



# THE TEXAS GOURDZETTE

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## KACC AWARDS PRESENTED



**Best of Show Winner , Reggie Eakin**

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# President's Message by Tom Hornsby

Chapter News  
Texas Gourd Society  
Kappa Chapter of The American Gourd Society  
By: Tom Hornsby, TGS President

The Texas Gourd Society just wrapped up its spring meeting and what a good time we had. As you may know the meeting was held at the farm of Roy and Blanch Cavaretta in Hallettsville, Texas. They opened their beautiful home and farm to TGS and we had approximately 100 people in attendance. Thank you Roy and Blanch for your wonderful hospitality. We also had free BBQ brisket and chicken with plenty of side dishes along with red beans and rice from Zelda. This was just one of the ways TGS is saying thank you to its membership for all their support. Top notch gourd demonstrations were provided by some of TGS best gourd artists like John Flewharty, and Lelia & Jimmy Sublet. They provided first class hands on informational instruction and information on products and techniques to all in attendance.

Our 2012 Lone Star Gourd Festival rack cards are finished and available from any board member or patch leader. The beautiful work of Texas Gourd Society Artist of the Year, Bonnie Gibson, is displayed on the card. Pick some up and pass them out to spread the word about our 2012 festival.

Our Ways & Means committee now has our 2012 raffle tickets available for purchase at \$1.00 each. The raffle gourd features beautiful art work from various TGS gourd artists throughout Texas. Check our website [www.texasgourdsociety.org](http://www.texasgourdsociety.org) and contact any board member or the Ways & Means chair persons to obtain raffle gourd tickets.

Planning is still under way for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Lone Star Gourd Festival and we would like to extend a Big Friendly Texas invitation to everyone to join us in 2012 and take part in all of our activities. The festival will once again be in Fredericksburg, Texas at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall nestled in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. Festival dates are 19 – 21 October 2012. Fredericksburg is a world-class tourist destination with many beautiful and interesting “sights”, the Texas Gourd Society is proud to host the Lone Star Gourd Festival in this magnificent city. Classes will start on Thursday 18 October 2012; vendor set up will also begin on Thursday afternoon at 1 P. M. I would like to extend my personal invitation to everyone and invite you to a truly spectacular gourd festival with “top-notch” educational and instructional classes, teachers and gourd vendors from around the country. The competition entries are superb and feature Fine Art of the highest quality; many of our competition artists are featured in galleries throughout the United States and have vendor booths at the Lone Star Gourd Festival so you will have the opportunity to see and purchase fine gourd art. We will be raffling a gourd completed by 12 of the best gourd artists from across Texas at the festival. The gourd was grown in Texas and each artist was free to choose their own design. You can reach our Show Chair, Suzanne Haffey at [bettiesuz@yahoo.com](mailto:bettiesuz@yahoo.com), and/or Co-Chair Joe Pritchard at [stormy7606@hotmail.com](mailto:stormy7606@hotmail.com).

As everyone knows our volunteer chair John Flewharty has been working very hard and beating the bushes to recruit new volunteers for the Lone Star Gourd Festival. John has given TGS countless hours of his time thru the years working as a volunteer at any position that needed help. I ask all TGS members to contact John at [dsf1511@verizon.net](mailto:dsf1511@verizon.net) and tell him that you would be glad to volunteer two or more hours to help out at our festival. Remember it is our festival and it takes all of us as a team to make it successful. All volunteers who work two or more hours at the festival are invited to the FREE meal feast that will be provided by TGS on Thursday night 18 October 2012 at the fairgrounds.

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*On the cover: KACC Show Winner photo by Cheryl Trotter*

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I would also like to call to your attention that the Texas Gourd Society has many of its members featuring gourd art in the Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show held at the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center in Kerrville, Texas. This will be the 7<sup>th</sup> annual show of spectacular gourd art. The show runs from May 24 to July 8<sup>th</sup> 2012 and 28 artists have been selected to be in this juried event. More information can be obtained at [www.kackerrville.com](http://www.kackerrville.com).

