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Bill Willibey, President

President's Message - by Bill Willibey

Thanks to the many Show Committee volunteers, vendors and board members who made the Fredericksburg Lone Star Gourd Show an outstanding success. A few of the many volunteers include Sue Haberer (Show Chair), Lelia Sublett (Publicity), Betty Vertin (Class Chair), Judy Richie, (Competition), and John Flewharty (Vendor Chair). Because Clara and I participated in our son's wedding that weekend, I can only relate what I have heard from others – a record number of paid admissions, more competition pieces entered, plus more entries for the classes. TGS has some very talented teachers for classes. A special thank you is extended to the guest instructors, Bonnie Gibson and Betsy Roberts. Vice President Joe Pritchard filled in during my absence and did a great job – look for Joe's article about the show details. Thank you Joe!

All officers were re-elected during the business meeting plus 3 new directors – Ethel Virgin (Dallas Gourd Patch), Pat Duncan (Dallas Gourd Patch), and Don Vyskocil (SE Gourd Patch). With so much TGS talent, we expect to hold a great Spring Meeting and then return to Fredericksburg for the October 16-18 weekend with a show even better than the one this year. Please contact me to help with the 2009 show.

Our Gourdzette Editor, Sylvia Gaines, was awarded the "Best of Show" and the "TGS Artist of the Year" awards. Congratulations Sylvia.

Many TGS members will need to renew their TGS membership which expires December 31st. Use the renewal form on the back cover of this issue and mail your \$12 renewal check to Robbie Pritchard. If you think your renewal is not due this month, contact Robbie to make sure. Members that receive their Gourdzette via regular mail will need to renew if their name label is red.

I hope that every one of you will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bill Willibey
TGS President

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To our retiring Directors :

We wish to thank Robert Schuetze of Waco, Sharon Copenhaver of Burleson, and Hellen Martin of Grapevine, for their services as Directors for TGS. Robert and Sharon will be completing their terms as Directors on December 31, 2008. Robert has served as a Director for three years and was very instrumental in planning our fall festivals in Waco in 2006 and 2007. Sharon is completing Bill Willibey's term as Director, which Bill resigned from when he was elected TGS President. Additionally, Hellen Martin resigned due to health reasons. Hellen has been an integral part in TGS and her spirit and service will be sorely missed. Thanks to all of you for serving TGS in these important positions. TGS has been made better by your dedication to our organization.

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TGS GOURD PATCH HAPPENINGS

TGS CAPITAL OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH - Austin, TX area CONTACT: Rona Thornton, ronat@austin.rr.com 512 266-3810

We all agreed that the show in Fredericksburg was the finest one that we've attended in years. Maria Aguilar won 6 ribbons in the competition and Pam Gilde won a ribbon for her mask entry. Ilene Cossey attended 3 classes over the show weekend and will be teaching us some new techniques that she acquired. Many of our patch members have pieces in local shops and they've been selling like hotcakes. Maria Aguilar entered a beautiful gourd altar at the Dia de los Muertos exhibit in a San Antonio gallery and it sold in the first 15 minutes. Way to go Maria! We had our annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 6th, at the home of Rona & Barry Thornton. Everybody had a merry time and went home with wonderful gourd related gifts. We also held elections and have a new patch President – Suzanne Haffey. Gary Adair will remain our VP and Lelia & Jimmy Sublett were elected our new Secretary and Treasurer. We made plans for our 2009 meeting programs and everybody's looking forward to the new year.

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

No news at this time. Next meeting in January 2009. Happy holidays!

TGS EAST TEXAS PINEY WOODS GOURD PATCH- East TX area CONTACT: Patty Gilliland calabash75605@aol.com 903 663-0017 Piney Woods web site <http://www.geocities.com/pwgourds/patch.html>

New year - New leader. The East Texas Piney Woods Gourd Patch will meet again on January 31, 2009 at the Hobby Lobby from 11 am to 2 pm. Gail Adams and Patty Gilliland will be retiring. Gail and Patty have been serving since the inception of the patch in 2002. This will be an organizational meeting to select officers and meeting dates for 2009.

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

All's quiet in Cowtown. We're currently looking for a new meeting location. The diner we were meeting at closed so we're currently looking for a new site. Our meeting was cancelled in Dec. due to the change. We'll start our meetings again in Jan. at our new location. Happy Holidays to all.

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

Heart of Texas Patch will not meet again until January. No other news at this time.

