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President’s Message - by Bill Willibey

The Texas Gourd Society will hold their annual Spring Meeting in Temple, Texas on March 7. Thanks to Joe Pritchard for arranging the meeting and thanks to Gerry Flewharty for arranging the great demonstrations. In addition to me, the other TGS officers include: Joe Pritchard, Vice-President; Patty Sorensen, Secretary; Lynda Smith, Treasurer; Robbie Pritchard, Membership, Sue Haberer, our Past President, and Sylvia Gaines, our Gourdzette editor AND our TGS Featured Artist for 2008 - 2009. Directors include Betty Kent, Michael Cosgrove, Gerry Flewharty, Don Vyskocil, Patricia Duncan, and Ethel Virgin. Do not hesitate contacting any of us if you have ideas for making TGS work better for you. Be sure to attend the Lone Star Gourd Festival, and renew your membership. Encourage others to join TGS and support your local Patch or start a new one.

Bill Willibey, President

Our TGS Lone Star Gourd Festival will be in Fredericksburg again this year, and will be held October 16, 17, and 18. We will have classes all day Friday plus Saturday and part of Sunday, and the public will be visiting the show on the weekend, beginning 1:00 p.m. on Friday. The TGS banquet and fall business meeting will be held Saturday, the seventeenth. Be sure to book your lodging early – most motels will be fully booked if you wait until you get into Fredericksburg. As most people know, Fredericksburg is a tourist town and in October, several events and activities will attract many visitors. TGS Publicity will be targeting those people in addition to our own members. We can expect featured instructors Betsy Roberts (Galaxy Gourds) and Kathy Riker (Seven Spirits Gourd Art and Trading Co.). Check the TGS website often to see new information throughout the coming months at www.texasgourdsociety.org.

If you have a local publication that will place a TGS gourd article, contact an Officer or Director to help with it. Print the show flier from the website and post in your local garden stores and shops. Tom Hornsby is working on vendor packets and you will soon see these in your email or delivered to your mail box. Becky Wise is our Show Chair. Becky needs volunteers to help on various committees. Jimmy Holton will be in charge of Education (classes).

The American Gourd Society includes TGS and Gourd Societies from other states. Membership fees run \$15 per year and their quarterly magazine called *The Gourd* is an excellent publication – see Joe Pritchard’s article about AGS in this issue of *The Texas Gourdzette*.

Remember that the biggest benefit for you comes from helping TGS and interacting with other ‘Gourders’. A group is only as good as its members, and we know Texans have the best, so put that effort into TGS – being active in TGS makes it twice the fun!

Bill Willibey
TGS President

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On the Cover: In case you missed seeing it in Fredericksburg, the 2009 Texas Wildflower Traveling Raffle Gourd made its debut. This beautiful creation, inspired by Texas Wildflower’s, has started its journey and may be coming soon to a town near you. Raffle tickets are available from Bill Willibey and will also be available wherever the traveling raffle gourd appears. See updated information on page 7.

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We need Volunteers for the 2009 Lone Star Gourd Festival!

Many thanks to our early Festival Chair volunteers. Our Show Chair this year will be Becky Wise, Vendor Chair will be Tom Hornsby and Education Chair will be Jimmy Holton. Becky will also serve as Advertising/Publicity Chair and Sylvia Gaines will assist her in creating advertising. Please consider volunteering to assist us for this year's festival. TGS is only as good as it's member-

ship and there are several chairs that remain vacant. We all benefit from each other's special talents and abilities, and it's critical to our success to have as many volunteers as possible. Please see pg. 19 for a list of available positions and contact Becky Wise at db.wise@me.com if you are willing to help.

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TGS GOURD PATCH HAPPENINGS

TGS CAPITAL OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH - Austin, TX area CONTACT: Suzanne Haffey, bettiesuz@yahoo.com 512 431-6040

I would like to thank the manager of the Hobby Lobby in South Austin for allowing us to hold our first meeting on 2/7 at their location. Rona Thornton demonstrated how to make a pine needle rim on a gourd. Jimmy and Lelia Sublett prepared all the gourds for the meeting and we are extremely appreciative. Everyone is supposed to bring their finished product for show and tell at our next meeting and hopefully I will be able to provide some pictures for the next issue of the Gourdette to show off our work. Two of our members, Lynda Smith and Lelia Sublett have been accepted in the Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show in Kerrville 5/21-7/5. Another member, Maria Aguilar has been invited to participate in the 31st Annual Commemoration of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo SOY ILEGAL, NO CRIMINAL 2/2-2/28 in San Antonio. Our patch looks forward to receiving the 2010 Traveling Raffle Gourd.

