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# LONE STAR

**gourd festival**

## Are you ready?



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and more....

## October 16-18, 2009

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*Bill Willibey, President*

## President's Message - by Bill Willibey

Soon, we will be in Fredericksburg for the Lone Star Gourd Festival Friday, October 16, Saturday the 17th and Sunday the 18th. Many classes are offered each day by excellent teachers, and here is your chance to learn new techniques to enhance your gourd crafting from the many excellent teachers. Join us at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds, South of Fredericksburg on Highway 16. For class information contact Judy Richie at [judyrichie@yahoo.com](mailto:judyrichie@yahoo.com) Jimmy Holton at [jholton@krc.com](mailto:jholton@krc.com) or Betty Vertin at 830-367-4454.

Be sure to enter your special gourds in one of the many competition classes. Entries will be judged Thursday evening so make arrangements to have your entries delivered between noon and 5 pm or send them to the Fairgrounds by UPS or Federal Express to arrive on Tuesday the 13th or Wednesday the 14th. Thursday will work also, but you may prefer to have a one or two day "cushion". Note that Monday the 12th is a holiday and the Fairgrounds office is closed and cannot take deliveries. Get your application forms to Clara, postmarked by October 1 for the lowest rate. If you have competition questions, call Clara Willibey at 713-376-6624 or email [willibey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:willibey@sbcglobal.net)

Contact Patty Sorensen at [cpsorensen@consolidated.net](mailto:cpsorensen@consolidated.net) for ticket reservations for the banquet to be held Friday at 7pm. We also have an election for officers for the coming year. Have you ever seen a Gourd Crown? Use your imagination and talent to create one and enter the parade of Crowns.

At the show you will see some new vendors. Be sure to visit the booth of our talented 'Artist of the Year', Sylvia Gaines, your Texas Gourdette Editor. Then stroll over to see the Wild Flower Raffle Gourd and purchase several raffle tickets. On Saturday, you will be entertained by dancers and musicians. Our Gourd Show Chair, Becky Wise has worked hard to make this the best TGS Show EVER.

You have a month to help publicize this event. Contact friends and neighbors. Download a Show Flyer from the website and post at your Hobby Lobby, Garden Center or Church. Your Patch Leader should have great cards in color to post or mail or contact Becky Wise at [db.wise@me.com](mailto:db.wise@me.com)

Contact your Volunteer Coordinator, M.A. Koepke at 281-579-7548 or [gheeleraussie@yahoo.com](mailto:gheeleraussie@yahoo.com) to let her know what hours you can work at the show. Many of us will be at the Show by 8 a.m. on Thursday the 15th to set up.

Got your lodging lined up? Many places are sold out. Check on line for Fredericksburg and Kerrville accommodations or see the short list we've provided on the next page.

Many of your questions can be answered at the TGS website, [www.texasgourdsociety.org](http://www.texasgourdsociety.org) Let's enjoy a weekend at the Gourd Festival in Fredericksburg.

*Bill Willibey*

TGS President

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*On the Cover:* The Texas Gourd Society presents the 2009 Lone Star Gourd Festival on Oct. 16-18 – Are You Ready? It's fast approaching and many, many members are working frantically behind the scenes to produce the best EVER Texas Gourd Festival. Hope you can join us – it's going to be fantastic!!



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# TGS GOURD PATCH HAPPENINGS

## **TGS CAPITAL OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH - Austin, TX area**

**CONTACT: Suzanne Haffey, [bettiesuz@yahoo.com](mailto:bettiesuz@yahoo.com) 512 431-6040**

We have had two patch meetings since the last issue of the Gourdzette. The first one was at Gary & Suzanne Adair's home in their beautiful backyard. Lynda Smith and Jeanine Williams led the class in carving gourds. Maria Aquilar was all decked out in her respirator and sheet. Lelia and Jimmy Sublett donated several small pieces to practice carving on. Our second meeting was at my home



where everyone tried their hand at painting a fall scene on a sponged gourd. Both meetings provided much fun and hopefully new ideas and techniques were learned by all. Jeanine and I are going to have a "patch" booth at the Fall Fest in Dripping Springs on 9/26. We will be able to sell our gourds as well as inform the public about gourds and the wonderful things that can be created from them. Of course, we will be handing out fliers on the Lone Star Gourd Show which is very rapidly approaching.