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

The Guadalupe Gourd Patch members donated a wreath, Children of the World, for the raffle at the Lone Star Gourd Festival. It was a grapevine wreath, with International Gourd dolls and an Earth made from a gourd. Thanks to all of our patch members who brought food for the judges, clerks and other volunteers the night of judging. Also, for all the other work that they did for the show. We voted to change our meeting date. We will now meet every other month on Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. We will have a potluck lunch. Our first meeting is January 8, 2009. Linda Baker will show what she learned in Bonnie Gibson's filigree class. Please bring a gourd and your carving tools and give it a try.

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

The Arlington Gourd Patch had a great time at the Lone Star Gourd Show and we are planning on returning with new ideas. We appreciate everyone that helped make the show such a success. Getting back into the swing of things from the summer we did a beading project that gave us a necklace and more ideas for gourd rims. We celebrated our Christmas party and had a Chinese gift exchange that also showcased what creative people we have in our group. We have ideas for next years projects. On November 11, 2008, Robbie and Esther presented a program on gourds to 85 third-grade students at Lily B. Clayton Elementary School in Fort Worth, Texas. This is the fourth year for this program. Our future gourd growers and artists. On November 14, Robbie and Esther presented a 90-minute program on gourds at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens to a combined meeting of the Past Presidents Garden Club and the Newcomer's Hoe and Grow Garden Club. We will not meet in December but will resume in January starting off with a new pine needle technique presented by our own blue ribbon show winner, Julie Lind.

Next year our patch plans on hosting a special artist back to Texas for a three day workshop. Details and dates to be announced after we confirm the type of classes. Space will be limited, so watch for details. Have a safe and Happy New Year from the Arlington Gourd Patch.

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The Southeast Texas Gourd Patch was forced to cancel its September meeting because of Hurricane Ike. Many of our members had some damage to their homes, but fortunately, no one reported anything serious, and as far as we know, no one in the patch was injured in the storm. The clean up after Ike, however, did have an impact on our members' efforts to prepare for the Lone Star Gourd Festival in Fredericksburg. The patch persevered, and we had a successful patch booth. Patch members Darla Hines, Don & Susan Vyskocil, and Claire Cassan had a booth adjacent to the patch booth, and it was decided to combine the two. Darla and Bill Willibey helped put together a framework with curtains that made our booth look great. Many of our members attended classes taught by, among others, Bonnie Gibson, Hellen Martin, Sylvia Gaines, and Judy Richie. Claire Cassan taught classes on eggshell inlay on a gourd pendant. Many of our members did very well in the competition, which was very good this year. On November 8th, the patch met at the home of Bill & Clara Willibey. After sharing a pot-luck lunch, we had a short business meeting, then Darla Hines taught a class on power carving. We discussed different methods and tools, then we commenced to carvin'. We really made the dust fly, but several pieces got a nice start during the class. Hope everybody has a Gourdgeous Christmas!

**TGS DALLAS GOURD PATCH - Dallas, TX area CONTACT: Sylvia Gaines 903 891-8405
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Our Dallas Gourd Patch is taking a break for December and will meet again in Jan. 09. We'll meet at the home of Herman and Gay Lynn Bynum for a late celebration of Christmas. We'll have a gift exchange and a potluck lunch. At our November meeting we decided to possibly move our meeting location in the coming year to the Elks Lodge in Dallas. There we will have an area more conducive to having demonstrations. The winner of our Patch raffle item at the Lone Star Gourd Festival was Nancy Perhala of Haughton, LA. Nancy was very excited to win this as you can see from her picture on pg. 18. Thanks to all our Dallas Gourd Patch artists who contributed their unique style to the gourd tiles of this wall hanging. The Dallas Gourd Patch wants to wish all the TGS members a very Happy Holiday season and we look forward to 2009 and the great gourd adventures that await!

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All of our members are encouraged to attend. We hope to have some classes, demonstrations, and/or talks about gourd art techniques and procedures. There will also be a general business meeting and discussion about the 2009 Lone Star Gourd Festival.

Check our website www.texasgourdsociety.org for information about the Spring meeting. The website will be updated as soon as plans are finalized.

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2009 Wildflower Gourd Raffle Tickets Now AVAILABLE!!

Unfortunately, Wildflower Gourd Raffle Tickets were not ready for the show as we had hoped, but we have them now for Patches and others to start selling – might make some stocking stuffers too! For now you can call Bill Willibey at 832-816-6226 or email him 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 go to the TGS website www.texasgourdsociety.org and copy it, or from the Gourdzette. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Spring Meeting.