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 last month in the home of Charla Johnson. Beth Bartley helped everyone make an African Percussion Doll. We also talked about the new Raffle gourd and have asked everyone to submit a design that could possibly be used on the WTGP section. Next month, Sue Haberer is going to teach a class on how to make an Antique Vessel.

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

The East Texas Piney Woods Gourd Patch is starting a new recruitment program. We are planning a 'Show and Tell' for our February meeting. All patch members will be bringing their gourd work to show prospective members and we will have some demonstrations. Our members have been busy recruiting for this meeting and we want to have lots to get people excited about gourds and gourd art. We will plan our future programs based on the interest in the various projects. We are also looking forward to our move to the new Hobby Lobby Store where we will have more room to craft.

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

Cowtown Patch is meeting March 1, 2009 at the Michaels in Burleson, TX off of Alsbury Rd. from 12pm to 2pm. The cost is 6.00 per person. We are currently working on practicing our wood burning technique, preparing for the upcoming show and getting back on track.

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

No news at this time.

TGS GUADALUPE GOURD PATCH - Hill Country, TX area CONTACT: Bob Richie brichie@krc.com 830 357-8939 or Judy Richie at judyrichie@yahoo.com

At our last patch meeting, Linda Baker demonstrated what she learned in Bonnie Gibson's Filigree Carving Class. A pot luck lunch was served. Our next meeting is March 7, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Once again, there will be a pot luck lunch. Judy and Bob Richie became Certified Master Judges recently. We will have an overview of AGS rules and regulations for judging at the March meeting. We will also have a Show and Tell and Problem Solving period. The Richies and Barbie and Jimmy Holton went to the Wuerz Festival in Arizona. The Richies and Holtons both had booths. Congratulations are in order to Barbie who came back with some ribbons. Betty Vertin, a member of our patch, was in the hospital with surgery and a long recovery. She's on the mend now and working on gourds. Anyone interested in coming to our meetings, we meet every other month on the first Sat. from 10 to 2. Call or email Judy Richie for information at 830-257-8939 or judyrichie@yahoo.com.

TGS ARLINGTON GOURD PATCH - Arlington, TX area CONTACT: Cindi Creswell cindnboo@att.net 817 244-0135 email arlingtongourdpatch@hotmail.com website www.freewebs.com/arlingtongourdpatch

The Arlington Gourd Patch is proud to announce 2 special winners at the Arizona Gourd Show. Julie Lind took First Place in the open weaving class and Georgia Cunningham placed third in the novice weaving class. We applaud all our members who sent in a total of 12 entries. We have big plans for next year. Getting back into the new year Julie Lind presented our January meeting with her award winning knot pine needle technique. Her instructions and assistance gave everyone confidence and creative ideas. Thanks Julie. February we made beaded lizards to run across our gourd rims. In March we will share pictures from the Arizona Gourd Show and have a gourd and supply garage sale. Before we forget, the cat is out of the bag and the Arlington Patch is hosting 3 days with Bonnie Gibson. May 29-31, 2009. Friday 29 will be a very beginning carving class at \$55.00 a day, including lunch. Saturday May 30 at \$55.00 per day, including lunch, a more intensive carving workshop of either an animal or bird. May 31 at \$55.00 per day, including lunch, is also an advanced carving workshop of either an animal or bird. Projects to be finalized soon. Space is limited to 20 students per day. Arlington Patch has first choice. A waiting list is in progress. Submit your request and fee to Cindi Creswell, 3663 Brookland Ave, Ft. Worth, Texas 76116. You may also call 817 244-0135 to inquire on available space.

**TGS SOUTHEAST TEXAS GOURD PATCH - Houston, TX area CONTACT: M.A. Koepke
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The Southeast Texas Gourd patch had its Christmas party in the home of Michael and Julia Cosgrove on December 6, 2008. We enjoyed a Tex-Mex potluck around a nice chicken enchilada casserole provided by the Cosgroves. We then had a business meeting in which we laid out some of the plans for meetings in 2009. We had a "Secret Santa" gift exchange, and everyone went home with something nice. Thanks, Michael and Julia, for hosting the party at your house. On January 10, 2009, the patch met at the Copperfield Hobby Lobby where we had a demonstration on leather dye on a gourd. Clara Willibey then conducted a class on making a Washi egg using an egg gourd. Everyone learned something new, and it was interesting to see the different patterns one could arrive at. On February 14, 2009, we met at Patty Sorensen's home where we had an informative class on pine needle coiling on a gourd. She showed everyone how to add antlers and other embellishments to the coiling. Patty made a delicious southwest soup, and many members brought other side dishes and desserts to compliment the soup. We learned a lot and a good time was had by all. Thanks, Patty, Clark, and Chico, for inviting us come into your home. We're already looking forward to our next meeting/class in March, then participating in the Katy Folk-life festival in April.