Visit our website [www.texasgourdsociety.org](http://www.texasgourdsociety.org) for information about our festival if you would like to teach a class, be a vendor, enter the competition or just have a good time at a spectacular event.

Please feel free to contact me, Tom Hornsby, President, at [tom@bayougourds.com](mailto:tom@bayougourds.com) or 318 445 3969 if you have any questions regarding our festival or the Texas Gourd Society.

Tom Hornsby  
President

## 2012 RAFFLE GOURD COMPLETED

The 2012 Raffle Gourd is completed and raffle tickets are now on sale. A group of 12 artists have contributed their time and talent to create a beautiful gourd to be raffled at the 2012 Gourd Festival. Artists include Crystal Ziemann, Darla Hines, John Flewharty, Hellen Martin, Lynda Smith, Judy Richie, Martha Webb, Don Vyskocil, Cheryl Trotter, Betty Vertin, Edie Davis, and Sylvia Gaines. Judy Richie also donated the raw gourd. The 2012 gourd does not have a central theme and each artist was free to express their creativity in one of 12 areas outlined on the gourd. Tickets are now on sale and available from anyone on the Executive Board. Contact any officer or director at the contact information on page 2 to request raffle tickets to buy or to sell. You won't want to miss an opportunity to win this beautiful piece of art.



### 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.

## 2012 TGS Executive Board

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MEMBERSHIP

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TGS MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012!**

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An Open Letter from John Flewharty, Volunteer Chairman for the TGS Festival

How to REALLY belong.

We join TGS, pay our dues, attend the various meetings, meet new friends, and practice our artistic talents, through our many gourd creations. That is a big part of being a gourd-head.

But just as important a part of being a gourd-head; our officers, directors, committee chairs and helpers, patch leaders, all those people that step up each year at festival time, to make our biggest function of the a year a success, are always there to help. AND ALL ARE VOLUNTEERS.

But guess what? We never seem to have enough help behind the scenes. We need people to man the various booths during the festival, admissions, help with the banquet, booth layout, competition setup, judges, hospitality, the Kids Korner, membership, raffle, etc. We need at least 20 to 30 more volunteers over the 4 days we will be in Fredericksburg, for a minimum of a couple of hours sometime during the festival. And the pay is great! Thursday evening, TGS will host a hospitality hour with some goood food. FREE.

Those of you that have not already volunteered, can reach me at [dsf1511@verizon.net](mailto:dsf1511@verizon.net), or (940) 380-9566. I am John Flewharty, I am a volunteer.

These jobs have nothing to do with crafting, painting, decorating, growing, cleaning, selling, buying gourds, only loving them.

This is how we REALLY belong!

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# TGS Patch Happenings

## News and Events from TGS Gourd Patches

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No news to report.

**TGS CAPITAL OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH –Austin, TX area CONTACT Lynda Smith 512-524-7897 lyndabethsmith@gmail.com Cindy Noles, Co-Chair 512-985-5032**

The Capital of Texas patch met on May 12 at the home of Lelia and Jimmy Sublett. We discussed our plans to make a zentangle quilt for the raffle at the TGS show. We also talked about the new gallery in Blanco which is interested in working with gourd artists to present classes and display/sell gourds in their place on the square. Lelia has already taught a class and has some of her gourd collection on display there. After a good meal we all learned how to woodburn and block off areas with tape so we could spray the background with textured paints. Beautiful! Our next meeting will be on July 14th at Yoanna Baumgartner's home in north Austin where we will learn how to make one of her spectacular dolls. She and Lynda Smith will be participating in the Kerrville Arts and Cultural Fine Art Gourd Show from May 24 to July 8. For information about our patch just contact me at [lyndabethsmith@gmail.com](mailto:lyndabethsmith@gmail.com).

