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President's Message by Suzanne Haffey

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

If nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies. ~Author Unknown

The Texas Gourd Society has a big change this year. The Board is excited to bring the 2013 Lone Star Gourd Festival, October 18-20, to its new location at the Pioneer Museum grounds. Centrally located in downtown Fredericksburg, the Pioneer Museum grounds provide beautiful outdoor and indoor spaces to house our festival, classes, vendors, and competition. We hope our new location will draw more visitors to the festival to promote interest in and appreciation of gourds. Please check out the website for the Pioneer Museum at www.pioneermuseum.net. The Texas Gourd Society's website should be updated soon with 2013 applications for teachers and vendors as well as a layout for the Lone Star Gourd Festival on the Pioneer Museum grounds.

We are in dire need of the following volunteers:

Treasurer – voting Board member

Competition Chair – We have a co-chair but need someone who has competition experience.

Admissions Chair

Set-Up and Tear Down Chair – We have a co-chair and he needs help.

Volunteer Coordinator – it's a little like herding cats or nailing jello to a tree but could be fun.

We will also need volunteers to work in the competition area. Please contact JoAnne Richardson at joannegrich@yahoo.com and let her know when you would be willing to help out.

This is your festival and it takes a tremendous amount of work to put on. We need your help.

Texas Gourd Society Spring Meeting will be held at the Wimberley Quilt Ranch on Saturday 4/13/2013 from 9:30am-5pm. Please bring a chair, drinks, and a sack lunch. Check the Texas Gourd Society website for more detailed information. Please RSVP to Lynda Smith at lyndabethsmith@gmail.com by April 1st.

The Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show sponsored by Kerr Arts & Cultural Center will take place May 23–June 23. The opening reception and awards ceremony will be Saturday, May 25, 2013 from 1-3pm. This show features over 150 gourds by the best gourd artists from across the nation. Come support your fellow gourd artists and feast your eyes.

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CORRECTION TO THE DECEMBER GOURDZETTE



On the cover of the December Gourdzette we mistakenly identified the winner of the Texas Award for the 2012 TGS Festival.

The Texas Award was won by Shelia Guidry for the beautiful gourd shown on the left. The gourd also won Best of Division 3, and first place in Pyrography Division 3.



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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News **ABOUT** the Gourdzette

We are actively trying to provide more articles, information, and just fun stuff in the quarterly Gourdzette. This month we have added several new features:

- Gourdipedia - dedicated to interesting and educational information on gourds
- Gourd Travels— stories from members travelling to gourd events or finding gourds or gourd art in their travels
- Tutorials - tutorials on different gourd projects submitted by our members

If you have any information, travel stories, or tutorials you would like to submit for the Gourdzette, please send to the editor, Cathy West at disn@consolidated.net. We want to hear from you!!

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@att.net Website: www.ArlingtonGourdPatch.webs.com

The Arlington Gourd Patch greets the New Year of the snake with some Kissy Fish we did at our January meeting. We were trying to get a jump on Valentines Day using buffalo and egg gourds to create one of a kind aquatics. In February we tried our hands at Trans-Tints that Georgia demo'd for us, using alcohol ink mediums to explore possibilities with her guidance. In March we will be adding Dreamcatchers to our gourds from February or creating new ideas. April we plan on carving egg gourds with Jean. In May Susan will lead us in weaving. And in June Carolyn will bead a spider to accent a gourd.

Please join us the third Sunday of the Month before we take our summer break. Check out our website for further details and pictures from previous meetings.

TGS CAPITAL OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH –Austin, TX area CONTACT Lynda Smith 512-524-7897 lyndabethsmith@gmail.com

Capital of Texas Patch met on Jan 12th for it's annual Christmas party. We relaxed and talked "gourd talk" in general and ate home-made chili and cornbread. We discussed plans for our next meeting on March 9th and Rona again offered her unique home to us. We will serve soup and salad and discuss plans for the rest of the year.. Anyone interested in joining our group can e-mail me at lyndabethsmith@gmail.com. or call 512-524-7897.

