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*Best of Show & Peoples Choice Award 2011*



*VIP Award 2011*



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Award  
2011*



Joe Pritchard, President

## President's Message - by Joe Pritchard

Your Texas Gourd Society just completed a successful Lone Star Gourd Festival, our 16th annual event. The festival was held in Fredericksburg, Texas, in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. I extend my deepest and most sincere "thank you" to all the TGS members, vendors, volunteers, and especially to all of those who visited us in October. Thank you, also, to everyone who entered gourds in our competition. This area was a big hit with our visitors. I personally want to thank the TGS Executive Board for all the hard work and planning they put in to making this event such a huge success. Our marketing and publicity chair, Suzanne Haffey, did an excellent job of spreading the word about our festival. I also extend my personal thanks to Sylvia Gaines, who has been the editor of our newsletter, "*The Gourdzette*", for several years. Sylvia is "retiring" from that position at the end of 2011; she will pass the editorship to Cathy West.

At the annual Fall banquet and business meeting, TGS elected a new President for 2012 – many of you know Tom Hornsby, who will be our new President. Our other officers for 2012 are: Suzanne Haffey (Vice President), Linda Smith (Treasurer), Gerry Flewharty (Membership), C.C. Rice (Secretary), and myself as Immediate Past President. I thank TGS and its members for allowing me to serve as their president for the past two years.

By the time you read this, the current and newly elected board members will have met to start planning for the 2012 Lone Star Gourd Festival, scheduled for October 18-21, 2012, in Fredericksburg, TX. We will be raffling a gourd completed by artists across Texas at the 2012 Festival. The artwork on this raffle gourd is being created now; the subject of each artist's section on the gourd is open for their own choice, including the techniques they use to create their panel of the gourd. It should be an all-Texas gourd. Please put our festival on your calendar as you plan for 2012.

The Kerr Arts and Cultural Center in Kerrville, TX, will hold their annual Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show, May 24 – July 8, 2012. The purpose of the show is to allow artists to display, compete and sell their work in an exhibit of the highest quality gourd artwork in a formal gallery venue and to promote and encourage public appreciation of gourd art. The gallery is now accepting applications for entries to this juried event, with applications accepted through January 15, 2012. Entry form and rules may be found at <http://www.kackerrville.com/opportunities.html> and then select the prospectus in the "Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show" section.

A special thanks to Judy Richie for getting our updated web site [www.texasgourdsociety.org](http://www.texasgourdsociety.org) up and running. Photos and a list of all the competition winners may be found on this web site. Congratulations to Bonnie Gibson who won Best of Show and People's Choice awards, and to everyone who was awarded ribbons in the competition. It was a hard choice for our judges!

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your president in 2010 and 2011. I wish everyone a happy holiday season! I hope everyone has a safe, prosperous, and healthy 2012. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Joe Pritchard*  
TGS President

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*On the Cover:* Remembering our 2011 Lone Star Gourd Festival. It's come and gone now, but you can relive the event by taking a page turning journey through photos in this issue. This year's Best of Show winner was Bonnie Gibson's 'Elks' gourd, which was also awarded the People's Choice Award. The Texas Award went to Yoanna Baumgartner's precious 'Tutu' gourd lady doll and the VIP Award went to Robbie Hiduke's 'Floral' Pyrography gourd. See pages 10-13 for photos of all the 1st place winners. Enjoy this look back and make your plans for our 2012 Festival Oct. 18 – 21.



### **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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## *A message from in-coming President Tom Hornsby —*

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who helped the Texas Gourd Society and volunteered in any way shape or form in 2011 and especially those of you who were involved with the magnificent 16th Annual Lone Star Gourd Festival last October in Fredericksburg. We had a very successful festival, general membership meeting and the election of new officers. I would like to say “thank you” to the membership for electing me as the new 2012 President of the Texas Gourd Society. What an honor, you have given me the opportunity to lead and serve the best gourd society in existence. I am looking forward to the challenges we face in 2012. Working as a team, with the best in mind for TGS, I know together we will have a very successful year. I am looking forward to the 2012 Lone Star Gourd Festival; it will be October 18-21 once again in the wonderful city of Fredericksburg in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. We will have updates on the festival as we move into the New Year.

What a great slate of officers that were elected to serve in 2012. Congratulations go out to Suzanne Haffey as our new Vice President; Suzanne has been a volunteer and leader in TGS for years. Lynda Smith was re-elected as our Treasurer, always doing a good job taking care of your money. Gerry Flewharty was also re-elected as our Membership Secretary as in the past she has been a great leader and officer always putting TGS first. Congratulations to C.C. Rice, who was elected to be our new Secretary, along with new director Joanne Richardson. Ethel Virgin was a Director and has been elected to serve for another term also. Sylvia Gaines who has

been *The Gourdette* newsletter editor is retiring from that position at the end of 2011 after years of exceptional dedication and service. Thank you Sylvia for your expertise and service. Cathy West will assume the editors position in 2012. What a great bunch of leaders we have for our up and coming year.

All of our past officers have done a really great job for TGS. Joe Pritchard our President and Judy Richie our hard driving VP along with Sue Haberer as our Secretary, Bill Willibey serving as Immediate Past President along with Don Vyskocil as Director. Please take a moment and think about all that the Texas Gourd Society and its past leadership have done. They have brought us to the point of being the great society that we are today. We thank them for their leadership and support and encourage their continued involvement in TGS.