**TGS HEART OF TEXAS PATCH –Waco, TX area CONTACT: Bob Schuetze at 254-772-4519**

Currently inactive.

**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**

A lot is going on here in Kerrville, where the Guadalupe Gourd Patch meets every other month on the second Saturday. We are gearing up for the 7th annual Southwest Fine Art Gourd Show. Our patch is a group member of the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center that sponsors the show. We will provide all the food for the reception and award ceremony on May 26. We have four members who will be in the show, Betty Vertin, Barbara Longanecker, Sharon Harrison and Judy Richie. This year each artist can have up to 10 entries. The 2012 TGS Raffle gourd will be on display and tickets will be on sale for chances to win this wonderful gourd. We hope to see a lot of you at the show.

On May 12 we met at Judy Richie's home. Members were encouraged to bring something for show and tell as well as anything that they were having problems with. We discussed the class offerings for the Lone Star Gourd Festival and all were encouraged to sign up for classes. As usual, we had a wonderful potluck lunch. Our next meeting is scheduled for 14. We will be having a session on using colored pencils.

**TGS ARLINGTON GOURD PATCH—Arlington, TX area  
CONTACT: Cindi Creswell at 817-244-0135 cidnboo@att.net**

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The Arlington Patch has been busy updating our website with a new look and different features from our artists. Patti Jo has been eager to unveil a new logo and tri-folds for our Patch. Thanks Patti Jo. Highlighting one of our members - Georgia Cunningham who had a Southwestern Gourd Art Show at the Old Post Office Museum in Graham, Tx. Georgia has been educating the area with "not your same ole gourd that Grandma use to grow". Check out all of our multi-talented artists at our website... [www.ArlingtonGourdPatch.webs.com](http://www.ArlingtonGourdPatch.webs.com)

At the April meeting we used fibers to weave around the gourd rim getting our inspiration from the Fiber and Gourd Book. Our May meeting we tried our hand at colored pencil with a sad eyed basset as the subject. This was a new venture for many.

At press time, our June meeting will be led by Susan Ashley who is a talented weaver. She will guide us through weaving an antler on a gourd. Join us on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00pm, the Fielder Museum. The patch takes the summer off to create and be inspired. We'll resume back in September. Please check out the website for updates. Contact Cindi Creswell, cidnboo@att.net or 817 244-0135 with any questions.



Members Georgia, Carolyn and Jean admiring show and tell display



Arlington Patch Show & Tell

**TGS COWTOWN PATCH - Ft. Worth, TX area CONTACT: Barb Petroski at 817-249-2929 lunar-wind7@aol.com or Becky Wise 817-726-6653 db.wise@me.com website <http://www.angelfire.com/tx5/cowtowngourdpatch>**

No news to report

**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](http://www.artisanart.biz/tgs_southeast)**

The Southeast Texas Gourd Patch has been busy this Spring. In April, the patch met at the Art League of Baytown which sponsored a three dimensional mask competition titled "Face Off". Several of our members entered pieces in the competition. Susan Urban won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for her mask titled "Chakra" and Darla Hines, Susan Urban, and Margaret Bell all won Honorable Mention awards. It was a great opportunity for the members to show off their talents with gourds in a general art competition.

In May we met at the house of Cathy West. Darla Hines conducted a class on cutting, carving, and filigree. Darla did a great job of demonstrating the use of various burs, and tools and everybody had an opportunity to get hands on experience.

In June the patch met at the house of Abby Sandlin where Cheryl Trotter and Darla Hines did a workshop on pine needle coiling.



Gourd with Pine Needle Coiling



Darla Hines in Middle with her Giant Gourd Baby.



