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2010 "Texas Farm & Ranch Life" Raffle Gourd





Joe Pritchard, President

President's Message - by Joe Pritchard

TGS has a new slate of officers for 2010; some officers are returning to the board but in different positions. I would like to extend a hearty "Thank you!" and a "Job well done!" to Bill Willibey, our president for the past two years, and to Pat Duncan and Gerry Flewharty, who completed terms as TGS Directors.

Your new board is working diligently to make the 2010 festival, our 15th annual show, our best yet. Please come to Fredericksburg, Texas, October 15-17, 2010, and participate in our fun! Attend the general business meeting and annual banquet Saturday night the 16th. Take one or more classes; they will be offered Thursday through Sunday. Check our website www.texasgourdsociety.org for more details, as we update it frequently.

The new Competition committee is coordinating to revamp and refine the classes and divisions for the judged competition at the Lone Star Gourd Festival. Look for details in the near future.

The theme of our 2010 Raffle Gourd is "Texas Farm and Ranch Life." All of the work on the gourd was completed by artists of our nine patches across Texas and depicts whatever scene they chose to represent, presented with whatever technique they chose. The gourd is currently traveling around Texas; it will be raffled on October 17, 2010, at the conclusion of our festival.

Members of TGS continue to work with schools, clubs, and organizations across Texas to expand public knowledge of gourds and gourd art. Many of our members have booths at garden events, art and craft shows, and other events - they are always demonstrating gourd art and answering questions. We are developing a new informational tri-fold handout and are always looking for new ways to get people interested in gourds. Please let us know what you do to promote gourd information so we may recognize you and thank you.

At our Spring meeting, several members completed a class and became AGS-certified judges. Thanks, Judy and Bob Richie, for the training!

The Kerr Arts and Cultural Center (KACC) in Kerrville will host its 5th Annual Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show May 27 through July 11, 2010, with the Artist's reception and Awards ceremony Saturday, May 29. We highly recommend seeing this event. It grows in size and quality every year.

Joe Pritchard

TGS President

The Texas Gourd Society expresses its sympathy and condolences to Anne Williams and the family of Ramon Williams. Ramon passed away, Thursday, March 11, 2010. He was a long-time member of TGS and donated many gourds over the years, including our current "Texas Farm and Ranch Life" gourd.

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On the Cover: A collage of images of the different subjects painted on this year's "Texas Farm & Ranch Life Gourd" which will be raffled at the 2010 Lone Star Gourd Festival in Fredericksburg, TX. Be sure to buy some tickets for a chance to win this beautiful gourd. Raffle proceeds will go to the Texas Gourd Society.



Purpose:

The Purpose of the Texas Gourd Society is to promote interest in and appreciation of gourds, both to our membership and to the general public. We will do this by sharing information through education, meetings, festivals and shows related to the culture, history, uses, crafting and artistry of gourds.

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Our first meeting of the year was held at Jimmy and Lelia Sublett's home. I would like to thank Jimmy and Lelia for prepping so many pieces of gourds and whole gourds with black gesso so that we could practice dot painting. We had such a long business meeting; we didn't have enough time to play. We did get our meetings for the rest of the year lined out and have some fun projects coming our way. Lelia and Jimmy have been spreading the word of gourd art by teaching after school elementary students how to make jewelry, ornaments and other objects of art from gourds and they had a gourd display at the Wimberley Village Library during December and January. Wesley Gallery in Dripping Springs has expressed an interest in holding a Gourd Show either the first or second week of September. The exact date is to be determined. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lynda Smith at lyndabethsmith@gmail.com. Several of our members including myself, are planning on attending the Spring Meeting in Temple. I look forward to seeing a lot of you there.

TGS WEST TEXAS GOURD PATCH - Lubbock, TX area CONTACT: Sue Haberer - Levelland, TX 806 523-9092 or shaberer47@gmail.com

The West Texas Gourd Patch met Saturday afternoon in the home of Charla Johnson and learned the fascinating technique of enameling on a gourd. We did examples of gourd pieces and stamped designs in our enamel while it was still pliable. This is a wonderful technique and very fast to do. We also tried our hands at embossing on gourds. This is also a fun technique and adds a lot of design and texture elements to gourd art.