I would like to challenge each and every member to get more involved in this wonderful organization known as the Texas Gourd Society; it belongs to you, the membership. Come to the meetings, volunteer, pay your dues, send an email to a board member to let us know what you think. Maybe you have a new direction, plan or idea that will benefit the society. The “V” word, **VOLUNTEER** is very powerful, fulfilling and helpful to everyone. Get involved and really be part of this wonderful society. I would like to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Once again, thank you all for allowing me the honor of leading and serving the Texas Gourd Society in 2012.



# TGS GOURD PATCH NEWS & HAPPENINGS

**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 has been busy the last three months!!! We have made Christmas ornaments, Santa gourds and bear fetish necklaces. Charla Johnson taught us some new techniques for Christmas ornaments and also taught us to make a Santa with a gourd body and clay faces, hands, etc. We had one that looked like Albert Einstein and one that looked like he had just been "goosed"! It was great fun. I have to admit, I will not display mine until next Christmas...did not get it finished and will hopefully tame some of the monstrous hair I applied to it!!! Oh my... where's the hairspray!

Melissa Jones taught us a faux stone technique with a bear fetish necklace. We did faux turquoise, malachite, and several other beautiful finishes. We also got one to take home and practice our newly learned skill. Melissa did a great job with this technique and our bears turned into treasures. Our December meeting will be a Christmas Party at Charla's house on Dec. 13th and everyone is bringing a dish of goodies. We are exchanging gourd art supplies and will eat lots of yummy snacks. We'd love to have you join us. We are looking forward to a wonderful new year and have lots of plans. We are getting our projects in order and will have lots of new ideas and techniques to share. More on that later. Anyone interested in joining us call Charla at 806-795-4405 and she will send you all the information you'll need to visit or join our group. We meet every 3rd Sat. at 1 p.m. and have lots of gourd fun. Our gourd patch wishes you the best of the holiday season and a very happy 2012!

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Our project for our last meeting of 2011 was to make Thunder gourds. Gay Wright graciously hosted our meeting at her home in Smithville. A big thank you goes to Lelia Sublett for spearheading this event and ordering all the parts and peices and a HUGE thank you to Jimmy Sublett for all his hard work in assisting us in cutting our gourds and for setting up all the equipment. It never ceases to amaze me how we can all start off with a similar idea and then go off in so many different directions with it. Cindy Noles, being the creative genius that she is, after dying her gourd dark stormy colors, cut lightning bolts in it for the resonator holes. She attached a small light inside the gourd that has a fading effect so when the spring moves to make the sound of thunder; she also has a lightning show inside her gourd... FABULOUS!!!! I hope to have a picture of the finished products to post on the website under patch scrapbooks.

Yoanna Baumgartner entered her doll 'Tutu' in competition at the Lone Star Gourd Festival 2011 and won Best in Division as well as The Texas Award and Gay Wright won the Best Booth award. Gay donated her very unique and ornately decorated elephant to the raffle at the Festival and the proud winner was Zelda Hornsby. Several other people from our patch entered competition and placed in many different categories. See the website for all the details. We look forward to another fun-filled year of creating fabulous gourd art. Merry Christmas everyone!

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Our patch was well represented at the 2011 Lone Star Gourd Festival. The patch booth was very successful with many sales for members as well as the patch. Two of our members won several ribbons. Betty Vertin took home two first place ribbons and two third place ribbons in Div 2. Barbara Longanecker won a first, second and third place ribbons in Div 1. We are all looking forward to next year.

The Guadalupe Gourd Patch met on Nov. 12 at Judy Richie's house. Beth Mosier demonstrated how to make her adorable Santa ornaments. Everyone learned her method of painting and made their own ornament. We had so much fun that we were late eating lunch. That was a first. The next meeting is set for Jan. 14, 2012. We will be playing with Miriam Joy's wax technique.

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We are extremely proud of our patch members who helped with and participated in the Lone Star Gourd Festival in October. Many of our patch members pitched in a great deal, both in front and behind the scenes at the festival, arriving early and staying late to help set up, tear down, and filling lots of positions in between. Our members not only volunteered in many ways during the festival, but many participated in the competition as well. Some of our ribbon winners (and multiple ribbon winners) include Mike Peyton, Abby Sandlin, Darla Hines, Clara Willibey, Margaret Bell, Michael Cosgrove, Julia Cosgrove and Cheryl Trotter. Some of our members also had their own booth spaces at the festival, and many of our members volunteered hours and hours of their time.

Our patch covers a lot of Texas ground, as the greater Houston Area is pretty spread out, to say the least. This sometimes makes it hard for many of our patch members to make all the meetings, but we do have a strong core group and we have welcomed some new members since the festival. Starting in January, several of our members have offered to accept positions on the TGS board. Both C.C. Rice, as Secretary and Cathy West, as Gourdette Editor, are two of our own who have offered to take on important positions, so you will be seeing them working hard for TGS, both on the board and with the Gourdette. We also have some long-standing patch members who remain active in giving of their time to TGS. If we sound like we're proud of our patch's membership, it's because we are!

We have had some wonderful meetings, traveling to Barbara Heimann's home, who is our current patch leader, in November, where we enjoyed a terrific meal and started working on a patch gourd quilt project. The meeting in September was at Patty Sorenson's home, where she offered some sale items to members and we learned some new stitching techniques from Darla Hines and Margaret Bell. The patch meetings have been conducted in members' homes, where we've enjoyed sharing ideas and learning from each other. We are all looking forward to our patch Christmas party, hosted by Penny Lyons. We will be exchanging gourd Christmas tree ornaments in a Chinese Exchange, and lunch will be a pot luck where our members all chip in to make the holiday meal.