TGS COASTAL BEND GOURD PATCH - Corpus Christi, TX area

CONTACT: Don Vyskocil at 281-451-3494 dvyskocil@sbcglobal.net

We have been busy the past two months. We are glad our Winter Texans are back again with us and hope they will continue to come back each Fall and into Spring. In January, Shelia Guidry taught us some finishes on gourds. In February she also instructed us on how to do a clay Santa face and beard on pre-painted gourds. The picture is of all of our Santa gourds made that day. Shelia has volunteered to help with next fall's Lone Star Gourd Festival at its new downtown location in Fredericksburg. Don Vyskocil sold about two dozen of his wildlife gourds in the Whooping Crane Festival held in Port Aransas in February. We are looking forward to learning weaving, filigree, cactus inlay and faux finish leaves this coming year.



TGS COWTOWN PATCH - Ft. Worth, TX area CONTACT: Barb Petroski at 817-249-2929 lunarwind7@aol.com or Becky Wise 817-726-6653 db.wise@me.com website <http://www.angelfire.com/tx5/cowtowngourdpatch>

The Cowtown Patch meets the first Sunday of each month. You'll find them gathering under the trees at 12:15pm at Tim's Garden Center in Benbrook. In March we had a Show-and-Tell by Sue Haberer, Nancy Walsh and Barb Petroski.

Sue brought the gourds from her classes at the Wuerz Gourd Show last month in Arizona. She also set up a slide show on her iPad so the members could view the many competition gourds she photographed. Nancy brought her first wood burned gourd that also included a woven top. Barb has expanded her jewelry designs by creating a necklace which included 5 gourd pieces with Zentangle designs. Each month members bring gourds to work on during the meeting. We encourage everyone to bring gourds they are currently crafting, or to share a crafting technique that interests them. Feel free to stop by and join us. Call or email Becky Wise for any questions you may have.



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

Dallas Gourd Patch is on a roll!! We had a great "Christmas Party" in January! We want to thank Ethel Virgin for opening her home and being such a great hostess. We had a great turnout with lots of great food and exchanged presents. Many members brought gourds for show and tell which made us all want to go home and get to work! Our club elections were held and all current leaders were re-elected. Speaking as the President, I want to personally thank everyone for the team effort presented that makes this club unique. We have some devoted artists that want to share this craft and invite the world to discover the beauty of our art.

In February we had 27 in attendance and much was accomplished. We voted to bring a California artist, Vickie Echols, in for a 2 day class on pine needle coiling. All of the upcoming meetings have members giving classes on carving (2 different techniques), pyrography, egg shell mosaic, fabric coiling, pyrographic feathers and tissue paper techniques. In February Cal Stewart gave us a class on his Fredericksburg award winning "Mimbre" technique. He is a very talented and generous man to share the painting techniques that he developed himself. Thank you Cal for sharing!

Linda Hughes, President

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

The Guadalupe Gourd Patch met at Judy Richie's home in January. Plans for the year were discussed as well as the new location for the Lone Star Gourd Festival. March 16 was decided upon for our next meeting. We will be learning the process for applying Metal Leaf to gourds. For more information on our meetings, contact Judy Richie at judyrichie@yahoo.com.

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 SE Texas Gourd Patch kicked off the year with their first meeting held at the home of Barbara Heimann on Saturday, January 12, 2013. The patch discussed projects and ideas they would like to have in 2013 and completed a slate of meetings for the year. During the meeting a "show and tell" was held and everyone shared some really creative gourds they were working on. Betty Baer and Bill Wilibey reported on their teaching gig on Friday, January 11th for the Houston Federation of Garden Clubs. There was a workshop with 20 people who wanted to learn how to turn gourds into bird houses. The club was very appreciative of Betty and Bill volunteering their time to "spread the word" about gourdng. The patch decided to once again participate in the 9th Annual "Empty Bowl" Event benefiting Houston Food Bank. Participating patch members donate gourd bowls either fully decorated, or "decoration ready" which are then sold at the May 18, 2013 Food Bank Event. For more information visit, <http://houstonfoodbank.org/emptybowlshouston.aspx>.

The February 2013 monthly meeting of the SE Texas Gourd patch was held at the home of Darla Hines on Saturday, February 9, 2012. Darla demonstrated how to burn a feather by on a gourd with pyrography. We are all looking forward to our next meeting on March 9, 2013 where we will gather at the home of Betty Baer and learn more about stitching on a gourd.