*Fall scene on a sponged gourd.*



*June meeting – Gary Adair, Jeanine Williams, Jimmy Sublett, Rona Thornton, Maria Aquilar.*

## **TGS WEST TEXAS GOURD PATCH - Lubbock, TX area**

**CONTACT: Sue Haberer - Levelland, TX 806 523-9092 or [shaberer47@gmail.com](mailto:shaberer47@gmail.com)**

The West Texas Gourd Patch has outlined meetings for the rest of the year. In our August meeting, we will do a Tissue Collage on a gourd. In September, we are planning a Saturday workshop. In the morning portion, we will work on Christmas ornaments using a cowboy theme. In the afternoon we will make an Indian Maiden doll. Since we will be participating in the Cowboy Symposium in Lubbock in October of 2010 – next year, we will be working on particular items with the "Cowboy" theme during our future meetings. This will give ideas of projects that our members can sell in our booth during the symposium. Due to the Texas Gourd Society Fall Festival in Fredericksburg in October, we will not have a local meeting. Our November class will consist of making crosses from gourd pieces. We will not have a December meeting due to the busy Christmas season.

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

No news at this time.

**TGS COWTOWN PATCH - Ft. Worth, TX area CONTACT: Natha Chance 817 232-9985 [gourdchance@att.net](mailto:gourdchance@att.net) website: <http://www.angelfire.com/tx5/cowtowngourdpatch>**

No news at this time.

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Creating a mask was our project for the July meeting. It was a fun day with a wide variety of designs on the masks. We have some really creative members. The September 12 meeting will be making a gourd rattle. We are all looking forward to the Lone Star Gourd Festival and many of our members have signed up for classes. Two of our members, Barbie Holton and Judy Richie will be teaching classes. We meet every other month at the home of Judy Richie from 10am to 2pm. Our meeting includes a potluck lunch.

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Arlington gourd patch had one meeting before our summer hiatus. Joelyn Crisp led the group beading a gourd face with embellishments. What a hoot we had designing our works of art. A big thank you to Jean who supplied, cleaned and cut the gourds. At our September meeting we will be finalizing our projects and lodging for the show, and making name tags. September is also our voting month for new officers and our 5th birthday. Join us on the 3rd Sunday of the month. We do not meet in October due to the gourd show, November is our Christmas party and gift exchange, plus December is too busy and we catch up again in January. We hope to see you soon at the Fielder Museum, 1616 Abrams in Arlington.



**TGS SOUTHEAST TEXAS GOURD PATCH - Houston, TX area**

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**SE Patch website [www.geocities.com/TGS\\_southeast](http://www.geocities.com/TGS_southeast)**

The Southeast Texas Gourd Patch stayed busy during the summer months, meeting in June, July, and August. Our June meeting was held on the 13th in Spring at a shop called Baskets N the Works where Monica Impellizzen taught some of our members another type of basket weave on a gourd. On July 11th, we met at the home of Margaret Bell, where, after a short business meeting, Patty Sorensen and Darla Hines did a wonderful job conducting a class on power carving Inlace on a gourd medallion. What a great class. Everyone that participated went home with a nice piece of art. Patty and Darla are teaching this method at Fredericksburg next month. Because of the TGS meeting in Arlington on August 8th, we moved our August patch meeting to the 1st, when we met at the home of Abby Sandlin. We had a nice luncheon, made plans for Fredericksburg, and had a Show and Tell. We have many members travelling to Fredericksburg next month, and we have great plans for the rest of the year. More on that next time.

**TGS DALLAS GOURD PATCH - Dallas, TX area**

**CONTACT: Sylvia Gaines 903 891-8405**

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At our June meeting, Sylvia Gaines provided small gourd pieces and pin backs for an afternoon of creating gourd name tags. Everyone was encouraged to 'do their own thing' and there were some very unique and creative name tags created. In July we had a short business meeting and discussed the upcoming festival and had a show and tell of members recent gourd creations. In August, member Ann Parker presented a very informative session on 'Using Gourds in Floral Designs'. Ann showed us some wonderful, creative, shapes of gourds and how they could be used to balance and accent a floral sculpture. We were all quite captivated with her inspiring approach and hopefully got some ideas for our own gourd creations.

## You're Invited

All members are invited to join the SE Gourd Patch at a special event in Dec. Please see info below.

