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TGS MOVING LONE STAR FESTIVAL TO NEW LOCATION



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Call for teachers!

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Dates, location, setup for the 2014 Festival!

TGS NOW TAKING PAYPAL FOR 2014 RENEWALS!!!



President's Message by Shelia Guidry

Chapter News
Texas Gourd Society
Kappa Chapter of The American Gourd Society

Spring is here which means our Spring Meeting is soon. The meeting will be on Sunday, April 13 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Girl Scout Camp Kachina. It is near Temple, Texas off of Highway 35. Our new Vice President, Rosa Semien is organizing the Spring Show and needs help from all Patches. We need members to do demos, short classes or just give an info talk about things related to gourds or gourd show such as what judges looks for, how to make our booths look more professional, etc Please contact Rosa at 713-530-8823 or email her at rsemien@sbcglobal.net if you have something to contribute to the meeting. Remember, this is Our Meeting, not my meeting. We will be having a swap and sell so if you have items to sell please bring them. Also bring a bag lunch. I will bring rack cards to give to each patch. We need members to distribute them anywhere and everywhere. The more places we put them the more people will see them. For more information, including directions to Camp Kachina see page 10 in the Gourdette or go to the Texas Gourd Society website.

Plans for the Texas Gourd Society show are well under way. The teacher form for the Gourd Show is on the TGS website and must be turned in to Judy Richie by April 1st. The vendor forms are also on the website so sign up and reserve your space now.

If there is an event calendar in your area that we might have missed let Patricia Berry or CC Rice know or just step up and turn in Show info to that event calendar.

Here are the Gourd Festival Chairs. If you have any questions please contact them.

Gourd Festival Chairs

Show Chair	Shelia Guidry	337-376-9690	sheliaathome@aol.com
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Publicity	Patricia Berry	408-947-0320	paberry1220@hotmail.com .
	CC Rice	409-945-2892	KinfolkGourds@gmail.com

Patricia is moving and will be missed but will keep doing what she can for publicity. CC will be taking over for publicity

Setup/Breakdown	Bill Willibey	832-288-3207	willibey@sbcglobal.net
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We still need someone to organize demos to do during the show. We also need someone to organize volunteers. I need each chair to let me know approximately how many volunteers you will need so I can set up a sign up sheet.

Cathy West has been editor of the website and the Gourdzette for several years now. She is stepping down and we are looking for someone to take her place. I am sure there is a member with the skills to take over. If you can volunteer to take either the Gourdzette or the website please contact Cathy at 281-391-9327 or email to disn@consolidated.net.

I will be in New Iberia, Louisiana from March 2 to April 6. I will be attending the Louisiana Gourd Show at my home town. Hope to eat some crawfish or crabs. If anyone needs to get in touch I will have my cell phone which is 864-569-9595

See everyone at the upcoming Spring Meeting .

Shelia Guidry, President TGS



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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LET US KNOW IF YOU BELONG ON THIS LIST!

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Gourds were used as
currency in Haiti in the 1800s.

Today, the *gourde* is the
standard currency of Haiti:

40 Haitian gourdes =
about US\$1.

(www.organicgardening.com)

TGS Patch Happenings

News and Events from TGS Gourd Patches

TGS ARLINGTON GOURD PATCH—Arlington, TX area

CONTACT: Cindi Creswell at 817-244-0135

Email: Cidnboo@hotmail.com Website: www.ArlingtonGourdPatch.webs.com

The Arlington Gourd Patch began our New Year welcoming new members and sharing different ideas. In January Jean brought duck and chicken eggs to try our hand at mosaic. Adding inks and patterns we learned what made a better shell to use. Georgia always amazes us with her ink techniques. In February Patti Jo demo'd her idea of Santa faces with polymer clay. The group had a good laugh with all the whimsical faces. Again Patti Jo brought something new and we tried our hand at Tole painting. This was new and challenging to do brushstroke work. Please note that our April meeting will be on the 27th due to Easter falling on the third Sunday. Come join us, learn something new and share ideas on the third Sunday of the month, usually. Don't forget to check out our website for updates and gallery photos.