Members of the West Texas Patch learn the embossing technique.



Beth Bartley explains the process of enameling on a gourd shard.



An example of a necklace created with an enameled gourd shard.

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No news at this time.

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After a long period of inactivity the Cowtown Patch is trying to regroup. We will be meeting at Tim's Garden Center 7319 W Vickery in Fort Worth. 817 732-6861 (sorry Mike). Look for the 8' tall flamingo dressed in seasonal garb. Tim has a meeting room for us to use and has graciously allowed us to meet there. Tim's Garden Center is also hosting other artists so we will fit in. Now we are meeting on the 1st Sunday of the month at 12:15 to about 2:30. We will not be having a formal meeting. Instead we will be having work sessions. So attendees are encouraged to bring works in progress or something they need a little help with. When the weather warms up we hope to be outside where we can really make a mess and show others how to cut and clean gourds and attract the attention of shoppers. Tim's does put out an e-newsletter and will list our meeting date and time so with any luck we will get some new members and show others just how much fun gourds can be.

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Currently inactive.

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Our January meeting was held at Judy Richie's home in Kerrville. Several members brought gourds for show and tell and we had a question and answer time. We made plans for our March meeting and decided what projects we would do. Judy and Bob Richie, along with Jimmy and Barbie Holton went to the Wurtz Gourd Festival in Arizona, where they had booths and Judy and Barbie taught classes. Barbie won 1st place in the Vessel category in the Master's Div. Barbie and Jimmy, also, attended the New Mexico Gourd Festival the last weekend in Feb., where they had a booth and Barbie taught some classes. Barbie came back with the wonderful news that she had won a gourd lamp by Robert Rivera that was the big raffle prize at the Show. She, also, won some ribbons in the competition that will be reported later. Our March meeting hasn't been held at this time and we will report on it in the next newsletter. We usually meet the 2nd Sat. of every other month. Contact Judy Richie at judyrichie@yahoo.com if you would like to join us.

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The Arlington Gourd Patch is roaring into the new year of the Tiger, but it's still cold outside! Starting in January, Georgia Cunningham taught us her version of the alcohol ink technique. What a blast everyone had. The wheels were turning that day. In February, Julie Lind brought, cut and drilled gourd pieces to sew leather around. Originally she made name tags, but we suggested pins, hair pieces, necklaces or whatever your imagination could envision. In March, Susan Ashley will demo her weaving technique with danish cord on a rim. Instructions to follow in the Patch email. Susan does a lot of basket weaving and her work expresses that passion. Visit us on the third Sunday of the month unless we have a conflict with the Fielder Museum, which is located at Abrams and Fielder in Arlington.

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Members of the SE Gourd Patch working at one of their meetings.



M.A. Koepke poses for a photo while her gourd is drying.



Fred Koepke finds out just how fragile gold leaf is when you try to apply it to a gourd.

The Southeast Texas Gourd Patch slowed down a bit for the winter. In December, we planned to participate in the Winedale Folklife Festival in Winedale, Texas, between Brenham, Giddings, and La Grange. Unfortunately, the TGS Winter meeting was the same day, so many of our patch members needed to be in Temple. M.A. & Fred Koepke went to Winedale where about 50 children painted egg gourds into Christmas ornaments. Thanks go out to Tom and Zelda Hornsby of Bayou Gourds for donating the gourds. It was a very cold and wet day, but the participation was good, and the kids had a good time creating their own piece of artwork. In January, the patch had an "After-Christmas-Thank-Goodness-the-Holidays-are-Over" Party at the home of Margaret Bell. We had a delicious dinner, then we drew numbers and exchanged presents. Of course, some stealin' went on! We planned some events for the coming year. In February, we had a business meeting and a show-and-tell. We met some new members, and the group decided to have a name badge contest amongst ourselves. Everyone will make his or her own badge, and we will vote on the most popular at a later meeting. The winner will get five raffle tickets for the raffle gourd. We have some other projects in the works. Mike Peyton will be teaching us his Sharpie art technique on a gourd at the Copperfield Hobby Lobby. It's been a cold winter here in Texas, as everyone knows, and I know everyone is ready for springtime, so they can get to work on some gourds! Here's hopin' for drier (a little), warmer weather for all!