In April of this year, our patch provided supplies to paint egg gourds at the Katy Folklife festival in Katy, TX. At this festival, they try to show what things were like and how they were done in the 19th century. The kids there had a great time. One of the visitors was Barbara White, who heads up the Winedale Folklife Festival. Winedale is a small community SW of Brenham, S of Giddings, and NE of La Grange. UT-Austin oversees this event. Barbara was very impressed with the kids having so much fun at the Katy event, so she thought it might be a good activity to add to the Winedale event. At Winedale they would like to see it demonstrated how gourds were used as part of everyday life in those days (dippers, bowls, canteens, other utensils.) Barbara suggested we would need about 50 egg gourds for the children to paint, making their own unique Christmas ornaments. Tom & Zelda Hornsby are graciously donating the gourds for this event. The SE Gourd Patch is making this a part of their December meeting/Christmas party. If other TGS members would like to participate or attend, please contact M.A. Koepke at **281 579-7548** or by email at [gfheeleraussie@yahoo.com](mailto:gfheeleraussie@yahoo.com). She will have more information soon.

**The Christmas Folklife Festival at Winedale is Saturday, December 12th, from 12pm -4pm. Everyone is welcome.**

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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.

## Buy your "Texas Wildflowers" gourd raffle tickets NOW! \$1 each or six for \$5.

The time is fast approaching. If you haven't already purchased your tickets for a chance to win this beautiful gourd, please contact Lelia Sublett at 512 847-8102. Most patches still have some tickets available. If you need any photos of this gourd, for publicity, please copy it from the *Texas Gourdzette* or the TGS website [www.texasgourdsociety.org](http://www.texasgourdsociety.org).



# Texas Gourd Society

## Fall Meeting Dinner 2009

The TGS banquet meal will be held on Friday, October 16, 2009, at the Hermann Sons Lodge, 1109 South Adams, Fredericksburg. The catered dinner will be served at 7:00 pm and will be immediately followed by the Fall Business Meeting.

The menu is salad, baked chicken, green beans, baked potato, and iced tea and banana pudding for dessert. Price is \$12.00 per person. Pay at the dinner. If you would like beer, wine, or a mixed drink, please feel free to bring your choice of beverage.

Make reservations for the banquet by contacting TGS Secretary Patty Sorensen at 936-597-6357 or by email [cpsorensen@consolidated.net](mailto:cpsorensen@consolidated.net). Make your reservations for the meal early — maximum seating for the meeting and dining is 125.

The lodge is approximately 2 miles from the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. At the first light after leaving the fairgrounds heading north on TX 16, turn right on Friendship Lane, go 1 mile to South Adams. Turn left. Go 3/10 of a mile and turn right at a narrow drive and small sign "Hermann Sons Lodge". Driveway is just after the last house; the building is behind the houses. If you get to a 4-way stop sign, you missed it.

The business meeting will follow the dinner and includes election of 2010 officers for TGS. You may attend the business meeting without having dinner, if you choose to do so.

In addition, and just for fun, we are having a "Gourd Crown" contest – make your crown using gourds and gourd pieces. There will be a quick 'crown parade' and attendees will vote for their favorite 'crown'. Vendors have been requested to donate items that will be awarded as door prizes at the dinner.

Please be sure to attend.

## Did You Know?

There is a forum on the internet for TGS members only. This forum is to pass on information about gourds, such as upcoming events or answer questions about a technique or what finish to use on a gourd. Just go to Yahoo.com and look for "Groups". Then, search for "gourdtext". When the page comes up for "gourdtext", click on "Join this Group" and follow the directions. If you have trouble with this, just email Judy at [judyrichie@yahoo.com](mailto:judyrichie@yahoo.com) and I will send you an invitation. We'd love to have you join us. ~ Judy Richie

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# Gourds for Kids'

## Summer Camp at the Fort Worth Zoo

In May 2009, TGS donated some 200 gourds to the Fort Worth Zoo for a project at the Kids' Summer Camps held by the zoo each summer. The theme of the summer camps is wildlife: during one phase of the camps, the children made and decorated birdhouses, using the gourds. Zoo workers had drilled the holes in the gourds prior to the workshops. The zoo provided all sorts of paints and decorating materials for the project. The children took the gourds home to see if birds would nest in their creations. Some of the children also took gourd seeds home to see if they could grow gourds next year.