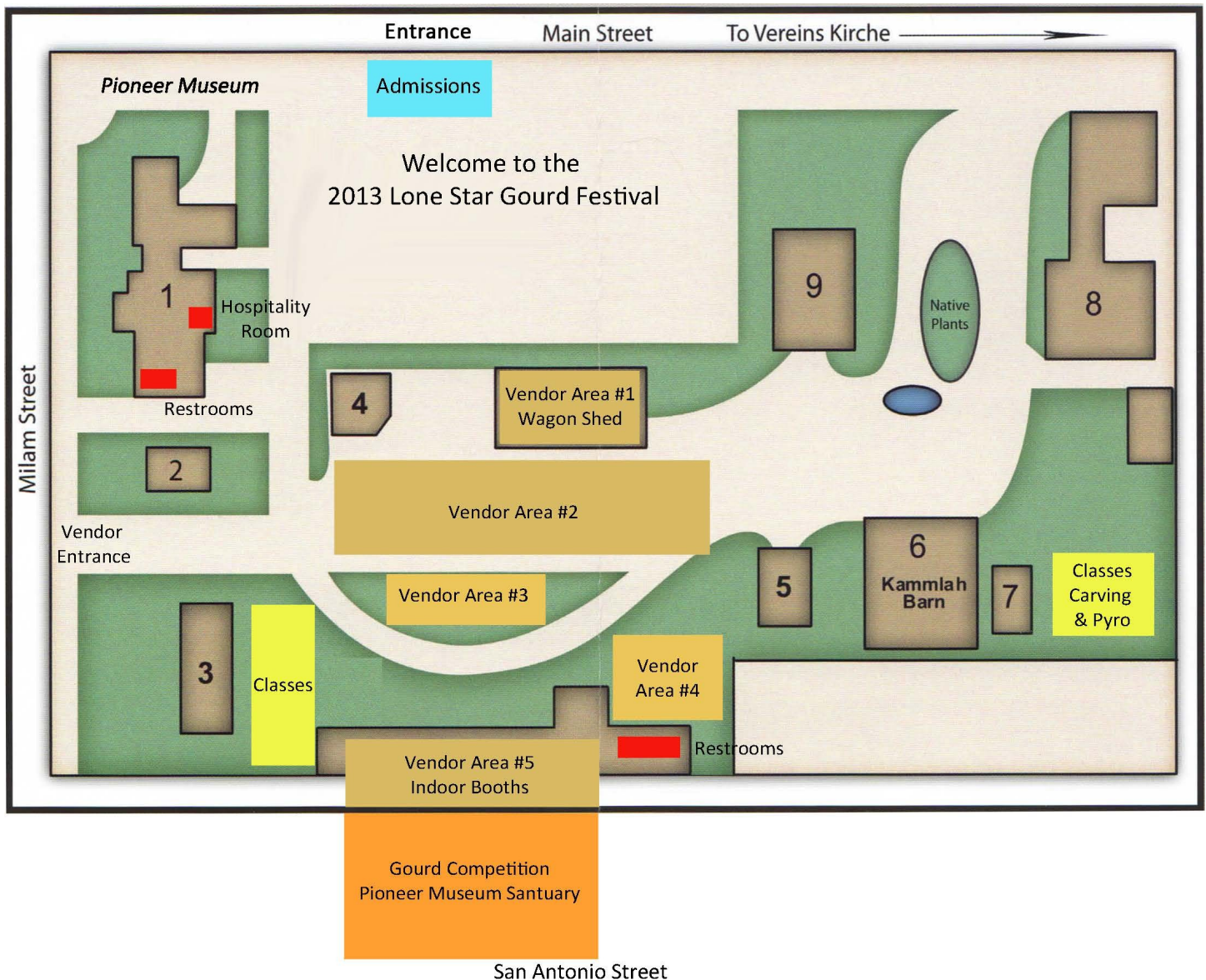
TGS WEST TEXAS GOURD PATCH - Lubbock, TX area CONTACT: Charla Johnson at 806-795-4405 CharKlass@aol.com or Beth Lively at 806-634-0161 blively@windstream.net

The West Texas Gourd Patch is alive and well. We are busy learning new ways to decorate gourds and I must say they look beautiful! One of our members gave a program to the "Women's Club" and it was well received. We are always trying to get the news out about gourds. We are having an upcoming class on decorating gourd eggs with wax and dyes, also on using Anne Sloan chalk paint and waxes. She has beautiful colors, it will be interesting. If you are in our area anytime, come join us, we would love to meet you. Contact Person--- Charla Johnson --- 806-795-4405

If your 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 Suzanne Haffey at bettiesuz@yahoo.com for more information.