Happy Holidays to all the members of TGS from the Southeast Texas Gourd Patch and a big ol' Texas pat on the back to all the other patches that helped make the Lone Star Gourd Festival a big success in 2011. We would also like to acknowledge all the hard work and many volunteer hours that Sylvia Gaines has graciously given to us all, providing a wonderful newsletter for us to enjoy for a long time now. Our cowboy hats are off to her, hee-haw, 'ya done good girl!

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The Dallas Gourd Patch was certainly well represented at this year's Lone Star Gourd Festival. Members participating in the Competition were John Flewharty, Pat Duncan, Ethel Virgin, Linda Hughes, Mari Tarver, and Barbie Holton. Congratulations all! In addition to competing, members Pat Duncan and Ethel Virgin organized and served as the Ways and Means Committee. A big hats off to both Pat and Ethel. With the help of donations and the purchase of some gourd related items, they raised over \$1,100



*Debbie shows some of the details of dot painting.*

for TGS....now that's a great way to volunteer and be rewarded. Members Sharon Flewharty, Dixie Hollars, and Don Sharp volunteered their time at the admissions table throughout the festival and Sylvia Gaines, Don Sharp and Roger Clausen assisted with the Competition set up committee. Sylvia Gaines also served as a Competition Judge. Several members had booths: John and Sharon Flewharty, Roger and Debbie Clausen, Linda Hughes, and Mari Tarver, as well as our Dallas Patch booth. Special thanks to Roger Kislingbury who continues to man our patch booth year after year. If it weren't for Roger, we wouldn't be able to do all the other activities we're involved in. We really appreciate Roger! Also, thanks to Linda Hughes for organizing our Patch donated gift basket which was raffled off.

In September, we met at the Clausen Gourd Farm in Whitewright, TX. Members were able to purchase raw gourds from the Clausens as well as learn about Debbie Clausen's dot painting approach. The weather was perfect, the afternoon was perfect, the food was perfect! A perfect gourd day. We set a record that day with 27 in attendance. Whew! Fun, fun!



At our November meeting, Jack Calendar demonstrated his take on Thunder gourds. Jack was very informative and had several original, helpful "tricks" to enable us to really do some creative 'thunders'. We don't meet in December, so we have our Christmas get together and meeting in January. This year's hosts are John and Sharon Flewharty. We'll do a Chinese Gift Exchange and have a potluck dinner which we all enjoy each year.

Gourd patch member, Gerry Flewharty is presently featured in the December 2011 issue of the ADVOCATE Living Local In Lake Highlands magazine. The article is titled, "Oh My Gourd" and is a very informative piece about Gerry's tireless efforts in promoting and creating gourds and gourd art through the years. Gerry's dedication to TGS and the Dallas Gourd Patch is amazing and we literally wouldn't be here if it weren't for Gerry and her pioneering efforts. Thank you Gerry.

The Dallas Gourd Patch wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday and welcomes all visitors to our meetings. We meet the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Dallas Elks Lodge. Contact Pat Duncan or Sylvia Gaines for more information.

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## ATTENTION!

Gourd buyers, please try to contact the Growers on this list before you visit them. They can give you the hours that they are open and can tell you the type of gourds they grow as well as the amount of gourds they have available. It might save you a trip and the frustration of not finding them at home.



# Raffle Gourd 2012

In the past, artists from each of the Texas patches have decorated a section of a themed gourd which was then raffled for TGS during our annual festival. Unfortunately there wasn't a Raffle Gourd at this year's festival. However, the board has voted to have one in 2012. Judy Richie has donated a gourd and requested volunteer artists to create a 'no theme' gourd that is decorated with whatever each artist wants to create. She has organized a group of 12 artists to contribute their time and talent to the creation of a decorated gourd which will be raffled at our 2012 Gourd Festival. Judy's hope is to create a fine art

piece that will encourage festival goers to buy raffle tickets for a chance to win it at our 2012 Texas Gourd Festival.

Artist's who will participate are: 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. Stay tuned to get a peek at this masterpiece in upcoming issues of the Gourdzette. We know you will want the opportunity to possibly win this piece when you see some of the incredible work of these 12 artists.

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*Artist of the Year - Marilyn See*

## *2011 Festival . . . gone but not forgotten*

*By Tom Hornsby with photos by Sylvia Gaines*

It's hard to believe, but the 16th Annual Lone Star Gourd Festival held in Fredericksburg, TX is history. WHAT AN EVENT! The festival was held at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall, October 14 thru 16, 2011 with gourd classes beginning on October 13 in the pavilion located on the North side of the Exhibition Hall. Top notch teachers from around the country conducted a wide variety of excellent instructional classes and gave personal



*Classes - Students learning Colored Pencil on a Gourd*

one-on-one hands-on direction. A big congratulations and thank you to Cheryl Trotter for organizing such a great class forum.

Judy Richie has been the back bone of the Lone Star Gourd Festival this year. She has done everything you could imagine

to make things work. She has stepped in and helped with many positions, from assisting with teachers, classes, organizing volunteers, competition, vendor layout, getting the new TGS website on-line and arranging and organizing the vendors, volunteers and judge's hospitality appreciation meal and the fine BBQ dinner at the membership meeting, plus countless other projects. Along with her tireless devotion to her duties as Vice President, she never dropped the ball. Thank you so much Judy. Your hard work has helped make TGS what it is today.