**TGS COASTAL BEND GOURD PATCH - Corpus Christi, TX area CONTACT: Don Vyskocil at 281-451-3493 [dvyskocil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dvyskocil@sbcglobal.net)**

No news to report

**TGS EAST TEXAS PINEY WOODS GOURD PATCH—East TX area CONTACT: Pam Word at 903-663-0017 [havnwords@peoplepc.com](mailto:havnwords@peoplepc.com) Piney Woods website <http://www.geocities.com/pwgourds/patch.html>.**

Currently Inactive

**TGS DALLAS GOURD PATCH-Dallas, TX area CONTACT: Linda Hughes at 817-368-3400 [iamonelinda2@yahoo.com](mailto:iamonelinda2@yahoo.com) or Pat Duncan at 972-463-8668 [pdunk8@msn.com](mailto:pdunk8@msn.com)**

Several of our club members attended the March Spring Meeting in Hallettsville, Texas, at Roy & Blanch Cavaretta's Farm. As a result, our club did not hold a March meeting. What a great experience for me, a first timer, to attend that meeting. Several brought goods to sell and trade and the meal was excellent. Also there were some demo's given by several club members, one of them our own John Flewharty on Thunder Gourds. Kudo's to Roy and Blanch for hosting the meeting. Great folks! Great place!

April's meeting was covered by Don Sharp as I was away on vacation. I understand he held a great meeting and Mari Tarver did a wonderful class on the use of ink dyes and beads. Thanks to both of you. We are so proud of one of our members, John Flewharty, as he has been accepted to display his gourds at the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center's 7th Annual South-west Fine Art Gourd Show to be held May 24 - July 8 in Kerrville. Congrats John!!

At the May meeting we discussed ways to bring in new members and I have to say, Pat Duncan is doing her share of getting the news out. She is giving a demonstration to a first grade class and is taking a variety of eighteen animals she has made from gourds! Pat brought her pig with her that will hold raffle tickets for the big gourd at Fredericksburg. Thought you all might enjoy seeing the little guy. Quite the collection! She has also given 3 gourd presentations this quarter to garden club meetings in Dallas, Heath and Ferrel Texas.

Barbie Holton gave us a great class on pine needle rims and weaving in the afternoon. She has a real skill for teaching and getting the ideas across to the student. If you ever have a chance to take one of her classes, I say, "Go for it!" Thanks Barbie! Next month I am going share my experience with crayon application and everyone will get a chance to "play around with it."



Pat Duncan with her Gourd Pig

**Send us your patch news and photos! If you would like to start a gourd patch in your area send us your info and we will include it in the Patch Happenings!**

## KACC 2012 Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show

Located in the heart of the Texas Hill country is the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center. Once again, KACC hosted the center's annual Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show. This is the seventh year for the juried art show and competition and it was open to gourd artists from all states. Over 156 entries from 26 different artists were submitted and awards were presented over Memorial Day weekend. These beautiful gourd pieces will be on display at KACC until July 8, 2012. .

Winners included many members of the Texas Gourd Society. Below is a list of awards presented:

### Best of Show

*Snow Leopards of Tibet*  
Reggie Eakin

### Southwest Style

First	<i>Night Flyers</i>	Judy Richie
Second	<i>Spirit in Tears</i>	Judy Richie
Third	<i>Navajo Silversmith</i>	Reggie Eakin

### Contemporary Style

First	<i>Red Majesty</i>	Judy Richie
Second	<i>Mermaid &amp; Dolphin</i>	Melissa Jones
Third	<i>Music in the Round</i>	JoAnne Richardson

### Fiber Works

First	<i>The Woven One</i>	Sheila Guidry
Second	<i>Gypsy</i>	Yoanna Baumgartner
Third	<i>Patchwork</i>	Betty Vertin

### Vessels

First	<i>Dipper Gourd</i>	Dusti Lockey
Second	<i>Intertwined</i>	Judy Richie
Third	<i>Wolves Among Trees</i>	Joyce Campbell

### Carving

First	<i>Southwest Cougars</i>	Reggie Eakin
Second	<i>Circle of Flowers</i>	Sheila Guidry
Third	<i>Heart's Desire</i>	Yoanna Baumgartner