2013 LONE STAR GOURD FESTIVAL NEWS

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**Calling All Teachers
for the Texas Gourd Society's
2013 Lone Star Gourd Festival
October 18-20, 2013**



Join us at our NEW location, the Pioneer Museum
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Vendor booths are available to reserve now.

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and click on the Vendor Information and Vendor/Booth
Layout links in the navigation menu.



Your Invited to the TGS Spring Meeting

When: Saturday, April 13, 2013
9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Where: Wimberley Quilt Ranch
Wimberley, TX
www.wimberleyquiltranch.com

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More details will be posted on the TGS website as soon



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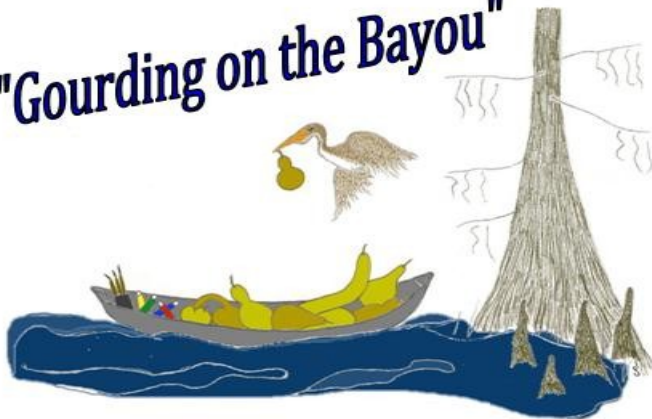
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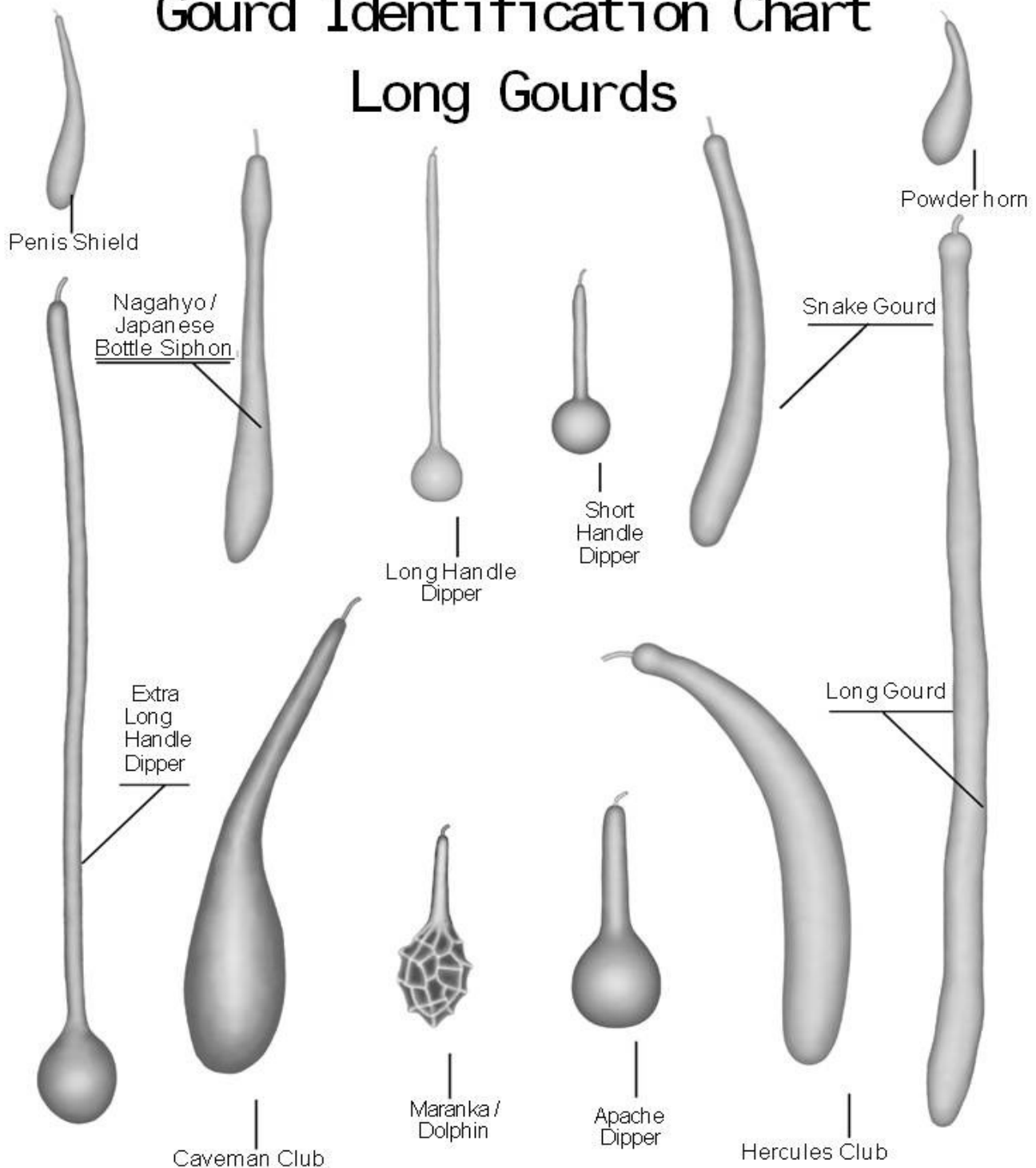
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New Feature! Gourdipedia