Our setup committee headed

by Bill Willibey and his great volunteer crew did a fantastic job and made short work of setting up the competition and other areas around the festival, enabling Mike Cosgrove and his team to set up, receive and display the fantastic competition pieces that were entered by TGS members. Another job well done. Lynda Smith insured that there was a very nice assortment of fruit and snacks on hand every morning at the vendors appreciation booth helping our vendors get a good start on the day. Thanks Lynda for helping make this festival as wonderful as it was. Congratulations go out to Gay Wright of Smithville, TX, who won the TGS best looking booth contest. Gay is a gourd artist and long time TGS member. Great job Gay! Sharon Flewharty did a great job as she organized, set up and ran the admissions area. We had over 1000 visitors attend the festival. What a great bunch of volunteers!



*Kids Korner - Garrett Lee and Hunter Peyton*

Sharon, Bill and the other TGS volunteers helped run the membership booth also, insuring things kept running smoothly. After some planning difficulties our Kids Korner turned out to be quite a hit. Zelda Hornsby stepped up as chair person and with the help of Barbara Heimann, Garrett Lee and Hunter Peyton they had over 30 kids and a few adults learning about gourds, making and painting gourd bird houses and Christmas ornaments. The kids got first hand knowledge and experience with gourds from Zelda and her team and for the majority of them it was their first experience with gourds. The youngest child



*Vendor - Barbie Holton*

The Texas Gourdette





# New Members Welcome!

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

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took home a chalkboard painted gourd top with her chalk drawings on it. Zelda said it was so cute and gratifying to see how proud each child was of their creation. Everyone got to take their gourd masterpiece home, along with memories of a good time. We had an area set up with a gourd display for the public showing green and dried gourds of various shapes and sizes, along with a vendor/exhibitor break area. TGS had tables and chairs set up by the concession stand for our visitors to rest and enjoy a snack or cold drink.



Vendor- Miriam Joy Sagen

Ethel Virgin and Pat Duncan headed up the Ways & Means Committee. What a super job they did with obtaining gourd related printed material for TGS to sell along with raffle and door prizes insuring TGS received more donations and increasing ticket sales to benefit our great society.

A special thank you to all of our vendors for their support of our festival and society. You are terrific. We had vendors from Oklahoma, Missouri, New Mexico, Arizona, Louisiana and of course Texas.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone return next year as plans are already under way for a bigger and better festival.

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## Thank you TGS!

A big "THANK YOU", from Pat and Ethel, to all who participated in any way to the successful outcome of the Ways & Means Committee efforts at the 2011 Lone Star Gourd Festival. It was a new, but fun, adventure for both of us. We had a positive mind-set on a good out-come; you all made it a "GREAT" out-come. We had wonderful donations from the various patches, vendors, and individuals. Donations came fast and furious and if we failed to properly identify some of the pieces, we apologize. Of course, included in our "THANKS" are the many who bought tickets for the door prizes, signed up for the silent auctions, and bought other miscellaneous items.

All monies taken in (less expenses) went to TGS. We are happy to report that over \$1,100 was cleared. Please spread the word to all members how grateful we are that so many participated.

Again, THANKS!

*Pat & Ethel*

# TGS Festival Competition 2011

This year's competition saw 200 entries in 67 categories. The judges' jobs were made difficult by the overall high quality of the entries. Especially noteworthy was the imagination and workmanship shown by some of the Division 1 entries. This bodes well of the competition at future shows. Our VIP judge was Curtis Cameron, County Commissioner for Precinct 1 in Gillespie County. At first he was overwhelmed by his task. Eventually, however, with some help from his wife, he was able to make his selection. This year's judges were Bonnie Gibson, Cass Iverson, Bob Richie, Judy Richie, Lanza Teague, Gerald Tobola, Debbie Tobola and Sylvia Gaines.

Many thanks to them for their efforts. Thanks also go out to Linda Baker, Competition Co-Chair, who let a little thing like moving to North Carolina get in the way of attending the show. Darla Hines and Maria Isabel Aguilar of the Competition Committee, as well as Betty Vertin, Julia Cosgrove and Sylvia Gaines who assisted with the registration and placement of the entries, the volunteer clerks, all those who assisted in the set-up and tear down of the competition area. If I've failed to thank by name some who helped, forgive me, but rest assured your assistance was appreciated.

*Michael Cosgrove, Competition Co-Chair*

*Photography by Bill Willibey*



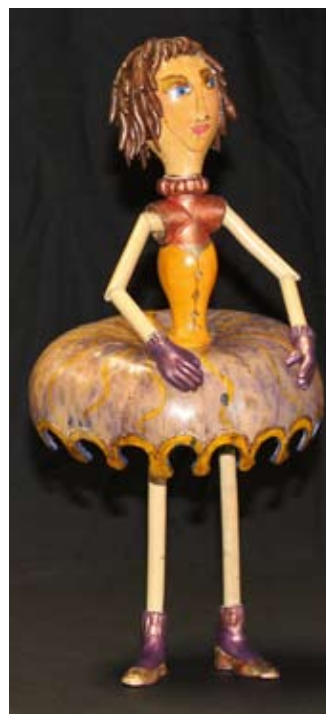
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Martha Evans