TGS DALLAS GOURD PATCH - Dallas, TX area CONTACT: Sylvia Gaines 903 891-8405 slgaines@isp.com or Pat Duncan 972 463-8668 pdunk8@msn.com

The Dallas Gourd Patch did not meet in Dec. because of the holidays so at our first meeting of the year, in January we celebrated a belated Christmas with each other. We met at the home of John & Sharon Flewharty who were kind enough to leave their Christmas tree up for the occasion. We had a White Elephant Gift Exchange and every one brought a side dish or dessert to eat with the delicious brisket made by John. We all had a great time. At our February meeting, everyone brought a gourd and John Flewharty demonstrated several ways to transfer a pattern onto a gourd. Several of us brought our wood burners and were able to actually start working on our gourd after we transferred the pattern. We determined what our programs will be in the coming year. Because we meet in the Elks Lodge we have a really nice big area with tables, so we can spread out and work after our meetings. In March, Sylvia Gaines will give a condensed demonstration on her "Faux Leather Tooling" technique and in April, Pat Duncan will demonstrate her version of the "Alcohol Technique". We're all looking forward to our upcoming gourd events, maybe we'll see you there!



Pat Duncan poses with her new gourd horse purse made by Sylvia Gaines.



Ann Parker and Pat Duncan were in awe of the beautiful antique gourd instrument from Pakistan, which was brought to the Christmas meeting by Bettye Tullos.



John Flewharty tells us about one of his latest creations during 'Show and Tell' at our Nov. meeting.

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Each patch has tickets available for purchase throughout the year. In addition, if you need any photos of this gourd, for publicity, please copy it from the *Texas Gourdette* or the TGS website www.texasgourdsociety.org. This 'gourdgeous' work of art would be a FANTASTIC addition to any gourders collection. Don't miss out on your chance to own this magnificent piece created by your fellow TGS members. The "Farm & Ranch" gourd will be raffled this year at the 2010 Lone Star Gourd Festival Oct. 15-17th in Fredericksburg.



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A look back...

History of the Texas Gourd Society

as told by Betty Kent

Betty and Pete started growing gourds in 1990 and 1991. A friend of Betty's found some huge gourds in Alabama. Once Betty touched a gourd, she was hooked.

She was attracted to gourds because of their shape and variety. As an antique dealer, Betty had been aware of gourds for some time, seeing them in her travels to antique events. Mostly they were made into birdhouses and were very simply decorated but Betty enjoyed the raw nature of the gourd and the feel of it. When Betty found an ad for gourd seeds from a lady in San Angelo, TX, she contacted her and bought some. The lady referred Betty to AGS, which she quickly joined for \$15.

In 1995, 9 people met at the home of Dr. Dave Layman and by virtue of their attendance, became the founding members and established The Texas Gourd Society. In March 1996, TGS officially received their charter, and became the Kappa Chapter of AGS.

Records show fifty-four people attended the March 1996 meeting in the Killeen Community Center. At that first meeting, people brought samples of their gourd work to show and the variety was amazing. One person at the meeting was Marilyn Terry. She suggested they have a gourd show in Belton, TX. A Show Committee was formed and in the Fall of 1996, approximately 20 vendors attended and sold their wares. By the next summer there were 165 family memberships in TGS.