TGS CAPITAL OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH –Austin, TX area CONTACT Lynda Smith 512-524-7897 lyndabethsmith@gmail.com No news reported

TGS COASTAL BEND GOURD PATCH - Corpus Christi, TX area CONTACT: Shelia Guidry at Sheliaathome@aol.com

We all enjoyed food and friendship at our Christmas Party in December. Coastal Bend wishes all our snow birds a safe trip back to the cold north. We have been in to making noise makers for a few meetings. In February we made shakers and in March we will make thunder gourds. I guess it has gotten too quiet at my house so noise makers were called for. In April we will do some carving.

We have created a Coastal Bend Gourd Patch Facebook page. We are slow at adding pictures but hope to get everyone to add latest creations.

We also would be interested in having teachers from other patches come and teach a class. Free meals and sleeping arrangements would be provided. Teacher fee for each member taking class would help cover gas. And a trip to the beach would help brighten your day. Contact Shelia Guidry at 337-376-9690 or sheliaathome@aol.com if you are interested in coming to Corpus Christi and teach.



**CONCHO VALLEY GOURD PATCH - San Angelo, TX area CONTACT: Beth Lively mail-to: blively@wcc.net 325-456-4556
No new reported**

**TGS COWTOWN PATCH - Ft. Worth, TX area CONTACT: Barb Petroski at 817-249-2929 lunarwind7@aol.com or Becky Wise 817-726-6653 dbwise@swbell.net website <http://www.angelfire.com/tx5/cowtowngourdpatch>
No news reported**

TGS DALLAS GOURD PATCH-Dallas, TX area CONTACT: Linda Hughes at 817-368-3400 iamonelinda2@yahoo.com or Pat Duncan at 972-463-8668 pdunk8@msn.com or Don Sharp at 214-463-8668 dsharp14@aol.com

We have had an exciting start to the new year of 2014! We are pleased to announce that the DGP now has a FaceBook page thanks to Dee Reichert who has stepped forward to be responsible for it! Check us out! We have a very active membership and welcome anyone with any interest in the art of the gourd world.

January was the month that we had our Christmas party and a fine one it was. Cal and Fran Stewart opened their home to the patch and there were about 35 in attendance. Thank you Cal and Fran!

February Mari Tarver gave us a class on bead netting on the gourds (see picture) and in March, Cal Stewart taught us how to do double loop lacing technique around the rim of the gourd. (See picture)



Vicki Echols is coming to Dallas and will be teaching us her technique of pine needle application on gourds on the 21, 22 and the 24 of March. We are very excited that she will be moving to the Dallas area sometime this summer!

TGS GUADALUPE GOURD PATCH – Texas Hill Country Area CONTACT: Bob Richie at 830-357-8939 brichie@ktc.com or Judy Richie at judyrichie@yahoo.com

At our last meeting we had show and tell, gourds with problems and how to discussions. We, then, voted to chair the Education committee and to have a booth at the Lone Star Gourd Festival. We are excited about the new location for the show.

TGS SOUTHEAST TEXAS GOURD PATCH - Houston, TX area CONTACT: Buddy Trotter (Acting Secretary 281-300-5013 buddytrotter@gmail.com website www.artisanart.biz/tgs_southeast

The January meeting of the Southeast Texas Gourd Patch was held at the home of Penny Lyons on Saturday, January 11, 2014. Barbara Jordan of Texas Golden Artist Color did a demonstration of Golden Products. On Saturday, February 15, 2014 the SE Texas Gourd Patch met at the home of Barbara Heimann. Barbara has served for the past 2 years as the SE Patch president. Barbara will be stepping down in February and Penny Lyons has volunteered to step in as interim president until June. In June of 2014 Margaret Bell will take on the presidential duties full time for the SE Patch. The Patch had a "Show n Tell" and used the February meeting to finalize our slate of activities and meetings for 2014. The patch is very excited about the upcoming meeting in March when Vickie Echols will be teaching a weaving with "sliced shells" seminar on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at the home of Patricia Berry in place of our regular March meeting.