Div. 1 - Class 16  
Baskets  
Beth Lively



Div. 1 - Class 18  
Carved  
Linda Hughes



Div. 1 - Class 19  
Doll  
Yoanna Baumgartner



Div. 1 - Class 20  
Dot Painting  
Theresa Samano



Div. 1 - Class 21  
Earth Creatures  
Theresa Samano



Div. 1 - Class 22  
Functional  
Tami King



Div. 1 - Class 23  
Fantasy  
Sophia Delaat



Div. 1 - Class 24  
Fiberworks  
Mary Sorrels



Div. 1 - Class 25  
Finishes  
Martha Evans



Div. 1 - Class 27  
Holiday  
Tami King



Div. 1 - Class 28  
International  
Bindu Viswanathan



Div. 1 - Class 29  
Wearable  
Miriam Joy Sagen



Div. 1 - Class 30  
Miniature  
Sandi Heimann



Div. 3 - Class 31  
Mixed Media  
Jill Robinson



## Blue Ribbon Winners cont.



Div. 1 - Class 32  
My Idea  
Margaret Bell



Div. 1 - Class 33  
Painted  
Sophia Delaat



Div. 1 - Class 34  
Pyrography  
Sophia Delaat



Div. 1 - Class 35  
Sculpture  
Zena Howe



Div. 1 - Class 36  
SW Native  
Melissa Jones



Div. 1 - Class 37  
Texas Our Texas  
Suzanne Lacey



Div. 1 - Class 38  
Vessels/Vases  
Sophia Delaat



Div. 1 - Class 39  
Wall Hangings  
Suzanne Lacey



Div. 2 - Class 40  
Abstract  
Joanne Richardson



Div. 2 - Class 41  
Baskets  
Sheila Guidry



Div. 2 - Class 44  
Doll  
Ethel Virgin



Div. 2 - Class 45  
Dot Painting  
Betty Vertin



Div. 2 - Class 42  
Birdhouse  
Maria Aguilar



Div. 2 - Class 43  
Carved  
Cheryl Trotter



Div. 2 - Class 46  
Earth Creatures  
Stephanie Ross



Div. 2 - Class 47  
Functional  
Cheryl Trotter



Div. 2 - Class 48  
Fantasy  
Clara Willibey



Div. 2 - Class 49  
Fiberworks  
Sheila Guidry



## Blue Ribbon Winners cont.



Div. 2 - Class 50  
Finishes  
Pat Duncan



Div. 2 - Class 52  
Holiday  
Sheila Guidry



Div. 2 - Class 53  
International  
Michael Cosgrove



Div. 2 - Class 54  
Wearable  
Mari Tarver



Div. 2 - Class 55  
Miniature  
Betty Vertin



Div. 2 - Class 56  
Mixed Media  
Sheila Guidry



Div. 2 - Class 57  
My Idea  
Connie Fox



Div. 2 - Class 58  
Painted  
Joanne Richardson



Div. 2 - Class 59  
Pyrography  
Robbie Hiduke



Div. 2 - Class 61  
SW Native  
Stephanie Ross



Div. 2 - Class 62  
Texas Our Texas  
Joanne Richardson



Div. 2 - Class 63  
Vessels/Vases  
Cheryl Trotter



Div. 2 - Class 64  
Wall Hanging  
Suzanne Sparks



Div. 3 - Class 66  
Baskets  
John Flewharty



Div. 3 - Class 67  
Carved  
Bonnie Gibson



Div. 3 - Class 68  
Earth's Creatures  
Mike Peyton



## Blue Ribbon Winners – Div. 3 cont.



Div. 3 - Class 74  
International  
Christine Rebert



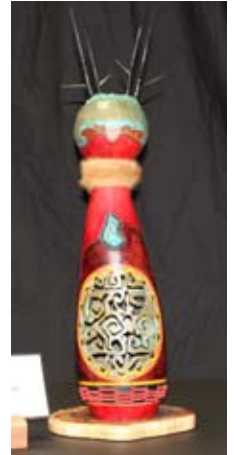
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Christine Rebert



Div. 3 - Class 78  
My Idea  
Marilyn See



Div. 3 - Class 79  
Pyrography  
John Flewharty



Div. 3 - Class 80  
Sculpture  
Marilyn See



Div. 3 - Class 81  
SW Native  
Marilyn See



Div. 3 - Class 82  
Texas Our Texas  
Darla Hines

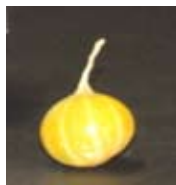


Div. 3 - Class 83  
Vessels/Vases  
John Flewharty



Div. 3 - Class 84  
Wall Hangings  
Barbie Holton

## Blue Ribbon Winners – Growers, Open & Youth Classes



Growers - Class 5  
Smallest  
Maria Aguilar



Growers - Class 11  
Unusual Dried  
Mari Tarver



Growers - Class 14  
Stemmed Beauty  
Ethel Virgin



Open - Class 85  
Multiple Artisans  
Maria Aguilar



Open - Class 86  
Subject of Gourds  
Julia Cosgrove



Youth - Class 87  
18 Yrs. or less  
Lily Hiduke



Youth - Class 88  
9-13 Yrs.  
Caesar Sanchez



Open - Class 89  
Out of the Box  
Barbara Longanecker

1st Place  
winners!



*The Bayou Gourds team, Tom, Zelda and their son, in their booth at the festival.*

The Texas Gourd Society is a growing organization and the Lone Star Gourd Festival gets bigger and better every year along with our membership. The reason for that is you, the individual member, who continues to take pride in TGS and support it's activities. We are very appreciative of all members and vendors who

attend and support the festival. Remember, that it is your organization and festival and we could not do it without you.