The first President of TGS was Duane Smith. After Duane came Marilyn Terry, Betty Kent, Becky Wise, Robbie Pritchard, Sue Haberer, Bill Willibey and this year our newly elected President is Joe Pritchard. Over the years the festival moved around trying to find a comfortable fit with a city so that it could eventually have a permanent home. In its first year in Belton at the Bell County Expo Center, they quickly outgrew that facility. Next was the Travis County Expo Center, then the Palmer Event Center both of which were in the Austin

area. Next it moved to Waco and for the past 2 years it has been in Fredericksburg.

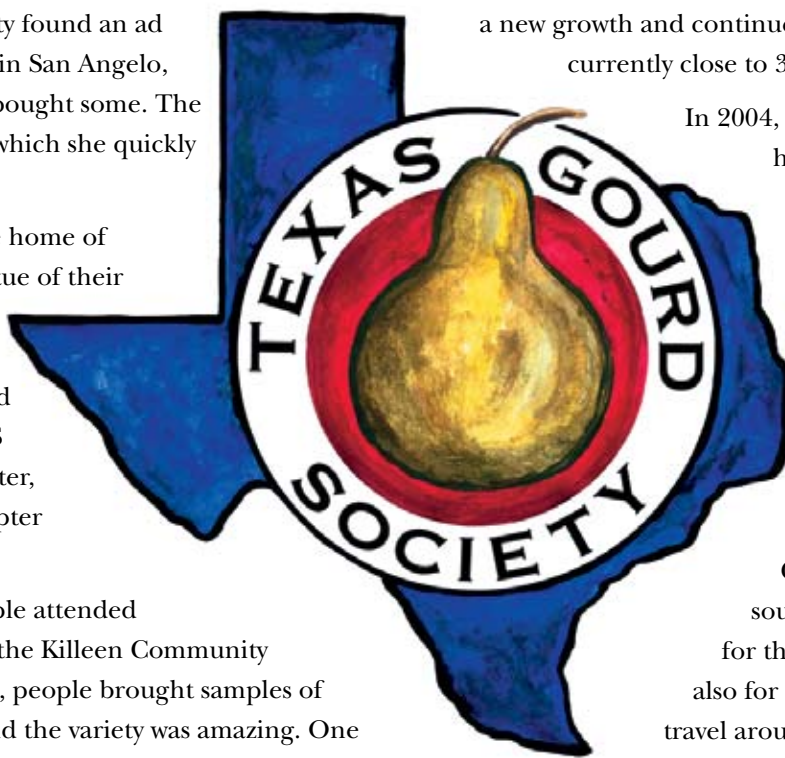
Betty, as well as many original members who are still a part of TGS, has seen TGS grow from a tiny seedling back in 1996 to the good sized gourd society that it is now. Some present members who were at that very first meeting are Rowena Philbeck, Linda Tate, Louis and Gerry Flewharty, Dorothy Miller, Barb Petroski and Becky Wise. TGS started a new growth and continues to expand. There are currently close to 300 member families.

In 2004, TGS wanted a logo so they held a competition contest.

Of the 23 ideas that were submitted, a committee selected 3 as finalists.

At the Fall General Meeting that year, a vote was taken and Gerry Flewharty's logo design was selected.

Gourds are a wonderful source of enjoyment not only for the avid gourd enthusiast but also for the general public. As you travel around this great state, take a minute to realize and appreciate the efforts of that original group and how incredibly hard it must have been to create and maintain an organization such as TGS and to help it flourish. It is great because of its members. (Gourd people and good people!)



Thank you Betty and the entire original group of members that had the foresight to put into place a structure that allows us all to create and enjoy a wonderful hobby such as gourdng.

Sylvia Gaines



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The Hunt for Gourds in Japan

By Robbie Pritchard

This January, my son and I were fortunate enough to travel to Yokohama, Japan, to visit my brother and his family there. Our trip lasted almost three weeks and we got to see a lot of Yokohama and Tokyo.