See pictures from the SE Texas Gourd Patch on page 8

TGS Patch Happenings - Continued

TGS SOUTHEAST TEXAS GOURD PATCH - Houston, TX continued



January Demonstration on Golden Products



Barbara Jordan of Texas Golden Artist



February Show n Tell

TGS WEST TEXAS GOURD PATCH - Lubbock, TX area CONTACT: Charla Johnson at 806-795-4405 CharKlass@aol.com or Beth Lively at 806-634-0161 blively@windstream.net

No news reported



Plant a Patch

If you're interested in joining a Patch please contact your closest patch listed above or if you would like to start a patch in your area contact Shelia Guidry at sheliaathome@aol.com for more information.

Alcohol Dye Technique Class,
Judy Richie, Instructor
May 23, 2014 12 noon - 4 pm

The class is offered by Kerr Arts and Cultural Center during the SW Fine Art Gourd Show .

For more information, call 830-895-2911

This class is a finish technique only. No coiling is included.

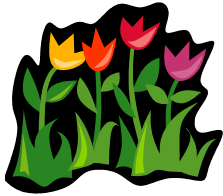


HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR 2014 MEMBERSHIP?

**If not go to www.TexasGourdSociety.org and
renew your membership today.**

**TGS now accepting membership renewals via
Paypal!!!**

Spring Meeting



April 13 2014
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Camp Kachina Camp



When

April 13 2014

Time

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

What

TGS Spring Meeting with demos, swap and sell, and general assembly meeting
Bring your own brown bag lunch and drink

Where

Camp Kachina (Dining Hall)
14750 Camp Kachina Road
Belton, Texas 76513

Directions:

From I- 35 in Temple turn West onto 2305. At the light at 317 turn right. Turn left at the blinking yellow light onto 2483. Turn right at 2271. Follow 2271 till it dead ends onto Camp Kachina Rd. Follow the road into camp.



MOVING TO NEW BRAUNFELS CIVIC/
CONVENTION CENTER
NEW DATES: 8/15 - 8/17/2014



We're very excited to announce that the 18th Annual Lone Star Gourd Festival will be held at the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center (<http://meetnb.com>).

Everything will be under one roof and air conditioned. Electricity will be available to all booths. Separate air conditioned rooms are available for classes. Carving classes will still be held outside.

New Braunfels is conveniently located on the IH 35 corridor between Austin and San Antonio. Check the Chamber of Commerce website for lodging(<http://innewbraunfels.com>).

CALLING ALL TEACHERS!!

The 2014 Lone Star Gourd Festival is now accepting applications for teachers who wish to teach at the 2014 TGS Festival. Come and join us at our new location. Put on your thinking caps and let us hear from you with some new and creative classes. All classes will be held in air conditioned classrooms except carving. The 2014 Application follows.

2014 Lone Star Gourd Festival Teacher's Application

The Texas Gourd Society (TGS) thanks you for applying to teach at the Lone Star Gourd Festival. The TGS Board is excited to bring the 2014 Lone Star Gourd Festival, August 15-17, to its new location at Civic/Convention Center in New Braunfels, Texas. We hope our new location will draw more visitors to the festival to promote interest in and appreciation of gourds, your classes and our vendors. All classes will be in air conditioned classrooms, with the exception of carving classes. There is a \$10 fee to TGS for each student that is to be included in the class price.

Deadline for applications is a firm date April 1, 2014. You will be **notified by April 15** if your class is accepted. We will be looking for a diverse set of classes, some that are unique and/or new, and great teachers. Email a photo for your class to judyrichie@yahoo.com. The photo for your class is what will represent your class and work, and what will "sell" your class. Try to submit a great picture of the class project. Photos will be used on our website and Newsletter. All classes will be posted to our website <http://www.texasgourdsociety.org/Classes.html> by June 1st. Classes will also be highlighted in the TGS June *Gourdzette* newsletter. The *Gourdzette* will be a great opportunity to promote early interest in your class.