Pete and Betty Kent donated about 100 gourds for the zoo; TGS purchased 100 gourds from Tom and Zelda Hornsby of Bayou Gourd Farm.

Robbie and Joe Pritchard and Esther Chambliss presented programs on gourds to the zoo volunteers who would be assisting with the summer camps on May 30. On June 23, they presented a program on birdhouses and gourds to the teachers who would conduct the classes.

On August 8, Brooke Disney, Education Program Director for the Fort Worth Zoo, attended a TGS Board meeting in Arlington to thank TGS for the donation of gourds and to discuss the success of the project.



*Board members listen to Brooke Disney at the August TGS Board meeting in Arlington, TX.*

Brooke brought a few of the gourds that the kids and the teachers had decorated. Brooke said that 240 children ranging in age from kindergarten to high school participated in decorating birdhouses during this project. When you add in the parents and all of the children's friends, this project was a huge success in reaching hundreds of people to promote interest in and appreciation of gourds.

Thanks to TGS for supporting this educational effort.

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## TGS Officer Election for 2010

### *To be held at the Fall Business Meeting*

Part of the fall business meeting will be the presentation of a slate of officers for YOUR Texas Gourd Society for 2010. Included will be two Directors to replace those completing their three-year terms. The Nominating Committee (Joe Pritchard, Pat Duncan, and Don Vyskocil) welcome your input. We will present a slate of officer nominees at the fall meeting and also accept nominations from the floor at that time. The general membership will vote on officers at the meeting. You may attend the business meeting without attending the dinner, if you choose to do so. The dinner will be at 7:00 pm, followed by the business meeting. If you would like to nominate someone before the meeting, please email Joe Pritchard at stormy7606@hotmail.com. The Nominating Committee will contact that person to see if they are interested in having their name presented.

– Current nominees are –

President – Joe Pritchard  
Vice-President – Judy Richie  
Treasurer – Lynda Smith  
Secretary – [searching for a nominee]  
Membership – Gerry Flewharty  
Director – Tom Hornsby  
Director Robbie Pritchard

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## Classes! Classes! Classes!

## POTENTIAL VENDORS

Please check our TGS website  
[www.texasgourdsociety.org](http://www.texasgourdsociety.org)  
for a current floor layout of vendors. There is still space.  
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is growing by leaps and bounds each year.



# Competition? What Competition?



Entries are coming in to compete in the 2009 Lone Star Gourd Festival in Fredericksburg. Please mail your completed entry form or forms with postmark October 1 or earlier. Entries postmarked after Oct. 1 will have higher fees. \$3 for Members, \$5 for Non-Members, and \$1 for Youth. Forms can be printed from the TGS website, [www.texasgourdsociety.org](http://www.texasgourdsociety.org). If you decide to hand deliver your entries and forms, please bring them to the competition area within the exposition building of the Gillespie County Fairgrounds October 15 before 5 pm.

The competition committee has 6 members working on the details for the Lone Star Gourd Show, to be displayed to the public October 16th – 18th. Entries can now be sent by Federal Express or UPS to arrive October 13th to October 15th – this new feature is being offered for the first time this year and should be a big help to those entering the competition and who cannot be there in person on the day of entry. We look forward to seeing your fine work and thank you for participating. For help please contact Clara Willibey at 713-376-6624 or [willibey@sbeglobal.net](mailto:willibey@sbeglobal.net) and watch the TGS website for details.

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## TGS needs volunteers for the 2009 Lone Star Gourd Festival!

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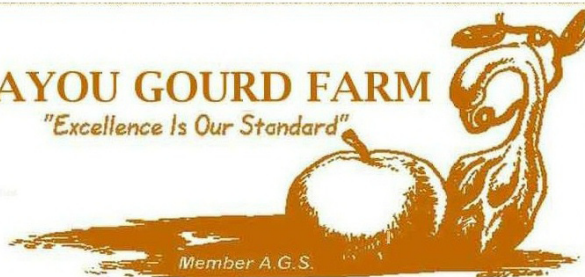
**Sat. Oct. 18th**