2009 Wildflower Gourd

Buy your tickets NOW! \$1 each or six for \$5.

Happy Holidays! To all our members!

From the Texas Gourd Society Officers and Directors and the Gourdzette!

Kudos to TGS from Betsy Roberts and Galaxy Gourds!

I want to thank everyone in Texas for a GREAT show!!! The building was great! I love the indoor shows!! I now have a better idea of what the weather is like at that time of the year. My only error was to not bring MY fans out of my trailer, that always helps keeps me and my workers cooler and air circulating. Guess we were just too lazy to take them out of the trailer - will know better next time. The hospitality and friendliness was the best anywhere. Thanks to all of you in Texas for making us feel so welcome!! We look forward to seeing you again next year! The art work was amazing!! Boy did I learn a lot! Loved the class organization and set up..... what else can I say - but - Y'all did a great job!!



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A special thanks from TGS to John Flewharty, Vendor Chair. A big part of the success of this show goes to the terrific organizational skills and the difficult task of coordinating space and arrangement of the vendors. Thank you John for all your hard work. We appreciate your dedication and committment.

Dallas Gourd Patch promotes gourding at the Dallas Arboretum

Submitted by Joe Pritchard, Vice President

During several weekends in September, October, and November, Dallas Gourd Patch members were invited to host a table at the Dallas Arboretum to promote public interest and education about gourds and art on gourds. The tables were located adjacent to the Pumpkin Patch at the Arboretum's "Great Pumpkin Festival"; this location provided excellent traffic and interest for our table. During this event, the Arboretum had thousands of pumpkins and hundreds of gourds on display at the Pumpkin Patch as well as along the pathways throughout the gardens. Several patch members worked different weekends: John and Sharon Flewharty, Joe and Robbie Pritchard, Ann Parker, Sylvia Gaines, Pat Duncan, Ethel Virgin, and Roger Kislingbury. Several of the members performed demonstrations in carving and wood burning and decorating gourds. We



Dallas Gourd Patch members (l-r) Robbie Pritchard, Ann Parker and Pat Duncan at the Dallas Arboretum 'Great Pumpkin Festival'.

had a large variety of gourds on display. This is the second year that the Dallas Gourd Patch has been invited to participate in this exhibit. We hope it will become an annual tradition.

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

Membership dues for 2009 are now due.

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Thanks!

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Photos and article by Joe Pritchard

The Texas Gourd Society would like to say a huge “Thank You” to EVERYONE who helped make our 2008 Lone Star Gourd Festival a huge success! Thanks to all the organizers and planners who worked so hard to have everything ready for the show. It’s a long process but it is fun and fulfilling to see everything fit into place successfully. Thanks to all the vendors and exhibitors, some of whom traveled long distances, to display their art and supplies and to educate the public on this wonderful art medium. Thanks to everyone who entered the competition; this was our largest number of entries ever. The entries were great! Congratulations to all the competitors, especially those who received ribbons and special awards.



Door prizes offered by the Capital of Texas Gourd Patch at the Admissions Table.

We had a great group of judges this year and awards were hard-earned. Thanks to all those who volunteered some of their time to help with set-up and take-down of the show and to those who helped during the show itself. Thanks to everyone who made our show look even more professional this year, with banners, pipe frames and dividers for competition area and classrooms, name tags for all staff, volunteers, and vendors, etc.

We really appreciate the excellent teachers for our classes this year. Although we had some teacher cancellations due to health reasons, the classes were great. Thanks to everyone in the Fredericksburg area who helped with organization and took care of some of the details that were hard to handle by phone or email.



Robbie Pritchard at the membership table.

Thanks to the TGS Executive Board, the Board of Directors, and all of the Show Chairs who gave so much of their time to make this show a success.

We have received a lot of constructive comments - and some criticisms - regarding this year's show. The Board will take every suggestion and criticism into consideration and will make necessary adjustments where we can to make the 2009 show even better. We think we have found a good location in Fredericksburg and hope that the Lone Star Gourd Festival will continue to grow and improve. The Board and Directors are already working on elements of the show for 2009. Mark your calendars now – the 2009 Lone Star Gourd Festival will be October 16 through 18, 2009, in Fredericksburg.

Thanks everyone for a great show!



Visitors were treated to a wide variety of gourd art, gourd supplies and raw gourds.



Bayou Gourds owned by Tom and Zelda Hornsby traveled from Louisiana to be at the Festival. Several of the vendors traveled long distances to attend our Festival.