To learn more about this outstanding show, the KACC, and to view pictures of all the winners, visit the KACC website at [www.kaccckerville.com](http://www.kaccckerville.com)

## Photos of some of the KACC Winners



Sheila Guidry      “The Woven One”



Judy Richie      “Spirit in Tears”



Betty Vertin      “Patchwork”



Melissa Jones      “Mermaid & Dolphin”

## Class Offerings for Lone Star Gourd Festival 2012

Classes for the 2012 Lone Star Gourd Festival have been finalized. Once again the festival is offering a wide variety of informative classes being taught by some of the best gourd artists around the state. Shown below are the details of posted classes being offered in Fredericksburg, October 18-21, 2012.

For more detailed information, including descriptions of the class, materials to be provided by the instructor, and materials you should bring to a class, please visit our website page <http://texasgourdsociety.org>. If you need additional information not found on the website, you can contact Cheryl Trotter (phone 281-300-5013, email [4cheryltrotter@gmail.com](mailto:4cheryltrotter@gmail.com)) who is Chairman of the Education committee.

Keep these guidelines in mind when considering classes—

- All classes are held outside in a covered pavilion. Please dress accordingly.
- Please check times carefully for all classes, as times for each class may vary.
- Masks are MANDATORY for all classes involving carving. Please read the list of materials you are to bring to see if a mask is required.
- Many classes accept walk-ins at class time, if space allows. Some classes cannot accept walk-ins, due to materials required for the instructor. Please read the class descriptions for details.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012



Class T-1P \$50  
1 pm – 5 pm  
Run For The Roses  
Miriam Joy  
Skill Level - All



Class T – 2A \$75  
8 AM – 2 PM  
Copper Leaf-Relief Carving  
Judie Richie  
Skill level - All



Class T – 3A \$50  
8 AM – 12 Noon  
Gourd Egg Ornament  
Susan Urban  
Skill-Beginners



Class T – 4A \$100  
8 AM – 4 PM  
Deer  
Pyrography & Colored Pencil  
Hellen Martin  
Skill level - All

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012



Class F – 1P \$50  
1 PM – 5 PM  
Basking in the Sun  
Miriam Joy  
Skill level - All



Class F– 2A \$65  
8 AM – 2 PM  
Coiling with Antler  
Judie Richie  
Skill level - All



Class F-3P \$65  
12:30 PM – 4:30 PM  
Leather Texture  
Sue Haberer  
Skill level - All



Class F – 4A \$50  
8 AM – 12 Noon  
Faux Leather Tooling Pyrography  
Hellen Martin



## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012 (Continued)



Class F – 5P \$65  
1 PM – 5 PM  
Southwest Mountains  
Hellen Martin  
Skill level - All



Class F – 6A  
9 AM – 12 Noon \$60  
Filagree Ornaments  
Barbara Longanecker  
Skill level - All



Class F – 7A \$50  
8 AM – 12 Noon  
Basic Closed Coiling  
Darla Hines  
Skill level - All



Class F – 8P \$50  
1 PM – 5 PM  
Textured Metallic Gourd  
w/Coiling and Embellishment  
Margaret Bell  
Skill level - Beginners

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012



Class SA-1A \$55  
8 AM – 12 Noon  
Alcohol Dye Technique  
Judie Richie  
Skill level - All



Class SA-1P \$35  
1 PM -4 PM  
Asian Bowl w/Washi  
Paper Collage  
Terry Noxel



Class SA-3P \$65  
1 PM – 5 PM  
Pyro Patterns  
Barbie Holton  
Skill level - All



Class SA-4P \$50  
1 PM—5 PM  
Gourd Egg Ornament  
Susan Urban  
Skill-Beginners



Class SA-5P \$50  
1 PM – 5 PM  
Gouradian Angels  
Mari Tarver  
Skill level - Beginners