I was anxious to find Japanese gourds because I have always admired their art. Every time I went out, I would look in the shops to see if I could find some gourds. One day, on the way to Kamakura to see the Great Buddha, I was walking with my brother Sam and my son Rob when Sam said, "Robbie. Look – gourds!" I peeked in the doorway of the store and sure enough, there was a shelf of gourds. I was quite excited and went in and took pictures. I was a little disappointed when I realized that the gourds were from Hawaii, though. The name of the store said it all, however – "Middles" Indigenous Peoples' Craft Shop. They had gourds with the beeswax bead work and small carved gourds from wood, also. I purchased a gourd crafted and decorated by artist Tom Kahalekoa Todd (now retired); he uses locally-grown plant dyes to tint his gourds. *(continued on next page)*



Some of Robbie's gourd purchases in Japan.

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My relatives from Japan got a lesson on gourds from me and will be keeping an eye out for them from now on. I told them all about the Texas Gourd Society and American Gourd Society but could not find a Japanese Gourd Society.

My family in Japan kept looking for gourds for me. When they took me to a Tempura restaurant, we were happily surprised to see that our chopstick holders were shaped after gourds. When we went to the marketplace afterwards, my niece's husband, Ken, found some gourd chopstick holders and bought them for me. We were still shopping when my niece, Naomi, found some hand towels with gourds printed on them. She got them for me and I was feeling better about my search.

My last day in Japan was cold and rainy all day but I wanted to go back to Middles store to purchase the gourd-shaped spoon holders I had seen. My niece, Iris, braved the trip to take me back there. We had a long way to walk but she made sure I got them.



Robbie stands in front of Middles Craft Shop with her gourd purchases on recent trip to Yokohama, Japan.



Left to right – Kneeling in front are Robbie's niece's Iris and Naomi and (friend) Kunifumi. Back row – left to right (friend) Akasa, (Sister in Law) Yuko, (Brother) Sam, (Son) Rob and Robbie. Photo taken by Naomi's husband Ken.

March 2010

It was my last item and it was snowing by the time we got back to my brother's apartment.

We left for home the next day and we had five members of our family and two friends go to the airport to see us off. I will never forget the love and hospitality everyone showed us.

I have Bonnie Gibson's and Dyan Mai Peterson's books that have beautiful examples of Oriental designs on gourds. I was hoping to find some like them on my trip, but I guess that if I am going to get a beautiful Japanese gourd, then I will have to make one myself. Hopefully, I can bring them to my family in Japan on my next trip.



Southeast Texas Gourd Patch

A Little Bit About Us

by M.A. Koepke

“The Southeast Texas Gourd Patch was founded in the early 1990s with just a few members who had a vested interest in gourd crafts and learning about growing gourds.

By combining their talents, it enabled everyone to grow in their abilities, and to just have fun with gourds as a group. Over the years, the patch as had several leaders and/or presidents. Currently, M.A. Koepke is the patch president, Abby Sandlin is the treasurer, and Fred Koepke is the secretary. Claire Cassan is the webmaster for the patch website, which changed recently. The new address is: http://www.artisanart.biz/tgs_southeast

We have a large number of members spread throughout southeast Texas. Of that number, there are about 25 that are involved with

Society, with many members now serving, or having served, as TGS officers, directors, and committee members. Many of our members are involved with the competition at the TGS Fall Festival, and they have won many accolades over the years. (continued)



Immediate Past President, Bill Willibey and his wife Clara pose with a finished gourd and a raw gourd.


meetings and classes at one time or another throughout the year, with a core group of about ten or fifteen who regularly attend meetings and/or functions. We are fortunate to have many talented and creative members in our patch. At this time, we have quite a few new members who are bringing a new excitement to the patch. They are

interested in learning techniques and ideas for gourds.

Our members come from all walks of life. We participate in many functions that not only help the community, but also help promote gourd arts and crafts to the public. For several years now, the patch has participated in the Katy Folk-life Festival, where about 500 children get to paint an egg gourd. We will be there again on April 10th. This past year, we also participated in the Winedale Folk-life Festival, a somewhat smaller event. In September we put together “Care Packages” and made gourd Christmas ornaments for the troops serving overseas.