**TGS DALLAS GOURD PATCH - Dallas, TX area CONTACT: Sylvia Gaines 903 891-8405
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The Dallas Gourd Patch celebrated its Christmas after the holiday rush in January in the home of Herman and Gay Lynn Bynum. A big thanks to the Bynum's for hosting our January meeting at their lovely home. Gay Lynn made a delicious stew and members brought side dishes to round out our feast. We then had a gift exchange. Membership discussed and voted to have upcoming meetings at an alternate location. Every other month, we will meet at the Elks Lodge where we will have a business/class combined meeting. Our first Elks Lodge business/class meeting was in Feb. and Pat Duncan taught a class on making a rainstick from a snake gourd. Members brought sack lunches and a great time was had by all. In addition, those interested in contributing their talents on the Traveling Raffle Gourd were asked to create a comp so that our membership may decide what subject we will depict and who will create it at our March meeting. Our March meeting will be at Raymond's Bar B Que and will be a business meeting. We will decide at that time who will be teaching a class for the April meeting and hopefully we will determine who will be creating our Patch section on the 2010 Traveling Raffle Gourd.



Pat Duncan demonstrates how to make a rainstick for Gay Lynn Bynum.

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2009 Traveling Raffle Gourd Tickets Now AVAILABLE!!

Wildflower Gourd Raffle tickets are now ready for patches and others to start selling. Please contact Bill Willibey at 832-816-6226 if you want tickets. Patches can buy some and use them as door prizes, etc. If you need any photos of this gourd, for publicity, please copy it from the *Gourdzette* or the TGS website www.texasgourdsociety.org. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Spring Meeting.



2009 Wildflower Gourd

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American Gourd Society Master Judges Training Held at Arizona Gourd Festival

Recently, several members of the Texas Gourd Society participated in the training certification for AGS Certified Master Judges at the Arizona Gourd Show. This certification will standardize judging throughout all gourd shows. The Certified Master Judges will conduct training in their states for interested individuals. Below is a Workshop Description which explains the process.

Workshop Description: This class is not just designed to make you an AGS Certified Judge—it trains AGS Master Judges. As a Master Judge, you will be authorized to train and certify others to be AGS Certified Judges. Students will review and discuss the AGS Judging Standards; procedures for judging a competition; standards for judging different classes of gourds; and how to train, test, and certify future AGS Certified Judges. We will use the gourds entered in the gourd show competition for our hands on training. Students should arrive already familiar with the content of the AGS Judging Handbook, published in the summer issue of *The Gourd* magazine and posted on the AGS website. This two-part class ends with an open-book test, the same one to be used to certify future judges. Each graduate must attend the entire class and will receive his/her identification as both a Certified Judge and an AGS Master Judge. Take home an official personalized nametag and a packet of info for conducting your own training sessions.



Bob and Judy Ritchie and Julie Birkey are now AGS Certified Master Judges. Judy Ritchie had this to say about her recent training. "The judging class was really good. Bonnie Gibson, Phyllis Sickles, Kathy James and Leah Adams were the teachers. The class was held in the building where all the competition entries were and we did some judging as part of our class. The actual judging had already been completed, we just 'played' at judging. The competition at the Arizona Show was amazing." **Look for future opportunities to become an AGS Certified Judge in upcoming issues of the *Gourdzette* and the AGS publication "The Gourd". A list of current AGS Certified Master Judges is on pg. 17.**

2009 Arizona Gourd Show

by Joe Pritchard, Vice-President TGS

Robbie and I attended the Arizona Gourd Show February 7 and 8, 2009, in Casa Grande, AZ, about 50 miles south of downtown Phoenix. For those of you who have never attended their show, it is worth it, although it is a long distance (1,000 miles one way from Arlington, TX). This was the sixth annual gourd show for Arizona. We also attended their dinner and state meeting Saturday night.