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

The Keito Academy of Ethno-Cultural Performing Arts performs Polynesian and Afro-Caribbean dances. Performances will be outside under the cover on the patio. There will also be some sessions to teach visitors some of the dances. Musicians utilizing traditional instruments (gourds!) will entertain and accompany dancers.  
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On the following pages you will find information on classes that will be offered at this year's festival. This information is current up to the time of printing. Please check the website for the most up to date info including classes that may have been cancelled for some reason. Visit the TGS website at [www.texasgourdsociety.org](http://www.texasgourdsociety.org)

## Lone Star Gourd Festival classes, 2009

Date and Time	Class Description	Project Photo
Friday Oct 16 8:00 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Wood Burned - Egg Feather Gourd \$55</b> Instructor: <b>Bill Decker</b> Skill level: All Levels Learn Bill's technique of wood burning "line and shading" of feathers on an egg gourd. A class demonstration and one-on-one instruction during class.	
Friday Oct 16 8:00 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Woven Freestyle Pine Needle Coiling \$60</b> Instructor: <b>Judy Richie</b> Skill Level: Should know basic coiling Learn to weave the coils to create a beautiful and unusual gourd.	
Friday Oct 16 8:00 am – 12:00 noon	<b>"Leather Tooled" Gourd \$45</b> Instructor: <b>Bonnie Gibson</b> Skill Level: All levels Carve and decorate a gourd to create a traditional leather tooled look.	
<del>Friday Oct 16 8:00 am – 12:00 noon</del>	<del><b>Gourd Vase \$55</b> Instructor: <b>Arlene Zaloznik</b> Skill Level: All levels Learn the basics of weaving pine needles on prepared and dyed gourd tops. You will weave on one gourd top in class and take another home to complete</del>	
Friday Oct 16 8:00 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Pyrography Sampler \$65</b> Instructor: <b>Barbie Holton</b> Skill level: All levels Explore the fun of using a wood burner to create interesting shading and designs on your gourds.	
Friday Oct 16 8:00 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Graphic Designs for Cutting and Pyrography \$45</b> Instructor: <b>Bert Petrie</b> Skill Level: All This class is mostly done in demonstration with a handout provided. Learn how to lay out intricate, graphic designs on your gourd.	
Friday Oct 16 8:00 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Little Gourd Birds \$45</b> Instructor: <b>Cass Iverson</b> Skill Level: Beginning and Intermediate level A great, simple introduction to piecing gourds (gourd sculpture) and using clay on gourds.	
Friday Oct 16 8:00 am – 5:00 pm <b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>Inlace/Inlace Carving \$70</b> Instructors: <b>Patty Sorenson</b> and <b>Darla Hines</b> Skill Level: All levels This class will show you how to use Inlace and how to Carve Inlace. You will carve an area on a gourd and apply the Inlace.	

TGS strives to attract the most professional and talented artists for the festival each year and our festival is continues to grow each year with more teachers and more classes than ever before. If you know someone who might be interested in teaching, or if you have a technique that you would consider teaching, please contact one of the Board Members or make your interest known to someone who will pass the information on to us. We've come a long way in just the past two years and we want to continue to improve our festival in as many ways as possible.