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Patch members participating in one of their monthly workshops.



Claire Cassan, Fred Koepke, M.A. Koepke and Ginny Sherwood at the Katy School "Folklife Festival" in Katy, TX.

The patch has booths at the show every year, and our members participate in manning the booths. Last year, Claire Cassan, Darla Hines, and Patty Sorensen taught classes at Fredericksburg. Many of our members attended classes as students. In 2010, the patch plans to participate in the Houston Call for Bowls Project, benefiting the Houston Food Bank. We are also having a Patch contest to make the most popular name badge. Everyone will make

their own badge, incorporating the state of Texas, and somehow indicating southeast Texas. We'll vote on the most popular name badge in June, with the winner receiving raffle tickets for the 2010 TGS Raffle Gourd. We plan to continue meeting the second Saturday each month, normally at the Copperfield (west Harris County) Hobby Lobby.

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The Amazing Arizona Gourd Show

by Sylvia Gaines

The Arizona Gourd Society Show is held each year in conjunction with the Wuertz Gourd Farm Festival in Casa Grande, AZ. This was my first year to attend and I was truly blown away. Not only by the volume of top quality gourds available to buy from Wuertz, but also by the festival itself. From a visitor's perspective it ran as smooth as glass. This year there were approximately 8,500 attendees over the course of the 3 day event. The weather was beautiful, the hospitality was great and the variety of vendors and classes was inspiring. I was fortunate to get to enjoy the festival for the entire 3 days, take some classes and buy gourds to last me at least this year if not next year too!

As I've said before, in regard to our own TGS Festival, our state gourd societies are only as great and strong as the members that volunteer each year . . . and from what I saw at this festival, Arizona is one of, if not the strongest state gourd society in the country. There was much I saw at this festival that inspired me to strive for the same type of success here in Texas at our own Lone Star Gourd Festival.

Each festival has aspects that are unique to its state and the environment around it. In Arizona for instance, the fairgrounds included multiple buildings, one for every type of use they had, i.e. a vendor building, a competition building, a building for classes, areas outside for the carving classes and a building used for the banquet. They had fun gourd related activities such as the gourd "car" races and entertainers who played music with gourds and danced. There was a pony that was led around the fairgrounds with a "gourd cowboy" riding on it and a funny gourd man that was animated by the rider of the bicycle that made it appear to be running (see photo below.)



A unique sculpture created almost entirely out of gourds announces "I Got Gourd!" in front of one of the buildings on the fairgrounds.

Arizona's gourd art competition was stiff. Each day there was a line outside the building to get in to see the winning entries. There were several Texas competitors there. Julia Birky won a 2nd Place for her gourd fountain piece she created with Julie Lind. Barbie Holton won a 1st Place in the Master Craftsman Division for her piece in the Vases, Bowls, Containers class and a 3rd Place in the My Way class. Congratulations to both Julie and Barbie. I apologize if I

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A class in session outside under a magnificent tree – perfect weather, perfect day!

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Compiled by Julia Cosgrove for TGS - 2009

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Publisher: Sterling/Chapelle

The Complete Book of Gourd Craft: 22 Projects 55 Decorative Techniques 300 Inspirational Designs
by Ginger Summit and Jim Widess Publisher: Sterling

Coiled Designs for Gourd Art by Catherine Devine
Publisher: Schiffer Publishing

Gourds: Southwest Gourd Techniques & Projects from Simple to Sophisticated by Bonnie Gibson
Publisher: Sterling

Complete Book of Gourd Carving by Jim Widess and Ginger Summit Publisher: Sterling

New Gourd Art with Ink Dyes by Maria Dellos
Publisher: Design Originals

Quick & Easy Gourd Crafts by Mickey Baskett
Publisher: Sterling

Gourd Pyrography by Jim Widess Publisher: Sterling

Gourds in Your Garden: A Guidebook for the Home Gardener by Ginger Summit Publisher: Hillway Press