Tom Hornsby  
Vendor Chair

## TGS Website

Visit the **NEW** TGS web site at the same address, [www.texasgourdsociety.org](http://www.texasgourdsociety.org) A new feature is the Member's Scrapbook Page. This page is for all members to post their favorite photos of themselves or their gourds. Let us see your work space, gourds, gourd gardens or just anything gourd related. We hope you will check back often to have a look. You will find important notices of meetings and announcements on the Home Page. More will be added that will be new or favorites from the old site. Send photos to [judyrichie@yahoo.com](mailto:judyrichie@yahoo.com)

## A Loving Tribute

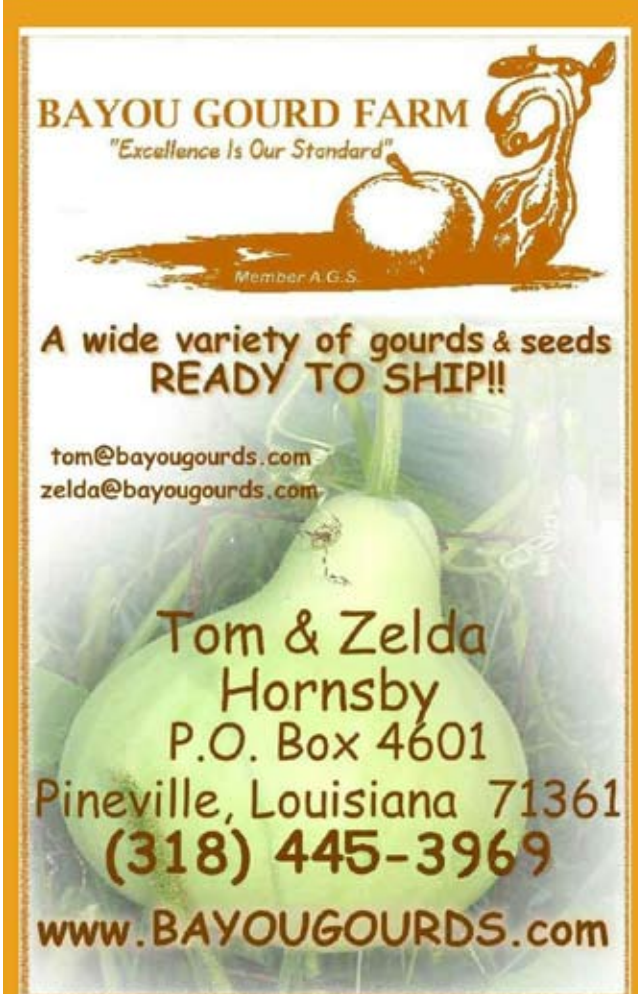
Ethel Virgin's "Soldier Boy" was inspired by her grandson, James E. Virgin, Airman 1st Class, National Guard. She created this meticulously detailed doll to honor him as well as all troops. As many of you know, Ethel's gourd dolls are outstanding and this one is over the top. It is comprised of 9 different gourds and pieces of gourds. From top to bottom, each detail is carefully crafted. From his name badge, to his woodburned hair, to his pockets and badges, even the actual eyelets and his shoelaces are real. What a wonderful tribute and precious keepsake she has created. This doll was awarded a 1st place and Best of Division award at this years festival. Along with Ethel, TGS salutes our brave soldiers and gives thanks for their sacrifices for our most precious freedoms. God Bless us all.





## Hey! Past Issues Now Online!

All the past issues of the Gourdzette back to 2004 are now available online at: [www.texasgourdsociety.org/gourdzette-copies.html](http://www.texasgourdsociety.org/gourdzette-copies.html)  
Just click on the link for the issue you're interested in, and then you can print it out. If you have a color printer it certainly is more beautiful in color and it's nice to print and save a copy of your Texas Gourdzette. You'll still receive this black and white issue, but if you want to read back issues, this is a great resource. Thanks to Cathy West for her expertise in making these past issues available to everyone.



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# Competition Winners – 2011 Lone Star Gourd Festival

NOTE: Categories with no entries are not listed in this summary of ribbon winners. Also, several categories had only one or two ribbon winners and the empty positions are not listed in the interest of saving space.