Kristen Johnson, gourd artist from Kansas, displayed her gourds beautifully in her booth.



Bill Decker, TGS 2007-2008 Artist of the Year stands proudly at his booth.



Robbie Pritchard stands with Bonnie Gibson in front of Bonnie's booth. TGS was honored to have Bonnie as our featured artist. Bonnie taught several classes on a variety of techniques she has perfected.

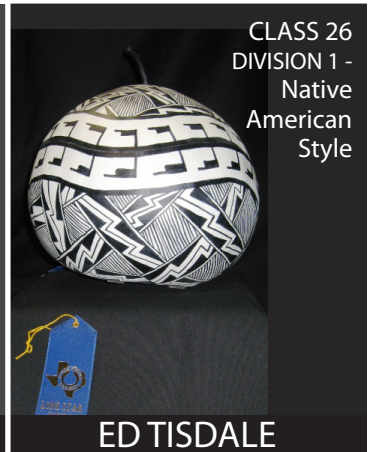
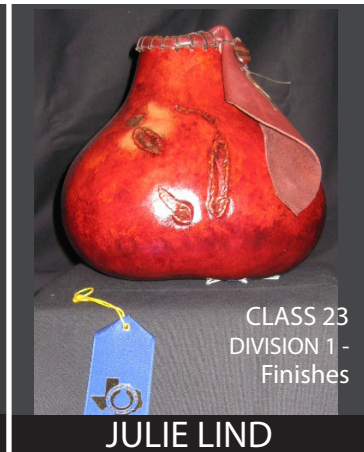
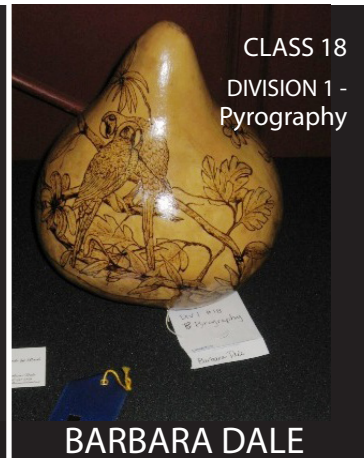
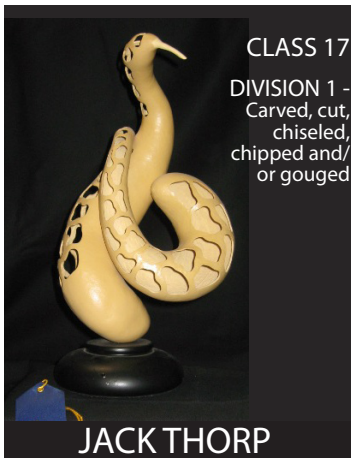
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2008 Competition Winners *Photos by Joe Pritchard*

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DIVISION 1 - BEST OF DIVISION - JULIE LIND - CLASS 22 - WEAVING/COILING/TENERIFE



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chiseled and/
or gouged

BERT PETRIE



CLASS 33
DIVISION 2 -
Pyrography

JANE HOLBROOK



CLASS 34
DIVISION 2 -
Painted

HELLEN MARTIN



CLASS 35
DIVISION 2 -
Ink and/
or colored
pencil

BERT PETRIE



CLASS 36
DIVISION 2 -
Beaded

GINNY WATTS



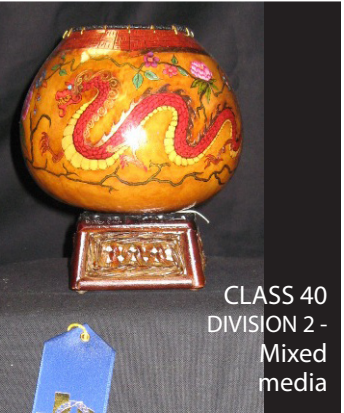
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Weaving/
Coiling/
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PATTY SORENSEN