The Weekend Crafter: Gourd Crafts 20 Great Projects to Dye, Paint, Cut, Carve, Bead and Woodburn in a Weekend by Ginger Summit Publisher: Sterling

Historic Gourds: Do-it-yourself Guide Vessels
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Decorating Gourds: Carving, Burning, Painting
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Making Gourd Musical Instruments: Over 60 String, Wind and Percussion Instruments & How to Play Them
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Gourd Art Basics: The Complete Guide to Cleaning, Preparation & Repair by C. Angela Mohr Publisher: Schiffer Publishing

The Gourd Book by Charles Bixler Heiser
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The Decorated Gourd: Beautiful Projects & New Techniques by Dyan Mai Peterson
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Making Gourd Dolls & Spirit Figures by Ginger Summit and Jim Widess Publisher: Sterling

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Glorious Gourd Decorating by Mickey Baskett
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A Guide to Chip-carving Gourds by Marilyn Rehm
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American Gourd Society Judging Handbook
by American Gourd Society Publisher: CreateSpace

Creative Gourds (13 Projects to Paint on Gourds Using FolkArt Acrylics and Artist's Pigments, Decorative Painting #9756) Publisher: Plaid Enterprises, Inc.

Great Garden Gourds (12 Delightful Gourds, Painted with Acrylics (Plaid Folkart Decorative Painting)
by Aurelia Conway Publisher: Plaid Enterprises, Inc.

Decorating Pumpkins and Gourds
by Deborah Schneebeli-Morrell Publisher: Ryland Peters & Small

Gourd Puppets and Dolls by Angela Mohr Publisher: Schiffer Publishing

Gourd Gatherings - 17 Decorative Painting Projects for Natural and Paper Mache Gourds by Margaret Hanson-Maddox Publisher: Indigo House, a trademark of Grace Publications

The Gourd in Folk Literature by Eddie W. Wilson (AGS 002)

The Garden of Gourds by Liberty Hyde Bailey (AGS 006)

Growing Gourds and Preparing Gourd Homes for Martins by James R. Hill, III (AGS 008)

The Gourd Journal by Eva Palwak (AGS 017)

Gourds From Vine to Design by Donn Kelter (AGS 041)

How to Draw & Woodburn Feathers on a Gourd
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How to Weave Decorative Sinew on a Gourd (AGS 044)

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The Immortal Molded Gourds of Mr. Zhang Cairi
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Clara Willibey and Patty Sorensen discuss sales at a gourd event.



Darla Hines, Bonnie Gibson, Patty Sorensen and Margaret Bell proudly display their class projects created from a carving class taught by Bonnie last spring.

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THE ORIGINAL TGS TRAVELING TEXAS GOURD



CONCEPT: TGS Southeast Texas Gourd Patch Members

GOURD RAISER: David A. Williams (Franklin, TX)

SEED PLANTING DATE: April 2003

TYPE OF GOURD: Big Boy Bushel Basket

WEIGHT WHEN GREEN: 110 pounds

WEIGHT WHEN DRIED: 5 pounds

GIRTH MEASUREMENT: 72 inches

DATE OF PURCHASE & TRANSPORT DATE: 12/20/03

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MEMBER IN CHARGE OF TRANSPORTATION: Gerry Flewharty

CURRENT LOCATION: Katy Independent School District

DESTINATIONS: Museums, art galleries, garden clubs, libraries, schools, State Fair of Texas

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Kentucky Gourd Soc. Gourd Art Show

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Knights Landing, CA

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June 4-10

Gourd Artists Gathering

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Oct. 15-17

15th Annual Lone Star Gourd Festival

Gillespie Cty. Fairgrounds, Fredericksburg, TX

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Barbie Holton's 1st Place gourd in the middle on the top row, and 3rd Place below it with blue waves, both in the Master Craftsman Division.

missed any other Texas artists. As of this printing, AZ did not have their competition results posted on their website. All in all, it was a fantastic experience and a wonderful show and I will look forward to going back next year.

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