" pieces from the Arlington Gourd Patch's October meeting warrant a special mention in this article.



Debbie Birdsong made a piece that resembles a pottery bowl that pottery artists make using horsehair. It really looks realistic.



Selena and J. R. Reynolds had some pieces that the members had not seen before. J. R. is knowledgeable about Native American tribes, and the group is trying to get him to provide a craft/history lesson later in the year.

Arlington Gourd Patch traditionally has a Christmas holiday party in November, and this year was no exception. A large crowd attended, bringing great food and creative gifts for the gift exchange. Yes, many exchanges and "stealing" happened along the way, but it was all in the spirit of fun.



One of the hottest items exchanged was Cindy Lehr's glass pieces. She explained how she created and fired them, and everyone was fascinated by the sheer volume of her talent.



Everyone always enjoys seeing Susan Ashley's coiled Texas ornaments, and she brought two of them for the exchange.



While the Arlington patch was on a December break, several members of the group attended the monthly meeting with the Benbrook group. Sue Haberer taught us how to create the Mimbres bowls. Her addition of a history lesson made the art work special. She is an excellent teacher, and the group learned a great deal from her.



Ethel McKithan brought her gourd Santa collection for show and tell.

The web page which is maintained for AGP by Susan Ashley is impressive. Be sure you have a look at it each month to see what the Arlington Gourd Patch does to promote fun and gourdng.

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

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## **THE TEXAS GOURDZETTE IS A BENEFIT OF TGS MEMBERSHIP**

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you can access them on the website.

<http://www.texasgourdsociety.org>

# Coastal Bend Gourd Patch

In November, The Coastal Bend Gourd Patch played with polymer clay and made really cute gingerbread men ornaments. The body of the ornaments are a small bottle gourd and arms and legs are polymer clay. Candy canes and leaves are also polymer clay.



In December, we had our annual Christmas party. The food was really good, and the gift exchange was fun with a lot of “stealing” going on.

In January, we will do a weaving project with hills and valleys.

Anyone coming to Corpus Christi for their beach and sand fix are welcome to attend our Patch meetings. We normally meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at Shelia Guidry's house. For more info call 337-376-9690.

# Concho Valley Gourd Patch

Hello from the Concho Valley. Our gourd patch is doing great. We continue to have about 5 to 10 members at our gatherings. I have to apologize for not getting anything turned in for the last newsletter. Just got busy and missed the deadline. We worked on Christmas gourd ornaments in October and November. We did three different ornaments at each meeting. They turned out so cute and we had lots of fun making them. We took December off with all the Christmas activities we were all involved in. We were going to do the wire/gem tree canteen gourd DVD that Miriam Joy has in January but I haven't been able to get all the materials together so we'll do another project and save Miriam's for the spring. In February, one of our members is going to show us jewelry techniques using alcohol inks that she saw demonstrated at the gourd festival in New Braunfels. I know we'll all enjoy that. We all hope that all the gourd patches continue to be active and creative in the coming New Year. More from the Concho Valley in the next issue.

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# Greater San Antonio Gourd Patch

Hello from the Greater San Antonio Area Gourd Patch. Our meetings are usually held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. We have new meeting place coming in February - we will be moving our meetings to the Universal City Methodist Church, which has much larger facilities. The address is 90 Winn Ave, Universal City, TX 78148.

Programs coming are how to use Inktness pencils on gourds, how to woodburn designs on birdhouse gourds, how to use dyes and decorative painting. Call Darla Vosburg at 210-846-5494 for more information.

## Bay Area Gourd Patch

The Bay Area gourd patch (BAG patch) meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 10am – noon at the Baytown Art League in Baytown, Texas.



*Ornament by Genie Ginzel*



*Ornament by Kay Lynn*



*by C.C. Rice*

In November we made ornaments using colored pencil. Many thanks to the Baytown Art Center for supplying the pencils for us to work with. During December we had a planning meeting and did our ornament exchange.

Susan Urban took over as patch President, C.C. Rice will be Secretary and Kay Lynn Whitcomb is Treasurer. We decided on our classes for 2016 and are working to get them posted on the Art Center's website.

<http://art-league-of-baytown.org/>



*Susan Urban and Susan Hunter*



*Kay Lynn Whitcomb*

During January we learned how to make a gourd light. In February we will be working on a purse.



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Texas Gourd Society's membership chair, Joel Hartman, is updating our membership roll. If Joel has not received dues or confirmation that you paid by February 28, 2016, you will be taken off the membership list and you will not receive update emails from TGS.

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# ❀❀❀ TGS SPRING MEETING ❀❀❀

The Texas Gourd Society Spring meeting  
will be March 12, 2016  
from 10 am to 3 pm  
at Girl Scout Camp Texlake.



Camp Texlake Address:  
5700 Pace Bend Rd. North  
Spicewood, Texas 78669

## Directions to Camp Texlake

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Upon entering camp, you will stop and check in at the Program office (first building on your right). Just let them know that you are going to **Starcke Lodge** for a Texas Gourd Society meeting.

Spring Meeting consists of a business meeting, then a bring-your-own lunch followed by demos.

Members are allowed to bring gourd supplies and raw gourds to sell but space is limited to just a few items per member.

We need a couple of people to do some demos. Contact Rosa Semien at [rsemien@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsemien@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to do a demo or short class.

# THE TEXAS GOURDZETTE

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