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Finishes

DARLA HINES



CLASS 40
DIVISION 2 -
Mixed
media

CHERYL LEWIS



CLASS 41
DIVISION 2 -
Native American
Style

GINNY WATTS



CLASS 42
DIVISION 2 -
Holiday

CHERYL LEWIS



CLASS 43
DIVISION 2 -
Covered
Gourd

BETTY VERTIN



CLASS 44
DIVISION 2 -
Birdhouse

GAIL ADAMS

YOUTH DIVISION



CLASS 45
DIVISION 2 -
My Idea

BILL DECKER



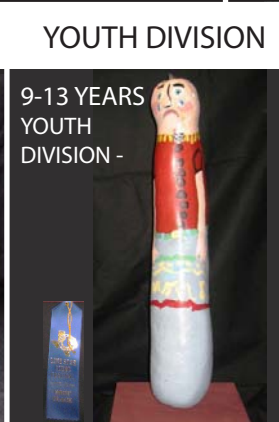
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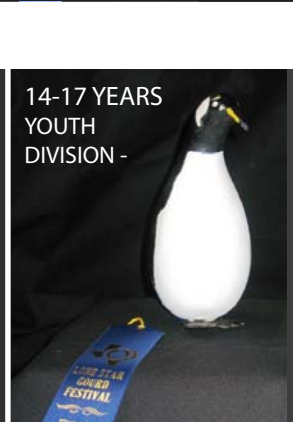
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HANNAH TEATER



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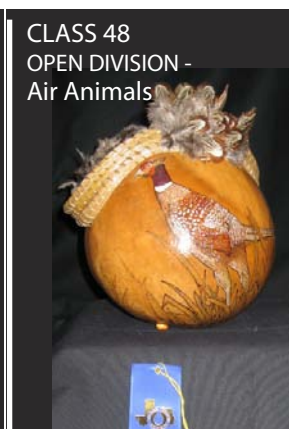
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CLASS 47
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Land Animals

CHERYL LEWIS



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Air Animals

BARBARA DALE



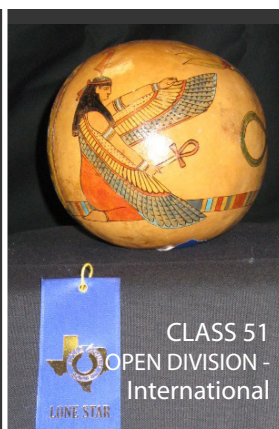
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Sea Animals

DON VYSKOCIL



CLASS 50
OPEN DIVISION -
Doll

LYNDA SMITH



CLASS 51
OPEN DIVISION -
International

DARLA HINES



CLASS 52
OPEN DIVISION -
Texas Our
Texas

DARLA HINES



CLASS 53
OPEN DIVISION -
Fantasy

DUSTY LOCKEY



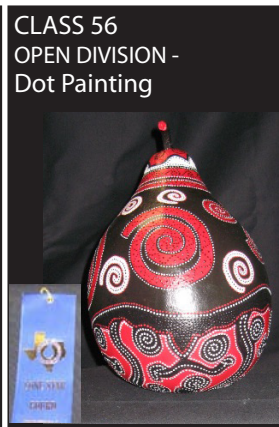
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LINDA BAKER



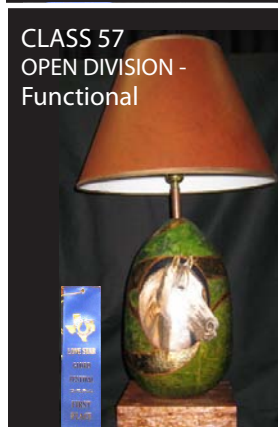
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Baskets

GINNY WATTS



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Dot Painting

SYLVIA GAINES



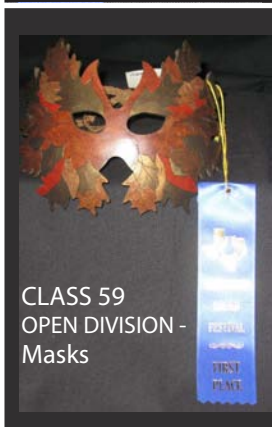
CLASS 57
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Functional

SYLVIA GAINES



CLASS 58
OPEN DIVISION -
Wall Hangings

JANE HOLBROOK



CLASS 59
OPEN DIVISION -
Masks

DUSTY LOCKEY



CLASS 60
OPEN DIVISION -
Musical
Instruments

PINKY TAYLOR



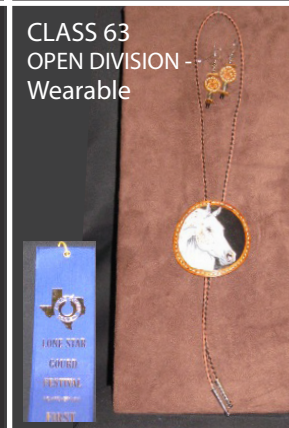
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Decorated
Dipper