The cut off time for a class to meet the minimum students set by the instructor is August 1st. This is a firm deadline. At that time, any class not meeting the deadline will be cancelled. If your class meets your minimum you will be expected to teach that class.

***** Your application will not be processed without the following information. *****

Please print clearly

NAME _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (main) _____ Cell _____

TITLE OF CLASS:

CLASS DESCRIPTION:

Please include a teacher's material list (a list of materials furnished by the teacher, in which the costs are included in your class fee); a student's material list (a complete list of materials each student needs to bring with them, including raw or prepared gourd, tools, paints, brushes etc.); and a materials fee (materials to be bought by student from teacher and *not included in class fee*, if any).

At the class please provide for the students written instructions with step-by-step procedures, including a photo or illustration of the planned project. If you are teaching a technique, rather than a specific project, please explain the technique thoroughly in your instructions. A list of sources for materials for the project would be desirable.

Skill level (check one): Beginners ____ Intermediate ____ Advanced ____ All ____

How many times will you teach this class, based on demand? _____

Class times: All days starting time is no earlier than 8am, ending no later than 5pm; except on Sunday, ending time is up to 3pm, in order to start closing down. Please specify your date and class time preference.

Thursday, Aug 14	1pm – 5pm _____		
Friday, Aug 15	8 am – 12 noon _____	1pm – 5pm _____	All day _____
Saturday, Aug. 16	8am – 12 noon _____	1pm – 5pm _____	All day _____
Sunday, Aug 17	(Hours for Sunday 8am – 3) begin _____ end _____		

Class size: Minimum _____ Maximum _____ (teacher's choice)

Will you accept walk-ins? ----- Yes _____ or No _____

(Note: if you are willing to accept walk-ins, you MUST have sufficient supplies/materials/instructions for the number of walk-ins you will take.)

Team teaching is permissible, but only one teacher will be paid.

Class fee: \$ _____

The fee of your class should include the cost of supplies you furnish. \$10.00 from every class fee will be collected for TGS. Please include that in your class price.

Will you need electricity? _____ (If yes, you need to bring extension cords, power strips, etc.)

How many tables and chairs will you need, including one for the teacher? _____

Any other special requests? _____

NOTE: There is a limit on the number of classes that can be held, so please return your application as soon as possible. Now is NOT too early!!!

There will be a student list given at the beginning of each class for each student to sign. This form also serves as the Release of Liability. It will be picked up in the first 15 minutes of the class. Teachers will get paid for all students that have paid for class. Evaluation sheets will be provided to you, to be handed to any student that would like to leave one. Please turn these in at the Guadalupe Gourd Patch Booth.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS/CERTIFICATION OF ORIGINALITY: Teacher warrants that the design to be taught is an original design and does not infringe on the copyright of another. Teacher agrees to hold harmless the 2014 Lone Star Gourd Festival for any claims and/or suits arising from said design being taught. Teacher further agrees to assume responsibility for defense cost arising from any such action.

Lodging and transportation are the responsibility of the teacher.

I have read and understand all teacher application policies and rules and agree to same.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Please mail completed application to Judy Richie

708 Mockingbird Ln

Kerrville, TX 78028

or send by email to judyrichie@yahoo.com. For more information call Judy Richie at 830-257-8939

VENDOR BOOTHS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO RESERVE

Open Letter from Vendor Chair—John Flewharty

Hello Fellow Gourd Head Vendors!

2014 is the start of a new year for the Texas Gourd Society; new officers, new ideas, new attitudes, and a new venue for our TGS Lone Star Gourd Festival. This year the Festival will be August 15, 16, & 17, at the New Braunfels, Civic/Convention Center, in New Braunfels, Texas. Go to their website <http://meetnb.com/home/> for pictures, etc of the facility. We are excited to offer the festival this year at this beautiful, newly renovated, indoor facility.

This year we are compelled to increase our vendor fees to remain operational. We are a not for profit organization, and we charge only what it costs to run the organization.