### Lone Star Gourd Festival classes, 2009 continued

Date and Time	Class Description	Project Photo
<b>Friday</b> <b>Oct 16</b> <b>1:00 pm – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Water and Wind - Carving patterns inspired by Southwestern Pueblos \$45</b> Instructor: <b>Bonnie Gibson</b> Skill Level: All levels Use carving techniques and some wood burning to decorate a gourd with interesting southwestern patterns. <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;"> Sold out as of Sep 1, 2009 – you may ask to be placed on a waiting list </div>	
<b>Friday</b> <b>Oct 16</b> <b>1:00 pm – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Pocket Birdhouse, Woodburnt \$ 55 with \$25 materials fee</b> Instructor: <b>Arlene Hammer</b> Skill Level: All levels Learn design layout and patter transfer techniques. Additionally, learn wood burning and shading techniques and how to paint your design	
<b>Friday</b> <b>Oct 16</b> <b>1:00 pm – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Inverted Coiling/Freehand Embossing \$55</b> Instructor: <b>Mary Gayle Van Ingen</b> Skill Level: All levels Learn to emboss a design on a gourd and then apply a leather rim by coiling from the top down.	
<b>Friday</b> <b>Oct 16</b> <b>1:00 pm – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Wild Needle Weaving Necklace or Pin \$35</b> Instructor: <b>Kathy Riker</b> Skill Level: All levels Starting with a wide variety of yarns and colors, you will learn how to make spokes and use a needle to weave on a gourd shard. Finish off with beads	
<b>Friday</b> <b>Oct 16</b> <b>1:00 pm – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Kachina Style Doll \$60</b> Instructor: <b>Judy Richie</b> Skill level: All levels Create a Native American Style doll. Paint the body with your own design or traditional designs that will be provided. Weave a headdress and then wrap your doll in a cloth shawl.	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Oct 17</b> <b>8:00 am – 5:00 pm</b> <b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>Carving with Cutouts \$75</b> Instructor: <b>Bonnie Gibson</b> Skill Level: Intermediate or Advanced This full day workshop is designed for those that have taken a carving class in the past, or feel fairly comfortable with their power carving tools and basic carving techniques.	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Oct 17</b> <b>8:00 am – 5:00 pm</b> <b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>Canteen Chase Coil Weave \$55</b> Instructor: <b>Karen Hobbs</b> Skill Level: All Levels Learn to chase weave on a gourd using dyed sea grass and Danish coil. Gourd will be finished with an embellishment.	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Oct 17</b> <b>8:00 am – 12:00 noon</b>	<b>Wood Burned - Egg Feather Gourd \$55</b> Instructor: <b>Bill Decker</b> Skill level: All Levels Learn Bill's technique of wood burning "line and shading" of feathers on an egg gourd. A class demonstration and one-on-one instruction during class. <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;"> 3 spaces remaining as of Sep 1, 2009 </div>	



## Lone Star Gourd Festival classes, 2009 continued

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<p><del>Saturday</del> <del>Oct 17</del> <del>8:00 am –</del> <del>12:00 noon</del></p>	<p><del><b>Coiled Pine Needle on Gourd</b> \$55</del>  <del>Instructor: <b>Arlene Zaloznik</b></del>  <del>Skill Level: All levels</del>  <del>Learn basics of weaving pine needles on prepared gourds. We will discuss various options and techniques in cutting, dying (or not) and weaving on the gourds.</del></p> <div data-bbox="894 260 1284 338" style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: blue; font-weight: bold;">CANCELLED CLASS</div>	
<p>Saturday Oct 17 8:00 am – 12:00 noon</p>	<p><b>Graphic Designs for Cutting and Pyrography</b> \$45  Instructor: <b>Bert Petrie</b>  Skill Level: All  This class is mostly done in demonstration with a handout provided. Learn how to lay out intricate, graphic designs on your gourd.</p>	
<p>Saturday Oct 17 8:00 am – 12:00 noon</p>	<p><b>Philodendron Coiling with Seagrass and Reeds or Philodendron and Pine Needles</b> \$55  Instructors: <b>Patty Sorensen</b> and <b>Darla Hines</b>  Skill Level: All levels  Intertwine philodendron sheaths with pine needle coiling &amp; add many variations of natural elements.</p>	
<p>Saturday Oct 17 8:00 am – 12:00 noon</p>	<p><b>Ancient Vessel</b> \$35  Instructor: <b>Kathy Riker</b>  Skill Level: All levels  If you are a rubber stamp collector, this is the class for you! This is a surprisingly easy technique that can be use with a huge variety of designs.</p>	
<p>Saturday Oct 17 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Southwest Gourd Ornament</b> \$25 with \$5 material fee  Instructor: <b>Lynda Smith</b>  Skill Level: All Levels  Make an ornament from an egg-shaped gourd. The theme is Southwest, but students could go in another direction if they want.</p>	
<p>Saturday Oct 17 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm</p>	<p><b>2-tone Lacquer Finish</b> \$45  Instructor: <b>Claire Cassan</b>  Skill Level: All levels  Work on a small bowl with a variegated lacquer finish; you will be given a choice of 2 colors.</p>	<div data-bbox="786 1262 1289 1373" style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Sold out as of Sep 1, 2009 – you may ask to be placed on a waiting list</div> 
<p>Saturday Oct 17 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Mini Drum Necklace</b> \$35  Instructor: <b>Kathy Riker</b>  Skill Level: All levels  Choose a clean, cut sanded mini gourd to make into a beautiful drum necklace. Wood burn a simple design, then learn how to attach the drum head. Finish by embellishing their necklace with beads.</p>	
<p>Saturday Oct 17 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Not Your Typical Chip Carving</b> \$60  Instructor: <b>Barbie Holton</b>  Skill Level: All levels  Necklace, Bracelet, Cabochon? Create your own original “medallion” that could be used in a variety of interesting ways. Complete two pieces, using non-traditional designs</p>	