BERT PETRIE



CLASS 62
OPEN DIVISION -
Subject of Gourds

LISA HOUGH



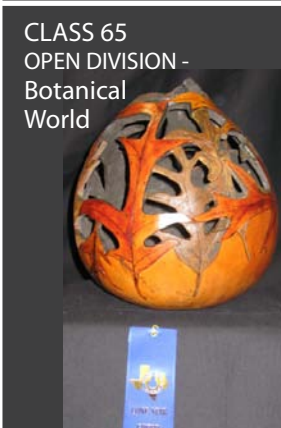
CLASS 63
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Wearable

SYLVIA GAINES



CLASS 64
OPEN DIVISION -
Miniature

SYLVIA GAINES



CLASS 65
OPEN DIVISION -
Botanical
World

DARLA HINES



CLASS 66
OPEN DIVISION -
Southwest
Inspired

CHERYL LEWIS

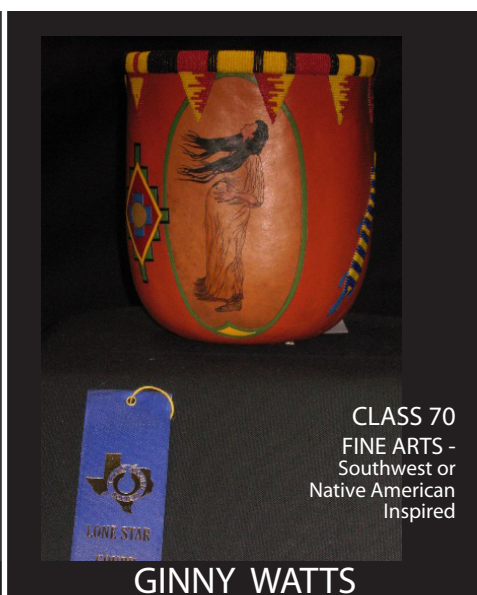
FINE ARTS DIVISION - BEST OF DIVISION - CLASS 68- SYLVIA GAINES - MIXED MEDIA



SYLVIA GAINES



BILL DECKER



GINNY WATTS

ADDITIONAL AWARDS



HELLEN MARTIN



BERT PETRIE



BILL DECKER

Special Thanks!
To All the 2008 Judges ...

This year our judges included Dede Albus and Lanza Teague from KACC, Gerald and Debbie Tobola owners of Copper Shade Tree Gallery, Betsy Roberts Galaxy Gourds and guest artist, Bonnie Gibson Arizona Gourds and guest artist and Janet Wyman daughter of Judy Richie. These judges did an incredible job and TGS is very grateful for their expertise and the time and consideration they took in judging the largest number of entries ever. Competition chair, Judy Richie, selected these judges and organized and directed this years competition. It was an enormous task and our thanks go to Judy and her team for their part in our show.

Save the date!

**Lone Star
Gourd Festival**

Oct. 16 - 18, 2009

**Gillespie County Fairgrounds
Fredericksburg, TX**

2008 Lone Star Gourd Festival – Competition Results

Growers

Class 2 – Ornamentals – 1st -Randy Hough

Class 5 – Largest Dried – 1st - Maria Aguilar

Class 6 – Smallest, Fresh – 1st Randy Hough

Class 7 – Smallest, Dried – 1st- Randy Hough

Class 9 – Longest, Dried – 1st – Randy Hough

Class 11 – Longest and straightest, dried – Randy Hough

Crafted/Art Gourds

Division 1

Class 17 – Carved, Cut, etc.

1st Jack Thorp 3rd – Michael Cosgrove

2nd Linda Baker

Class 18 – Pyrography

1st Barbara Dale

Class 19 – Painted

1st Karen Hobbs

2nd Maria Aguilar

Class 20 – Ink and/or Colored Pencil – No entries

Class 21 – Beaded

1st Pinky Taylor

2nd Mary Geary

Class 22 – Weaving, etc.

1st Julie Lind 3rd Pinky Taylor

2nd Barbara Dale

Class 23 – Finishes

1st Julie Lind 3rd Virginia Saip

2nd Pinky Taylor

Class 25 – Mixed Media

1st Julie Lind 3rd Marilyn Carrico

2nd Pat Duncan

Class 26 – Native American Style

1st Ed Tisdale 3rd Charla Johnson

2nd Julie Birky

Class 27 – Holiday

1st Sue Haberer 3rd Pinky Taylor

2nd Karen Hobbs

Class 28 – Covered Gourd

1st and 2nd - none

3rd – Virginia Saip

Class 29 – Birdhouse

1st Maria Aguilar 3rd – none

2nd Barbara Dale

Class 30 – My Idea

1st Claire Cassan 3rd Janice Huddleston

2nd Sharon Copenhaver

Class 31 – Sculpture

1st Dianne Taylor 3rd none

2nd Jack Thorp

Division 2

Class 32 – Carved, cut, etc.