| Growers Division |                  |   | Division Two   |                  |   |
|------------------|------------------|---|----------------|------------------|---|
| Class 5          | Smallest         | 1. Maria Aguilar<br>2. Mari Tarver  | Class 40       | Abstract         | 1. Joanne Richardson<br>2. Clara Willibey<br>3. Betty Vertin  |
| Class 11         | Unusual Dried    | 1. Mari Tarver<br>( <b>Best of Division</b> )   | Class 41       | Baskets          | 1. Sheila Guidry<br>2. Maria Aguilar  |
| Class 14         | Stemmed Beauty   | 1. Ethel Virgin   | Class 42       | Birdhouse        | 1. Maria Aguilar  |
| Division One     |                  |   | Class 43       | Carved           | 1. Cheryl Trotter<br>2. Connie Fox<br>3. Joanne Richardson  |
| Class 15         | Abstract/Contemp | 1. Martha Evans<br>2. Miriam Joy Sagen<br>3. Mary Sorrels   | Class 44       | Doll             | 1. Ethel Virgin<br>( <b>Best of Division</b> )<br>2. Maria Aguilar<br>3. Sheila Guidry                            |
| Class 16         | Baskets          | 1. Beth Lively<br>2. Martha Evans<br>3. Mary Sorrels  | Class 45       | Dot Painting     | 1. Betty Vertin<br>2. Pat Duncan  |
| Class 18         | Carved           | 1. Linda Hughes<br>2. Suzanne Haffey<br>3. Abby Sandlin   | Class 46       | Earth Creatures  | 1. Stephani Ross<br>2. Connie Fox<br>3. Sheila Guidry   |
| Class 19         | Doll             | 1. Yoanna Baumgartner<br>( <b>Best of Div./Texas Award</b> )<br>2. Suzanne Haffey<br>3. Melissa Jones | Class 47       | Functional       | 1. Cheryl Trotter<br>2. Michael Cosgrove<br>3. Maria Aguilar  |
| Class 20         | Dot Painting     | 1. Teresa Samano  | Class 48       | Fantasy          | 1. Clara Willibey<br>2. Sheila Guidry   |
| Class 21         | Earth Creatures  | 1. Teresa Samano<br>2. Sophia Delaat  | Class 49       | Fiber Works      | 1. Sheila Guidry  |
| Class 22         | Functional       | 1. Tami King<br>2. Cathy Neumeyer   | Class 50       | Finishes         | 1. Pat Duncan<br>2. Sheila Guidry   |
| Class 23         | Fantasy          | 1. Sophia Delaat<br>2. Paula Bounds<br>3. Barbara Longanecker   | Class 51       | Musical (Tie)    | 3. Maria Aguilar<br>3. Michael Cosgrove   |
| Class 24         | Fiber Works      | 1. Mary Sorrels<br>2. Barbara Longanecker<br>3. Miriam Joy Sagen                                      | Class 52       | Holiday          | 1. Sheila Guidry<br>2. Stephanie Ross   |
| Class 25         | Finishes         | 1. Martha Evans<br>2. Margaret Bell<br>3. Mary Sorrels  | Class 53       | International    | 1. Michael Cosgrove   |
| Class 27         | Holiday          | 1. Tami King<br>2. Margaret Bell<br>3. Miriam Joy Sagen   | Class 54       | Wearable         | 1. Mari Tarver  |
| Class 28         | International    | 1. Bindu Viswanathan<br>2. Teresa Samano  | Class 55       | Miniature        | 1. Betty Vertin<br>2. Maria Aguilar<br>3. Mari Tarver   |
| Class 29         | Wearable         | 1. Miriam Joy Sagen<br>2. Mary Sorrels  | Class 56       | Mixed Media      | 1. Sheila Guidry<br>2. Connie Fox<br>3. Robbie Hiduke   |
| Class 30         | Miniature        | 1. Sandi Heimann<br>2. Paula Bounds<br>3. Martha Evans  | Class 57       | My Idea          | 1. Connie Fox<br>2. Michael Cosgrove<br>3. Betty Vertin   |
| Class 31         | Mixed Media      | 1. Jill Robinson<br>2. Martha Evans<br>3. Virginia Saip   | Class 58       | Painted          | 1. Joanne Richardson<br>2. Sheila Guidry  |
| Class 32         | My Idea          | 1. Margaret Bell<br>2. Sophia Delaat<br>3. Mary Sorrels   | Class 59       | Pyrography       | 1. Robbie Hiduke<br>( <b>VIP Award</b> )<br>2. Sheila Guidry  |
| Class 33         | Painted          | 1. Sophia Delaat<br>2. Linda Moore<br>3. Linda Hughes   | Class 61       | SW/Native        | 1. Stephanie Ross<br>2. Joanne Richardson<br>3. Suzanne Sparks  |
| Class 34         | Pyrography       | 1. Sophia Delaat<br>2. Linda Hughes   | Class 62       | Texas our Texas  | 1. Joanne Richardson  |
| Class 35         | Sculpture        | 1. Zena Howe<br>2. Margaret Bell  | Class 63       | Vessels/Vases    | 1. Cheryl Trotter<br>2. Mari Tarver<br>3. Michael Cosgrove  |
| Class 36         | SW Native        | 1. Melissa Jones<br>2. Linda Hughes<br>3. Beth Lively   | Class 64       | Wall Hanging     | 1. Suzanne Sparks   |
| Class 37         | Texas our Texas  | 1. Suzanne Lacy   | Division Three |                  |   |
| Class 38         | Vessels/Vases    | 1. Sophia Delaat<br>2. Margaret Bell<br>3. Suzanne Lacy   | Class 66       | Baskets          | 1. John Flewharty   |
| Class 39         | Wall Hangings    | 1. Suzanne Lacy<br>2. Abby Sandlin<br>3. Miriam Joy Sagen   | Class 67       | Carved           | 1. Bonnie Gibson<br>( <b>Best of Div., BOS &amp; Peoples Choice</b> )<br>2. John Flewharty<br>3. Christine Rebert |
|                  |                  |   | Class 68       | Earths Creatures | 1. Mike Peyton<br>2. Darla Hines  |
|                  |                  |   | Class 74       | International    | 1. Christine Rebert<br>2. Mike Peyton   |
|                  |                  |   | Class 77       | Mixed Media      | 1. Christine Rebert<br>2. Barbie Holton   |
|                  |                  |   | Class 78       | My Idea          | 1. Marilyn See  |

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## Did You Know???