Our booth prices include 1 table, electricity, chairs, security, excellent lighting, and most important: AIR CONDITIONING.

Our goal is, and always has been, to present to the public, a product that is unique, beautiful, educational, entertaining, and exciting in a professional, artistic venue.

On the following pages you can find our Vendor Guidelines, Vendor Contract, and a planned Layout of Booths in our new facility. This information is also available by going to the Texas Gourd Society website at www.texasgourdsociety.org and click on the links for vendor information. You can print this information directly from the website or from the Gourdzette page. We also are offering payment by Paypal on the website. However, the signed vendor guidelines and contract will need to be mailed to complete your registration however payment will hold your booth selection.

We look forward to your participation as vendors for this 2014 Festival and many more in the future.

The Texas Gourd Society
John Flewharty
Vendor Chair
940-380-9566
dsf1511@verison.net

2014 TGS VENDOR GUIDELINES

Texas Gourd Society *Lone Star Gourd Festival August 15 thru 17, 2014



New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center
375 S Castell Ave.
New Braunfels, Tx. 78130-4011

Festival Hours: Friday 15th (9am -5pm); Saturday 16th (9am-5:00pm); Sunday 17th (9am- 3:00pm)

NOTE: Only service animals to aid the handicap will be allowed. NO PETS ADMITTED.

Vendor Setup: Thursday Aug 14th - 1 pm to 7 pm.

Unloading/Loading: To be done in the loading/unloading dock area only. Because of the lack of space, it will be very important to unload and move your vehicle to the parking area ASAP.

Vendor space will be awarded on first postmark with payment or payment to the vendor chair by other means. All proceeds support the Texas Gourd Society, Inc. a not for profit organization. We will accept PayPal. Once accepted as a vendor by TGS, THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS.

Vendors will be allowed to sell only CLEAN and DRY and/or FRESH GREEN GOURDS, GOURD ART/CRAFT and GOURD RELATED PRODUCTS. All gourds must be clean and free of dirt. Such products as gourd tools, beads, feathers, dyes and paints which are used in the embellishment of gourds are permitted.

NOTE: No modifications of any type can be made to the building or any structure.

Each vendor must furnish his/her own table covering and other accessories. All tables must be covered and draped to the floor/ground. All empty boxes, etc. must be removed from the booth area or stored out of site. TGS insists on a clean, professional look to our Festival. There will be some storage inside the vendor area.

Vendor's are required to contain all display, sale and viewing area within the rented space to alleviate encroachment on adjoining space or walkways, booths must remain open & staffed during festival hours of operation.

The New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center is AIR CONDITIONED.

Each vendor will be allowed a total of three name tags for the first booth rented & one free name tag for each additional booth rented. Additional name tags may be purchased @ \$5.00 each. See vendor contract.

All SALES TAX IS THE INDIVIDUAL VENDORS RESPONSIBILITY. For help with Texas Sales Tax information, go to www.window.state.tx.us or call 800 252 5555.

Breakdown will be on Sunday Aug 17th, 3 pm until 6 pm. NO EARLY BREAKDOWNS.

EARLY BREAKDOWN, PACKING OR ANY DISPLAY OF CLOSING BY A VENDOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND COULD WARRANT REJECTION FROM FUTURE FESTIVALS.

Additional note: EVERYONE MUST BE COMPLETELY OUT OF THE BUILDING BY 7:00 PM.