Open Division - Julie Lind, Arlington Gourd Patch

Their show runs three full days (Friday through Sunday) and their classes are taught four days (Thursday through Sunday). We enrolled in two classes – “Pine Needle Coiling on Gourd Tops,” taught by Arlene Zaloznik of El Paso (a TGS member), and “Ancient Vessel,” taught by Kathy Riker of California. Both of these instructors are planning on teaching at our show this fall. The classes there are held in a separate building from the actual show.



Open Division – Julie Birky

The competition area in Arizona’s show is also housed in a separate building; there were always long lines to go in to see the competition. This year, the American Gourd Society conducted first-ever training and certification for AGS Certified Master Judges, at the Arizona Show. This certification will standardize judging throughout all gourd shows. The Certified Judges will conduct training in their states for interested individuals. Congratulations to TGS members Bob Richie, Judy Richie, and Julie Birky, who are now AGS Certified Master Judges.

TGS was well-represented in the competition. There were five members from the Arlington Gourd patch with entries – Julie Birky, Julie Lind, Juanita Munoz, Georgia Cunningham, and Susan Ashley. Julie Lind received first place in the Open Weaving category and Georgia Cunningham took third place in the novice Weaving category. Barbie Holton from the



Some beautiful entries in the Open Division.

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25 artists have been jury selected to participate and each will have the opportunity to enter up to 5 different, original gourds. The focus of this year's exhibit will be on fine art and judges will be evaluating gourd artwork for the highest level of craftsmanship, skills and creativity. Pieces submitted can not have been entered in any other competition and all artwork must be for sale.

Consider including this show on a visit to the Hill Country. The website for this event is: www.kacckerrville.com/gourdshow.html

Last year's top three winners were Bill Decker, Judy Richie, and Marsha Mefford. You will see some of the top artists in both this show and at the Lone Star Gourd Festival in Fredericksburg in October. Don't miss this exceptional show!



Award winners from the 2008 Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show from l-r: Marsha Mefford, Judy Richie and Bill Decker.



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2010 Traveling Raffle Gourd is on its way!

The theme for this gourd is Texas Ranch and Farm Life. As in previous years, each patch will have a designated section (see below). This year it will be up to each patch to create any type of design or designs that shows past or present scenes or items from either farm or ranch life using any technique(s) they choose. This traveling 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 and started the gourd on its journey.

This gourd is scheduled to debut at this year's Lone Star Gourd Festival. All patches need to make every effort to keep on schedule and moving along so it will be completed on time. Thanks in advance to the many hands that will participate in creating another beautiful traveling raffle gourd.

Traveling gourd schedule:

Arlington Patch	Section #3	2/? – 3/7
Cowtown Patch	Section #4	3/7 – 4/4
Dallas Patch	Section #2	4/4 – 5/2
East Texas/Piney Woods	Section # 6	5/2 – 5/30
Heart of Texas	Section #8	5/30 – 6/27
West Texas Patch	Section #7	6/27 – 7/25
Guadalupe Patch	Section #1	7/25 – 8/22
Capital of Texas	Section #5	8/22 – 9/19
Southeast Texas	Section #9	9/19 – 10/16



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Advantages of Being a Member of the American Gourd Society

by Joe Pritchard, TGS Vice President

We in the Texas Gourd Society strongly recommend that all our members also join the American Gourd Society. TGS is the Kappa Chapter of AGS. Membership dues for AGS are \$15 per year, January 1 through December 31. Dues include four issues per year of the full-color fantastic magazine *The Gourd*. Please visit their website for more information:

HYPERLINK "<http://www.americangourdsociety.org/>"
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HYPERLINK "http://www.americangourdsociety.org/mem_form.html"

The American Gourd Society President, Bob James, says: "Those of you who have heard me speak at your chapters have heard me say many times that I believe the AGS is not a service you purchase. People do not join to "get" the benefits. They join a club, where we all help each other. That is our strength and why the American Gourd Society will be here for a long time. We are united by a love of the gourd and a desire to spread the word." Bob offers the following advantages of AGS membership:

1. You have joined with the national group of the best folks in the world, gourd lovers.
2. The AGS has supported and published results of health information on gourd working.
3. The AGS represents you to the world, having worked with China, France, and Canada societies.
4. The AGS represents you nationally, supporting movies, newspaper articles, and TV shows, with more national activities in the works.
5. The AGS provides web space to your chapter if they need it.
6. The AGS website is a wealth of information on working with gourds.
7. We provide information to anyone who wants to form new chapters; this is available nowhere else.
8. You have access to experts about gourd problems across the nation who are ready to help you.
9. Communication between chapters significantly improves the quality of your chapter activities and shows.
10. The AGS board developed standard judging rules that significantly improve the transparency of gourd competitions.