1st Bert Petrie 3rd Barbie Holton

2nd Bill Decker

Class 33 – Pryography

1st Jane Holbrook 3rd Barbie Holton

2nd Bert Petrie

Class 34- Painted

1st Hellen Martin 3rd Betty Vertin

2nd Lynda Smith

Class 35 – Ink and/or colored pencil

1st Bert Petrie 3rd – none

2nd Betty Vertin

Class 36 – Beaded

1st Ginny Watts 3rd Jane Holbrook

2nd Barb Petrosky

Class 37 – Weaving, etc.

1st Patty Sorensen 3rd Darla Hines

2nd Betty Vertin

Class 38 – Finishes

1st Darla Hines 3rd Pat Duncan

2nd Ginny Watts

Class 40 – Mixed Media

1st Cheryl Lewis 3rd DustyLockey

2nd Patty Sorensen

Honorable Mention – Jane Holbrook
and Bert Petrie

Class 41 – Native American Style

1st Ginny Watts 3rd None

2nd Dusty Lockey

Class 42 – Holiday

1st Cheryl Lewis 3rd Darla Hines

2nd Martha West

Class 43 – Covered Gourd

1st Betty Vertin 3rd Barbie Holton

2nd Darla Hines

Class 44 – Birdhouse

1st Gail Adams

2nd and 3rd – none

Class 45 – My Idea

1st Bill Decker 3rd Jane Holbrook

2nd Bert Petrie

Class 46 – Sculpture

1st Bert Petrie 3rd None

2nd Pat Duncan

Open Division

Class 47 – Land Animals

1st Cheryl Lewis 3rd none

2nd Darla Hines

Class 48 – Air Animals

1st Barbara Dale 3rd none

2nd Don Vyskocil

Class 49 – Sea Animals

1st Don Vyskocil 3rd Dianna Taylor

2nd Janice Huddleston

Class 50 – Doll

1st Lynda Smith 3rd Mary Geary

2nd Maria Aguilar

Class 51 – International

1st Darla Hines 3rd none

2nd Cheryl Lewis

Class 52 – Texas Our Texas

1st Darla Hines 3rd none

2nd Barbara Dale

Class 53 – Fantasy

1st Dusty Lockey 3rd none

2nd Michael Cosgrove

Class 54 – Abstract

1st Linda Baker 3rd none

2nd Betty Vertin

Class 55 – Baskets

1st Ginny Watts 3rd Maria Aguilar

2nd Sondra Drake

Class 56 – Dot painting

1st Sylvia Gaines 3rd Barbi Holton

2nd Betty Vertin

Class 57 – Functional, etc

1st Sylvia Gaines 3rd Pinky Taylor

2nd Jane Holbrook

Class 58 – Wall Hangings

1st Jane Holbrook 3rd none

2nd Darla Hines

Class 59 – Masks

1st Dusty Lockey 3rd Pamela Gilde

2nd Clair Casson

Class 60 – Musical Instruments

1st Pinky Taylor

2nd and 3rd none

Class 61 – Decorated Dipper

1st Bert Petrie

2nd and 3rd none

Class 62 – Subject of Gourds

1st Lisa Hough

2nd and 3rd none

Class 63 – Wearable

1st Sylvia Gaines 3rd Pinky Taylor

2nd Jane Holbrook

Class 64 – Miniature

1st Sylvia Gaines 3rd Dusty Lockey

2nd Ginny Watts

Class 65 – Botanical World

1st Darla Hines 3rd Jane Holbrook

2nd Pink Taylor

Class 66 – Southwest Inspired

1st Cheryl Lewis 3rd Julie Lind

2nd Charla Johnson

Class 67 – Multiple Artisans

1st none

2nd Neva Cauley and Sammie Roye

3rd Maria Aguilar, Jimmy and Lelia Sublett

Fine Arts Division

Class 68 – Mixed Media

1st Sylvia Gaines 3rd Ginny Watts

2nd Bill Decker

Class 69 – Sculpture

1st Bill Decker

2nd and 3rd none

Class 70 – Southwest or Native American Inspired

1st Ginny Watts 3rd Hellen Martin

2nd Sylvia Gaines

Youth Division

8 Years and Under

1st Melissa Noble 3rd Brook Teater

2nd David Teater

9 – 13 years

1st Hannah Teater

2nd Thornton 07

3rd Thornton 06 (Special Ed Student,
name withheld)