Interesting and educational information on gourds.

Gourd Identification Chart

Long Gourds



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Gourd Identification Chart

Kettle / Bottle Gourds



African Zulu



Chinese Bottle Water jug



Corsican Flat



Canteen



Indonesian Bottle



Goose Neck /
Lump-in-the-
Neck



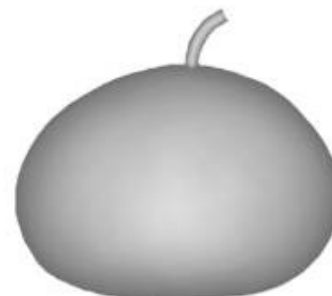
African wine Kettle



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Bushel Basket Kettle Large African Bushel



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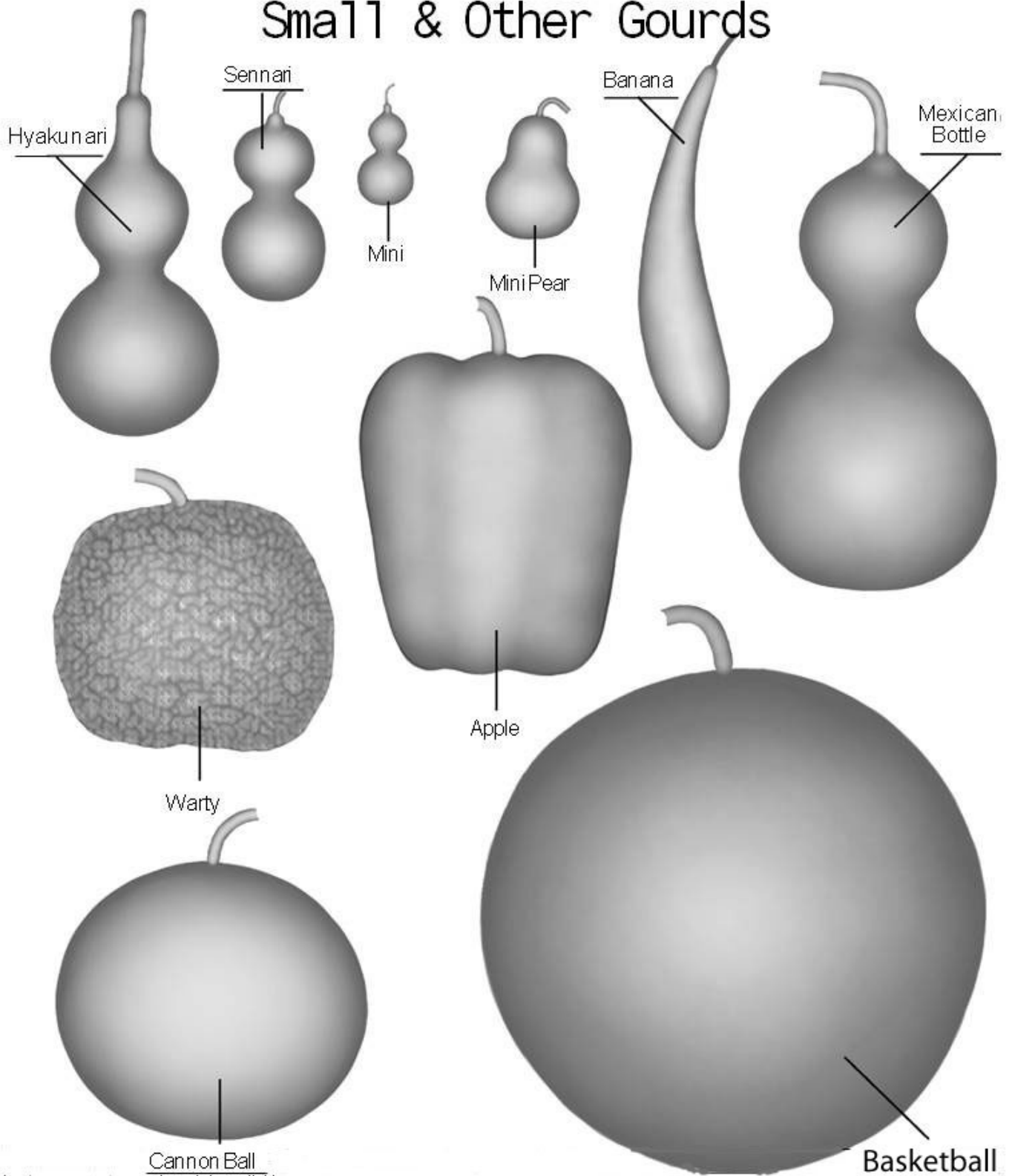
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Gourd Identification Chart