11. We sponsor the Jim Story award for national recognition of excellence in growing gourds.
12. We are producing a pamphlet to be made available to everyone to help get the word out.
13. Our book sales gives you access to many books on gourd growing and gourd craft.

Did I miss anything - oh yeah, we have a BLOCKBUSTER magazine!!!

And, the President of the Illinois Gourd Society writes

1. The colorful quarterly magazine, "*The Gourd*" magazine is so helpful and inspiring. These are the features of every issue, with a focus on the last one [December 2008]:

A Kids Korner. In the last issue there was a simple project on how to make a simple really cute, easy Christmas gourd penguin. [Texas Gourd Society member Gerry Flewharty submits a Kids Korner project for every issue of "*The Gourd*."]]

A Gourd Decorating Contest. The last theme was "Decorative Painting". The next theme will be Clay Embellishments and then for summer it is "What I Did on My Summer Vacation." Here is a way to enter a competition by just mailing a photo, and the potential of winning a year's free membership to the AGS.

Interesting Articles. The last issue featured an "In The Garden" theme written by Karen Hundt-Brown, President of the Michigan Gourd Society, with great photos of green gourds, and helpful tips on how to grow them. There are also articles about big and interesting gourd happenings all over the country, and colorful photos of winning gourds in festival competitions. There was also an article on making gourd masks at an elementary school with photos of final products. Chess anyone? Featured photos of gourd chess sets. Then another article on growing and harvesting gourds, by the past president of the Alabama Gourd Society, Glenn Burkhalter. Then another article on Growing Healing Gourds in Idaho, one on green-cleaning a gourd and gourd pests, and gourd toys!

Great ads. Full page colorful ads for upcoming festivals across the country, as well as gourd supply vendors.

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Details coming soon!

Texas Gourd Society Spring meeting 2009

**Spring
Meeting
March 7,
2009**

Agenda

- 11:00 am—General member-ship meeting
- 12:15—1:00 pm—lunch (bring your own or reserve a box lunch)
- 1:00-3:00pm—how-to's and demonstrations
- 3:00-4:00pm—Board meeting

Family and friends welcome.
Open to the public.

See the 2009 Raffle Gourd
"Wildflowers of Texas"

Discuss the 2009 Lone Star Gourd
Festival at Fredericksburg

Box lunch available (choices included
in this mailing) —to reserve yours,
contact Patty Sorensen at
936-597-6357 or email at
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Demonstrations

Washi Eggs from Gourds — Clara Willibey

Peruvian Design Transferred on Gourd —
Jimmy Sublett

Twining with Sea Grass on Gourd — Zelda
Hornsby

Pine Needle Knots and Coiling — Julie Lind

Temple Texas main library, 3rd floor
100 West Adams, Temple, Texas (map enclosed)

Contact person: Joe Pritchard, 817-905-3178, stormy7606@hotmail.com

Time: 11:00am—3:00pm



(cont. Advantages of Being a Member from pg.12)

Tutorials. The last issue had one on Beginners Instructions for making Japanese round braids for rim decorations. The fall magazine had a great lesson on beading gourds.

2. I like knowing I am a part of an organization whose purpose is education and instruction of all things gourds. The web site, **HYPERLINK**

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<http://www.americangourdsociety.org/>, has chapter listings, shows who is interested in starting a state chapter, and contains many tutorials and resources.

3. If you would like to join this great organization and receive these benefits, mail in a check for \$15 for your annual membership, which includes 4 issues of the magazine 'The Gourd', to AGS, PO Box 2186, Kokomo, IN, 46904. You'll be glad you did!

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TGS needs Volunteers for the 2009 Lone Star Gourd Festival!

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Tutorial: Seagrass Rim – An Easy Way to Finish a Gourd

by Claire Cassan, Southeast Texas Gourd Patch

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Clara Willibey, working on her project.



Gourd by Carole Decalf – turquoise inlaid.

Supplies:

- * A gourd with an opening (bowl, vase, etc.) already cleaned and finished. The gourd doesn't need to be extra thick. You just need enough thickness to drill holes in it. If the gourd is too thick it will protrude on each side of your rim, in that case use a thicker seagrass.
- * Baby Seagrass, can be purchased at *Atkinson*
- * Steel wire, gage #18.
- * Something to cut the wire.
- * wood glue
- * beads with 4mm hole, can be purchased at *eebeads*
- * scissor
- * Dremel with small drill bits, same size as the wire. It is the third bit in the Dremel box, starting on the left side of the box.
- * Clothespins

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1. Drill an odd number of holes in your rim, inside the thickness. Holes should be 1/2" to 3/4" deep. The spacing of your holes depends on how tight you want your weaving to be. Dye your rim to hide the holes.