## Lone Star Gourd Festival classes, 2009 continued

Date and Time	Class Description	Project Photo
<b>Saturday Oct 17 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Making a Terrapin (Turtle Pin)     \$20</b> Instructor: <b>Rowena Philbeck</b> Skill Level: Beginner Have fun making a cute turtle pin. Will have different sizes. Very simple and fun to make and wear. People love asking you what it's made from.	
<b>Sunday Oct 18 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Wax Resist Gourd Bowl     \$35</b> Instructor: <b>Kathy Riker</b> Skill Level: All levels Learn to use Kitska, bees' wax, and a candle to create wax patterns, then apply leather dyes.	
<b>Sunday Oct 18 10:00 am – 4:00 pm ALL DAY</b>	<b>Pottery Shards Gourd     \$60</b> Instructor: <b>Bonnie Gibson</b> Skill Level: All levels Inspired by Southwest native Pottery, this class has a mix of carving and painting techniques. First, carve your gourd to create the appearance of three-dimensional overlaid shards of pottery and then will use a variety of painting techniques to complete the illusion.	
<b>Sunday Oct 18 10:00 am – 4:00 pm ALL DAY</b>	<b>Gourd Wrapped In a Quilt     \$70</b> Instructor: <b>Jill Walker</b> Skill Level: Intermediate to Advanced Learn how to translate traditional quilt patterns onto a gourd, color the patches with brightly colored non-toxic dyes and add "stitching" to the patches. And how to incorporate additional details to mimic fabric patterns.	
<b>Sunday Oct 18 10:00 am – 3:00 pm ALL DAY</b>	<b>Alcohol Dye Technique     \$55</b> Instructor: <b>Judy Richie</b> Skill Level: All Levels Create beautiful designs on your gourd with fade-resistant alcohol dyes. Learn the controlled method of applying the dye. Learn how to use multiple colors of dyes in your design.	
<b>Sunday Oct 18 10:00 am – 12:00 noon</b>	<b>Gourd Rim Weaving     \$40</b> Instructor: <b>Rowena Philbeck</b> Skill Level: All levels Want to decorate your gourd by putting a basket weave on the rim? This makes a unique finished gourd basket.	

## THANK YOU!

A BIG thank you goes to this years teachers. We appreciate your talent and skills and look forward to future offerings you may bring to our festival in years to come. Because of you, our membership is growing and interest in gourding is increasing so rapidly. We hope your experience at our festival is a good one and that you will want to come back again in years to come. Thank you from the Texas Gourd Society.

## MEMBERS!

### You could win the Golden Gourd Award at the Lone Star Gourd Festival Banquet

All members — Keep track of your time and miles driven for any public service or volunteer work you do through the year. If you give a talk to a school or garden club, or participate in a Patch event that you attend or give a gourd related demonstration you should add up your miles and hours and bring your total to the banquet. You could possibly win the "Golden Gourd Award" for the most volunteer hours given and miles traveled. Help promote TGS and AGS by giving your time and we all benefit!



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This raffle gourd is Texas home grown and was donated by Ramon and Anne Williams of Austin, TX. Sylvia Gaines created the faux leather tooling and leather braided rim then turquoise studs were added by Hellen Martin and the gourd started it's journey. The theme for this gourd is Texas Ranch and Farm Life and it depicts past or present scenes or items from either farm or ranch life using whatever technique the artist preferred. In addition, there will be detailed information of the artists who contributed their talent as well as an explanation of why they chose their particular subject. Please stop by and see this beautiful gourd while you're visiting the 2009 Lone Star Gourd Festival.



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We miss you John,

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**Sept. 25**

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**Sept. 25-27**

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In our last issue we printed a huge list of gourd publications compiled by Julia Cosgrove especially for the TGS members. She would like to keep it updated and asks that anyone knowing of a publication not listed to please contact her so she can add it. We will run the list again in an upcoming issue. Thank you Julia for your time and energy. This is a wonderful asset to reference.

Contact Julia at [jacosgrove@hughes.net](mailto:jacosgrove@hughes.net).

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