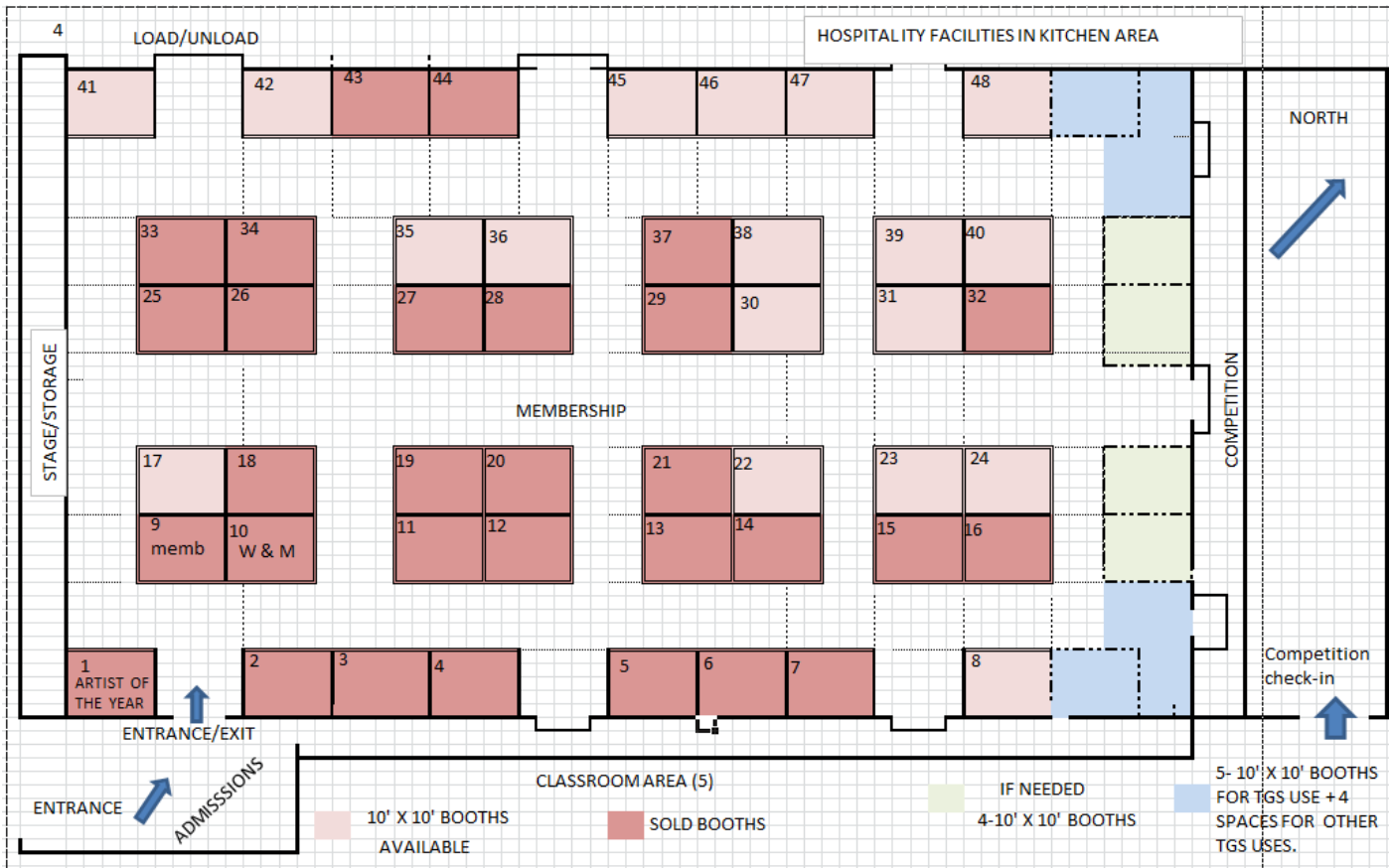
I have read, agree to and understand the VENDOR GUIDELINES described above and will comply with all rules set forth by the Texas Gourd Society.

***If fee payment are made thru PayPal, signed copies of the guidelines and contract are required for the vendor chair.**

Vendor Signature _____ Date _____

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Booth Layout for 2014 Lone Star Gourd Festival



Booths are going fast. Sign up for yours today!