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**Summer 2012 "Antler Art" 4/15 deadline**

Originality and creativity as well as skill and overall craftsmanship will be considered when judging each entry. Check the rules and information on this fun gourd competition. Award winners for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Places are shown in the issue following. For more info, see the latest issue of 'The Gourd'. This is a great opportunity to be recognized at the national level. Check it out and give it a try – you may be a winner.

## UPCOMING GOURD EVENTS 2012

Apr 9, 2012 – Wisconsin Gourd Festival at Madison, WI

*[www.wisconsin gourdsociety.org](http://www.wisconsin gourdsociety.org)*

Apr 15-17, 2012 – Gourd Festival at Pikeville, TN

*[www.TennesseeVolunteerGourdSociety.org](http://www.TennesseeVolunteerGourdSociety.org)*

Apr 28- May 1, 2012 – Maryland Gourd Festival at Elkton, MD

*[cecil.umd.edu/Horticulture/Gourdfestival](http://cecil.umd.edu/Horticulture/Gourdfestival)*

Apr 29- May 1, 2012 – Show Me Gourd Festival at Sedalia, MO

*[www.showmegourdsociety.com](http://www.showmegourdsociety.com)*

Apr 30- May 1, 2012 – NW Regional Gourd Festival at Galena, IL

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Apr 30, 2012 – Ghost Creek Gourd Fest at Laurens, SC

*[www.scgourdsociety.com](http://www.scgourdsociety.com)*

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*[www.acadianagourds.com](http://www.acadianagourds.com)*

May 13-15, 2012 – Kentucky Gourd Show at Taylorsville, KY

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### Division Three (cont.)

|          |                 |  |
|----------|-----------------|--|
| Class 79 | Pyrography      | 1. John Flewharty<br>2. Christine Rebert                   |
| Class 80 | Sculpture       | 1. Marilyn See   |
| Class 81 | SW/Native       | 1. Marilyn See<br>2. Christine Rebert<br>3. John Flewharty |
| Class 82 | Texas our Texas | 1. Darla Hines<br>2. Marilyn See<br>3. John Flewharty      |
| Class 83 | Vessels/Vasses  | 1. John Flewharty  |
| Class 84 | Wall Hangings   | 1. Barbie Holton   |

### Open Division

|          |                   |                          |
|----------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Class 85 | Multiple Artisans | 1. Maria Aguilar et. al. |
| Class 86 | Subject of Gourds | 1. Julia Cosgrove        |
| Class 89 | Out of the Box    | 1. Barbara Longanecker   |

### Youth Division

|          |                 |   |
|----------|-----------------|---|
| Class 87 | 8 years or less | 1. Lily Hiduke                          |
| Class 88 | 9-13 years      | 1. Caesar Sanchez<br>(Best of Division) |

### Special Awards & Ribbons

|                  |                    |  |
|------------------|--------------------|--|
| Grower - 11      | Mari Tarver        | Best of Division   |
| Div 1 - Class 19 | Yoanna Baumgartner | Best of Division & Texas Award                           |
| Div 2 - Class 44 | Ethel Virgin       | Best of Division   |
| Div 2 - Class 59 | Robbie Hiduke      | VIP Award  |
| Div 3 - Class 67 | Bonnie Gibson      | Best of Division & Best of Show<br>People's Choice Award |
| Youth - Class 88 | Caesar Sanchez     | Best of Division   |

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## Call for Gourd Artists –

KACC's 7th Annual Southwest Fine Art Gourd Show has announced their Call for Gourd Artists. Applications are available online for this wonderful opportunity to display your gourd art in an outstanding gallery, the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center in Kerrville, TX. You do not have to be present and can ship your entries, if accepted in the show. The artists selected will have their gourds marked for sale. The web site is [www.kacc Kerrville.com](http://www.kacc Kerrville.com) or call 830-895-2911.

***Mark your calendars now!***

**Lone Star Gourd Festival  
2012**

**October 18-21, 2012**

**with setup October 18, 2012**

**Gillespie County Fairgrounds  
Fredericksburg, TX**

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP  
TEXAS GOURD SOCIETY

The Kappa Chapter, TEXAS GOURD SOCIETY (TGS) is part of the American Gourd Society (AGS). Membership benefits of TGS include quarterly newsletters called THE TEXAS GOURDZETTE, source information for seeds, gourds, educational materials, show information, tools, seminars, workshops, meetings, horticulture, demonstrations, ideas for embellishing and more. Texas is divided into regions called "TGS Gourd Patches". Dues for TGS members are \$12 per year, expiring Dec. 31. Two state meetings are held: one in Spring and one in Fall.

TGS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership (Check one)

New Member ☐ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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7606 Ledbetter Rd.  
Arlington, TX 76001  
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To join or renew American Gourd Society membership, pay \$15 directly to AGS at P.O. Box 2186 Kokomo, IN 46904-2186, phone 765-453-5047, or send email. Texas Gourd Society does NOT collect American Gourd Society dues. Visit website: [www.americangourdsociety.org](http://www.americangourdsociety.org) or email [agsmembership@insightbb.com](mailto:agsmembership@insightbb.com)

Texas Gourd Society Annual Dues  
Payment of \$12 will be paid each year by TGS members. Membership will expire December 31 each year. Note new mailing address. **TEXAS GOURD SOCIETY, 9830 Shadydale Ln., Dallas, TX 75238.** See details above or on the TGS website at: **[www.texasgourdsociety.org](http://www.texasgourdsociety.org)**