Small & Other Gourds



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Tutorial for Dove Peruvian Dot Style Gourd

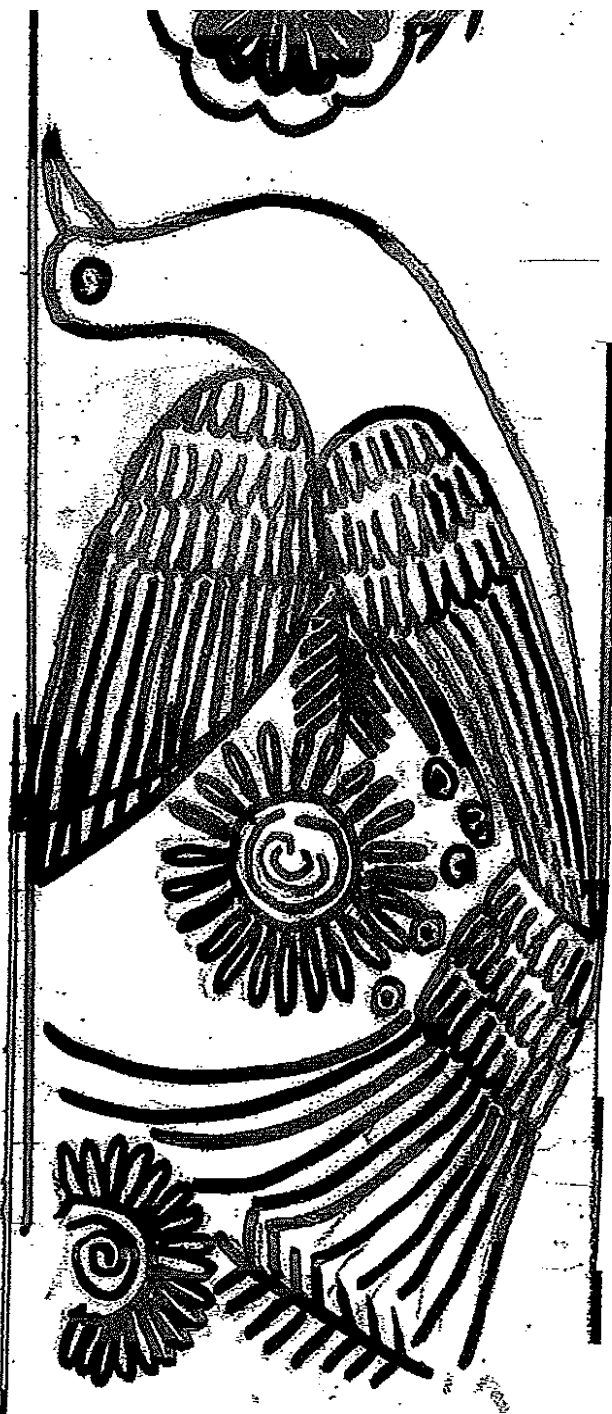
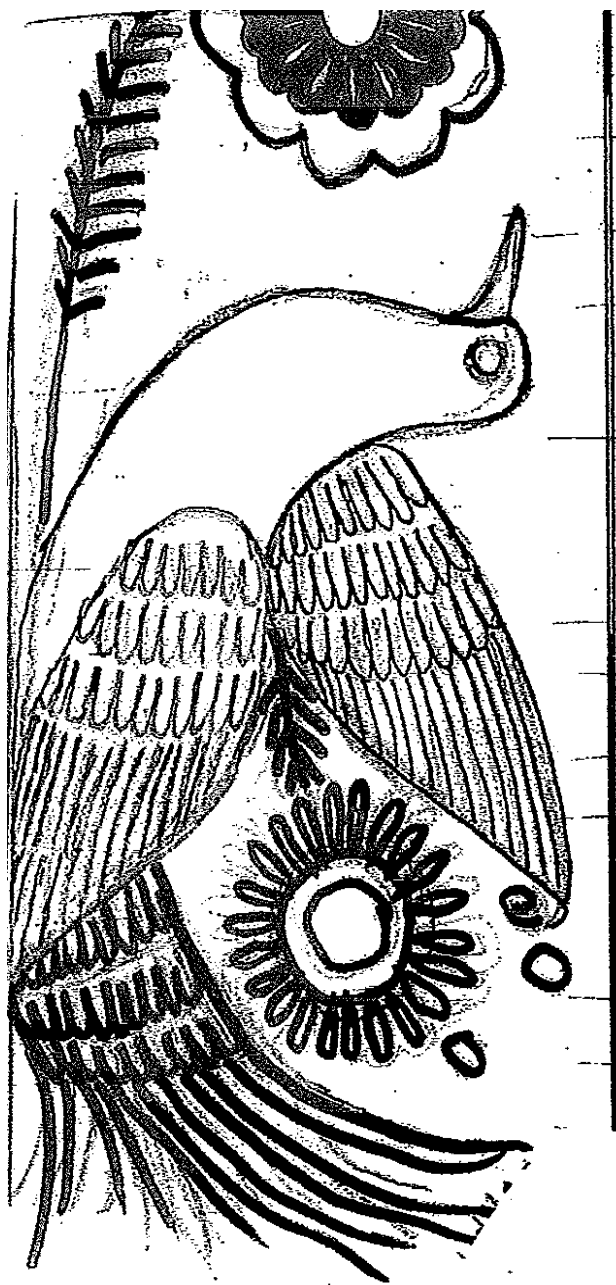
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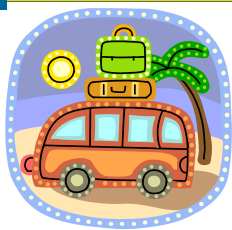
1. Select clean gourd with appropriate shape for design.
2. Dye total gourd with navy blue leather dye.
3. When dry, seal completely with clear matte spray.
4. Enlarge or reduce design to fit your gourd. (See next page for pattern)
5. Mark level line at the bottom of area where you will place design.
6. Transfer design to gourd using white transfer paper.
7. Outline design with acrylic paint, fill in all areas around doves with different colored dots. You can use a stylus or a small end of a paint brush to make perfect dots.
8. Trim top and bottom of dove design with colored bands to complete your work



Pattern for Dove

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Gourd Travels



We are adding a new feature to the Gourdzette. If you've travelled lately and attended an interesting Gourd Event or had the opportunity to run into gourds somewhere, please share it with the membership. Send your article and pictures to the Gourdzette Editor at disn@consolidated.net.