Spring Project

GERRY FLEWHARTY

Contributing Editor

Texas Gourd Society

DECORATED GOURD EGGS



MATERIALS NEEDED:

Egg gourds, clean and dry
Acrylic paint (any color)
Wood glue (Elmer's, Aleene's Tacky Glue or all purpose)
Glue gun w/glue stick
Water
Bowl, small
Paint brushes (two 1/2" flat)
Scissors
Ribbon, narrow width (hanger)
Feathers – small (optional)
Little stick
Sandpaper, fine

Optional Materials for specific egg trim:

Sequins, 5 mm (any color)

Craft luster beads (12/0) or tiny glass beads

Toothpick (to pick up beads)

Terrifically Tacky Tape (1/2" x 5 yd - double-sided; can use smaller width)

Screw eye, small size (hanger)

Glitter, clear or white (fine grain)

Tissue paper (with small designs)

INSTRUCTIONS:

*Remove stem from egg gourd. Smooth egg with sandpaper and flatten bottom of egg if you do not hang it.

*Use awl or nail to make a hole in top of gourd for hanger (ribbon, screw eye, cord or wire loop). Add glue to outside of screw eye rivet edge, ribbon, wire or cord and push down into hole. Tie ribbon in a bow. Dry.

*Paint egg with acrylic paint using flat brush. Dry. Paint another coat. Dry. Clean brushes in water.

DECOUPAGE EGG

*Cut close to outside edge of tissue paper design using scissors. Mix a paste using 2/3 glue and 1/3 water in a bowl and stir with a stick. (Amount of mixture depends upon size of egg.) Use a flat paint brush and paint the egg with glue mixture. Immediately, paint glue on the back side of the tissue paper design and place on the egg. Make sure paper edges stick to egg. Paint glue

mixture on front side of design. Dry. Paint a second coat of glue mixture over entire egg and sprinkle glitter over it. Hang to dry.

SEQUIN EGG

*This is a difficult project if you cover the entire egg with sequins. You can use a glue gun or apply Terrifically Tacky Tape to surface of the egg. Follow instructions on the back of the package. Remove liner on tape. Apply tape in little pieces, strips or rows (top to bottom around egg). Add craft luster beads, glitter, little artificial flowers by transferring to the egg with a toothpick.

PAINTED EGG WITH PLAID, STRIPES OR FLORAL DESIGNS

*Paint designs, stripes or plaid designs using Terrifically Tacky Tape (see sequin egg instructions) or acrylic paint designs. Dry. Cover painted egg around design, not on design with glue and water mixture and add glitter while it is wet with flat paint brush. Dry. Glue a thin fluffy feather on the top of the egg for decoration. Note: Gourd eggs can be used to decorate a small Christmas tree, a painted tree branch, egg holder or hung from wire ornament holders. They will make great gifts for Easter. Hurry! Get started today.

-Enjoy-

"Gourding on the Bayou"



***2nd Annual* LOUISIANA GOURD SHOW**

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Thursday 1-5

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UPCOMING GOURD EVENTS 2014

April 3 to 5, 2014	Louisiana Gourd Society's 2nd Annual Gourd Show New Iberia, LA www.louisianagourdsociety.org
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April 25 to 27, 2014	California's Baskets and Gourds, Container of Our Culture Visalia, CA Californiagourdsociety.com/Calendar-Gourd-Events.html
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May 30 to June 1, 2014	Cherokee Gourd Artists Gathering - Cherokee, NC www.gourdgathering.net
June 6 to 8, 2014	Washington State NW Gourd Art Whidbey Island, WA wagourdsociety.org
June 19 to 21, 2014	Pennsylvania Gourd Society's Annual Gourd Fest Lebanon Valley Expo Center & Fairgourds www.pagourdsociety.org
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August 15 to 17, 2014	Texas Gourd Show - New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center New Braunfels, TX texasgourdsociety.org
September 6 to 7, 2014	North Carolina's Gourd Show - NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC www.ncgourdsociety.org
September 6, 2014	AGS Annual Membership Meeting at the North Carolina's Gourd Show Raleigh, NC
September 13 -14, 2014	New York State Gourd Fest - Cutler Gardens @ Cornell Cooperative Extension, Binghamton, NY americangourdsociety.org/NewYork
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