2. Cut as many spokes as you have drilled holes. The length of the spoke depends on how much you want to weave.

3. Dip the end of each wire in the glue and place in each hole. Let it dry.

4. Measure your seagrass by multiplying the perimeter of your rim with the number of laps you plan to make. When measuring the perimeter add a few inches to be sure. If you have a big bundle and don't know how much you want to weave you don't need to cut the seagrass. Just weave from the bundle.

5. Start the seagrass on the inside of the gourd and secure it with a drop of glue. You can use a clothespin to hold it in place.

6. Weave over one spoke, under the next, and so on.

7. If you plan to curve your rim, start to gently bend each wire as you go, keeping them in place with a gentle pressure of your left hand.

8. While you are weaving it is very important to use the fingers of the left hand to push the seagrass in place. Stop regularly to push the seagrass and keep the weaving tight. Don't let the weaving be loose.

9. If a spoke gets out of its hole. Stop weaving and hold the seagrass in place with a clothespin. Put a little bit of glue at the end of the wire and push it back in the hole, making sure the "over-under" weaving pattern is correct. Wait until the glue dries up before resuming the weaving.

10. At the end of the weaving, hide the seagrass end inside the weaving by going along a spoke, and secure with a little bit of glue.

11. For each spoke, insert a bead and push into the weaving slightly. Cut the wire flush to the top of the bead. When you release the pressure on the seagrass the end of the wire will be hidden inside the bead. Don't push the seagrass down too much that the bead will pop-out. Remove the bead, put a little bit of glue on the tip of the wire and put the bead back.

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A list of current AGS Master Judges

15-Feb-09

Become an AGS Certified Judge! The way to do this is to be trained by an AGS Master Judge. The people listed here are our Master Judges, and all have agreed to teach AGS Certified Judge classes. Please contact them for training.

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(Continued from pg. 8 Arizona Show)

Guadalupe Patch won some ribbons and Sylvia Gaines from the Dallas Gourd patch and Bonnie Gibson (TGS member from Arizona) also had entries in the competition. (If I missed anyone, please let me know and we will recognize you in the next newsletter.)

There is only one gourd vendor at the Arizona Gourd – the Wuertz Gourd Farm, located just down the road from the fairgrounds where the Arizona Gourd Show is held. However, they had thousands of gourds of all shapes and sizes. The gourds are thick-shelled because of the long growing season. Because they do not grow dipper gourds, the Wuertz family allows Glenn Burkhalter, the gourd knot man from Lacey's Spring, Alabama, to sell long handle dipper knots and spirals at the show. His gourds are hand-twisted and –knotted and are fantastic.

At least two TGS members were there as vendors: Bob and Judy Richie and Jimmy and Barbie Holton, both of Kerrville. Again, congratulations to all in TGS who participated in any way at the Arizona Gourd Show.



*Robbie in the
Ancient Vessel
Class taught by
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Mar 27-29

Gourd Retreat–Southern Style near Savannah, GA
email contact: gourds1@aol.com and website:
www.webgourds.com/southern

Apr 4

Wisconsin Gourd Festival: GOURDS GONE WILD!!
9 am-4pm Olbrich Botanical Gardens Madison, WI

Apr 18

The Ghost Creek Gourd Festival, classes, demonstrations, food and entertainment. Gourd Art & supplies available for sale. More info on the SC Gourd Society website at www.scgourdsociety.com

Apr 18-19

2nd Annual Spring Gourd Show: Home Grown and Hand Made at R&R Kuntry Pumpkin Center in Pikeville, TN. Demonstrations, classes, crafted gourds and dried gourds for sale. Full details at www.TennesseeGourdSociety.org

Apr 18-19

Gouradian Spirits Studio Classes in Cave Creek, AZ
Sculpture, vessels, woodburning, kachinas, masks, and spirit dolls. A .doc file has all the details

May 9

Mississippi Farms Gourd Festival – Saturday,
9am-5pm Classes will be offered. Adkins Farms,
Booneville, MS 38829 www.adkinsfarms.com

June 5-7

2009 Cherokee Gourd Artists Gathering in
Cherokee, NC. Check out the details on the
website

July 31-Aug 2

Georgia Gourd Society Show, “Art on the Vine”,
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