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2012



Class SU-1A \$55  
9 AM – 3 PM  
Zenmobile  
Clara Willibey  
Skill level - All



Class SU-2A \$60  
8 AM – 12 Noon  
Twining w/Seagrass  
Judie Richie  
Skill level - All



Class SU-3A \$50  
9 AM – 1 PM  
Photographing Gourds  
Michael Penn Smith  
Skill level-Intermediate



Class SU-4A \$50  
8 AM – 12 Noon  
Gouradian Angels  
Mari Tarver  
Skill level-All

## A Celebration of Gourds, by Barbara Petroski

Sometime this past winter Becky and I decided to have another great adventure. This time it was to the New Mexico Gourd Show in Albuquerque, New Mexico. With it being a ten-hour drive, we decided to leave Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Friday would be spent in Old Town, Saturday at the gourd show and a return drive home would commence on Sunday.

We left early Thursday morning and drove about a mile before our first stop at Starbucks for a double shot of espresso. Then it was north to Amarillo where we made a left turn onto I-40 and straight to our destination - a unique bed and breakfast that Becky had researched and made reservations for our trip. Los Pablamos Historic Inn and Organic Farm was a great place. It came complete with roaming peacocks, various barn animals and a lavender farm.

After a fabulous breakfast the next morning we headed to Old Town where we visited with shopkeepers, looked and shopped and shopped until we dropped. A dinner of green chili stew sure hit the spot. After breakfast the next morning we headed to Wrights Indian Arts for a feast for the eyes and imagination. They had displays of all sorts of Native American art, including some gourds by Texan D. R. Nance, who was one of the vendors at the gourd show.

The NM fairgrounds were right down the street and after a brief hunt we found the hall. While it lacked in the number of vendors, it more than made up for it with the breadth of talent. We met Pierre Nichols who had been a vendor at the TGS show. His work was unique in that it resembles the art of the ancient Mimbres people. He paints black designs on white gourds and then includes detail work that makes them resemble ancient cracked pottery.

There was an extremely talented Peruvian vendor (now living in Santa Fe) that was showing her wood burned gourds. Her work was extremely detailed and all done with a wooden-handled chisel-shaped instrument called a buril. D.R. Nance brought dozens of his feathered masks. Of which, two followed Barbara home to Benbrook, Texas. Seeing John and Sharon Flewharty in their booth at the show was a pleasant surprise.

Sadly there was no competition this year. That was certainly a disappointment, however they had a marvelous display of gourds. One feature of their show was their educational area where they had information on gourd cultivations, displays on the uses of gourds, and much, much more.

Sunday came all too quickly. Neither one of us wanted to return to reality or our jobs in Fort Worth. It is great fun to visit other gourd shows and to see the local talent especially when they are in an enchanting city like Albuquerque.



Barbara Petroski



D R Nance

## 2012 TGS Spring Meeting a Success!

On March 17, 2012 the Texas Gourd Society held their Spring meeting at the beautiful farm of Roy and Blanche Cavaretta near Hallettsville, Texas. The day was filled with events including a Swap and Sell, gourd crafting demonstrations, and the spring general membership meeting. The Cavarettas served a delicious barbeque meal and Zelda Hornsby treated everyone to her delicious red beans and rice. Below are a few pictures from this fun filled event.



John Flewharty and Tom Hornsby



Frank Richardson treated everyone to some great music during lunch



Everyone enjoyed some really great food!



Members listening intently to a demonstration





## Welcome New Members!!

Join a Patch, ask questions, volunteer and have fun.

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### Members!

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[www.texasgourdsociety.org/gourdzette-copies.html](http://www.texasgourdsociety.org/gourdzette-copies.html)

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July 12-15	Northwest Gourd Festival – Ellensburg WA <a href="http://www.wagourdsociety.org">www.wagourdsociety.org</a>
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Oct 19-21	Georgia Gourd Show -- Griffin GA <a href="http://www.georgiagourdsociety.com">www.georgiagourdsociety.com</a>
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