My Chinese Gourd Adventure

By Cathy West

I recently travelled to Eastern China on a business trip. I spent a week at one of my employer's manufacturing plants which is located in the province of Shandong, China in the city of Weifang. While Weifang is primarily known as an industrial area, I learned that it is also known as the Kite Capital of China.



Weifang is home to the Weifang International Kite Festival held each April. The first international kite festival was held in Weifang in 1984 with more than 10,000 kite fans in attendance from eleven different countries. This year Weifang will celebrate it's 30th Annual Kite Festival. In celebration of China's fascination and history of kite excellence, the Chinese Government built the Weifang World Kite Museum in 1987. This museum, located in the heart of the city, houses thousands of kites, the oldest one dating back to the 5th century BC.

During my visit I had the opportunity one afternoon to tour the museum. The day was cold with the high never reaching the freezing mark. Weifang was experiencing very foggy weather and it had been overcast for several days. The

museum was housed in a beautiful building however it was not heated, not unusual for many public buildings in China. The kites were spectacular but it felt like touring a walk-in freezer. So our tour through the kite museum turned into something of a speed tour.

However, as I was passing by one showcase of beautiful kites I noticed a showcase with several raw gourds displayed. Being a gourdhead, I immediately froze in my tracks (pun definitely intended), got all excited, and read the display. I learned that China is well known for it's "whistling" kites.

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For thousands of years folk artists in Nantong China have produced kites with whistles locally called Banyao (Ban-yow). The whistles are made from **dried gourds** and hand made matched wooden tops with a whistling slot carved in them. These kites are often very large and are beautifully hand painted. The whistling of these kites drift across the landscape and often are heard long before they can be seen. The whistles make an incredible symphony of sound.



So just when I was feeling cold, in a strange place, and very far away from home, I saw a gourd and for awhile I felt connected to my friends at home and my heart was warmed

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LONE STAR gourd festival 2013



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 - decorative art
 - vessels
 - functional objects
 - and more

Pioneer Museum

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Sat. 9am - 5pm, Sun. 9am - 3pm

Admission \$5

17 & under admitted FREE with paying adult

For festival information contact: Suzanne Haffey
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For information about gourds, gourd artists and the Lone Star Gourd Festival please visit our website at
www.texasgourdsociety.org

UPCOMING GOURD EVENTS 2013

April 13	Wisconsin Gourd Festival --Madison WI wisconsin gourdsociety.org
April 19 - 20	Louisiana Gourd Show -- Haynesville LA louisianagourdsociety.org
Apr 19-21	6th Home Grown and Hand Made Gourd Festival Pikeville, TN tennesseevolunteergourdsociety.org
April 20-21	ILGS NW Regional Gourd Festival Galena, IL illinoisgourdsociety.org
Apr 25-28	Maryland's Gourd Day - Bel Air MD www.gourdday.org
April 26 - 28	Show Me Gourd Festival -- Springfield MO showmegourdsociety.com
April 27	South Carolina/ Ghost Creek Gourd festival -- Laurens SC scgourdsociety.com
May 4 - 5	Indiana Gourd Society State Show -- Boone County Fairgrounds, Lebanon IN indianagourdsociety.org
May 17-19	Kentucky Gourd Show -- Taylorsville KY kygourdsociety.org
May 22-25	New Mexico Gourd Festival -- Albuquerque NM newmexicogourdsociety.org
May 23-Jun23	Southwest Gourd and Fine Art Show -- Kerrville TX kackerrville.com
May 30-June 2	Cherokee Gourd Artists Gathering - Cherokee NC www.gourdgathering.net
June 1	Great Gourd Gathering Arthur IL illinoisgourdsociety.org
June 15	Indiana Gourd Society Spring Festival -- Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, Lafayette IN indianagourdsociety.org
June 20-23	Pennsylvania Gourd Society Fest -- Kinzers PA pagourdsociety.org/fest.htm
June 29-30	GourdStock California Gourd Society San Diego County - Valley Center, CA californiagourdsociety.com
July 11-14	Washington State Northwest Gourd Festival -- Ellensburg WA wagourdsociety.org
Sept 7-8	North Carolina Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival—State Fairgrounds Raleigh, NC www.ncgourdsociety.org
Sept 12-15	ILGS Festival Chicago Botanic Gardens illinoisgourdsociety.org
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