14 – 17 years

1st Megan Bullock

Additional Awards

Best of Show – Sylvia Gaines – **Fine Art Div Class 68**

Texas Award – Bert Petrie – **Div 2 Class 32**

VIP Award – Hellen Martin – **Fine Art Div Class 70**

People's Choice – Bill Decker – **Fine Art Div Class 69**

Best of Division

Growers – Randy Hough **Class 11**

Div 1 – Julie Lind – **Class 22**

Div 2 – Bert Petrie – **Class 32**

Open – Sylvia Gaines – **Class 64**

Fine Art – Sylvia Gaines – **Class 68**

*Missing classes had no entries so class # was deleted due to spacing issues.

More kudos to TGS...

The 2008 Lone Star Gourd Festival had the largest selection of top professional and talented member teachers to date. Each year as our Festival grows we hope to up the bar in our offerings of some of the top talent in the world of gourd art. Here's an excerpt of a note from one our members and students this year, Sylvia Hendrix, who traveled to Fredericksburg from Arkansas to learn from some of the best...

"Poor Bonnie—she had me for all 3 of her classes, but I'm so thankful to her for being such a great teacher!! She seems to be born to teach..... I hope to be able to show with my work how awesome a teacher she really is! Oh—she and Ev are also a couple of 'down to earth' very nice people!"

Another 'Awesome' teacher, is Hellen Martin!! I'm not quite thru with my Santa, but I'll for sure take a picture of it and hope she gives me an A!!

I'm sure all the teachers there were as wonderful as the two that I had, and I am SURE that the Texas Lone Star Gourd Festival will do nothing but grow by leaps and bounds!!!


Gourd Hugs to all
Sylvia AR/TX

Special thanks from TGS to our Education (Class) Chair, Betty Vertin. Betty's hard work of scheduling classes and teachers is evident from the responses we have gotten from students and teachers alike. Thank you Betty for your time and commitment to making this years festival a success!

THANK YOU!

Sue Haberer, Show Chair... John Flewharty, Vendor Chair...
Judy Richie, Competition Chair... Betty Vertin, Education
Chair... Lelia Sublett, Bev Tomek and Rebecca Wise, Adver-
tising & Publicity Chair... Elic & Lydia Knight, Admissions
Chair... Patty Gilliland & Gail Adams, Raffle Chair... Lynda
Smith, Kids Kraft Korner and Decorations Chair... Pam
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The TGS fall business meeting and Banquet was held Saturday night at the Hermann Sons Lodge. In addition to business and dinner, members were treated to an entertaining and fun event – The Gourd Hat Parade and the surprise appearance of the Good Witch of Gourds - Betty Kent.



Betty Kent bewitched us all in her gourd costume with her gourdaceous ta-tas.



Participants in the Gourd Hat Parade were (l-r) Ethel Virgin, Pat Duncan, Sylvia Gaines, Betty Kent and Sharon Flewharty.



Nancy Perhala proudly displays the gourd wall hanging she won in one of the raffles. The wall hanging was created and donated by the Dallas Gourd Patch.



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Florida Gourd Society's 11th Annual Florida Gourd Show in Palatka, FL

Mar 27-29

Gourd Retreat–Southern Style near Savannah, GA

Apr 4

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

May 9

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Sept. 18-19

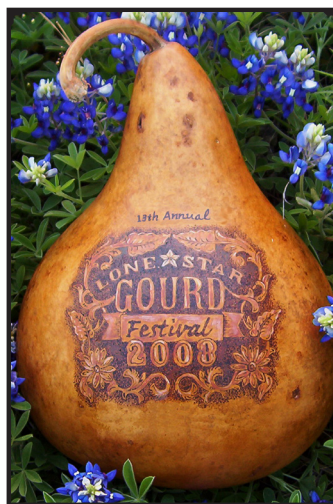
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Even though the festival is over, you can continue to publicize TGS by purchasing and wearing this years t-shirt! There are a few t-shirts remaining. Please support TGS and the Lone Star Gourd Festival and buy a t-shirt from the 2008 Lone Star Gourd Festival. Contact Joe Pritchard at 817 905-3178 for available sizes.

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