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Lone Star Gourd Festival 2008



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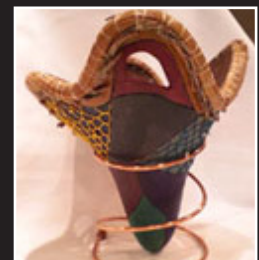
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Learn a new technique! Enroll in a class at the Festival!



Bill Willibey, President

President's Message - by Bill Willibey

In just a short time we will be in Fredericksburg for the Lone Star Gourd Festival October 17th (9 am-4 pm for outdoor classes), 18th (9 am to 5 pm), and 19th (10 am to 4pm) at the Fairgrounds, South of town on highway 16. Bev Tomek and Lelia Sublett have effectively publicized our show, but I hope all of us can help to promote it more by posting and distributing flyers and post cards. Print a flyer from the website www.texasgourdsociety.org, contact your Patch Leader, or get in touch with Lelia – 512-847-8102 or jsublette4@austin.rr.com. Contact our volunteer coordinator, Pam Word at 903-734-1106 or havnwords@msn.com to let her know the hours you are able to work this weekend.

You still have time to register for classes shown in this issue and on the website, but call Betty Vertin at 830-367-4454 to make sure the class is not full. This year we are honored to have celebrity instructors – Bonnie Gibson and Betsy Roberts plus several very talented TGS member instructors. Also be sure to enter some of your gourd art in one of the many competition categories shown on the website. Entries will be judged Friday evening, so make arrangements for someone to deliver

your items if you cannot get there until later. You must have your application and fees mailed and postmarked no later than October 1 for the lowest fee, but you can pay more and enter by mail or at the show before the deadline on Friday, the 17th. Call Judy Richie if you have any questions about the competition – 830-257-8939.

Be sure to make reservations for the banquet, business meeting and election on Saturday the 18th. Pertinent info regarding the banquet is on pg. 11 of this newsletter. At our business meeting, you will be voting on a change in the TGS constitution and by-laws, and if that passes, then you will be electing new officers and directors. The highlight of the banquet will be a GOURD HAT PARADE. Everyone should make a gourd hat to wear while parading around the audience. Betty Kent will be leading this parade – I wonder if she has the same one she wore about 5 years ago.

At the show, you will see many new vendors – be sure to learn and buy from all the vendors – also check the booth of our Artist of the Year, Bill Decker. Participate in the Silent auction (be sure to contact Hellen Martin to donate your items for this great fund raiser). Buy a terrific Tee shirt, designed by Sylvia Gaines. Get more information at www.texasgourdsociety.org.

I am very sorry that Clara and I will not be in Fredericksburg for this great weekend, but I am happy to report that our oldest son is getting married this same weekend in Louisiana. Vice President Joe Pritchard will be covering the president's duties along with many other duties.

Bill Willibey

TGS President

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On the Cover: Lone Star Gourd Festival 2008! Reap the benefits of learning from some of the top professionals in gourds teaching classes at this year's Lone Star Gourd Festival. Celebrity instructors as well as TGS member instructors have some fantastic classes scheduled throughout the weekend. Come join in the fun and learn some new techniques. Classes are still open and there is still time to sign up and get in on the fun. Call Betty Vertin at 830 367-4454.

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Notice of Proposed Changes to TGS Constitution & By-Laws

By Joe Pritchard, Vice President

The Texas Gourd Society Board of Directors and Executive Board has recommended changes to the Constitution and By-Laws, on which the general membership will vote. These changes are intended to clarify the payment of dues and to place the election of officers and the fiscal year in alignment with the calendar year and with membership terms. The proposed changes will be presented to the membership for a vote at the Fall Business meeting during the Lone Star Gourd Festival October 18, 2008, in Fredericksburg, Texas. Details of the meeting and banquet will be sent by separate mailing.

The proposed changes:

Constitution, Article III, Section 3, currently reads – “Membership shall be for one year and shall begin January 1 of each year upon receipt of the payment of dues. Dues paid other than January 1 will be prorated by the month.”

Proposed change: Amend the last sentence to read: “Dues paid by new members other than January 1 will be prorated by the month.”

By Law Article III, Section 3, currently reads – “The Officers and Directors shall be elected at the first meeting of the year. New Officers shall start their term upon election.”

Proposed change: Amend to read: “The Officers and Directors shall be elected at the Fall Meeting. New Officers shall start their term January 1.”

Standing Rules #4 currently reads: “The Fiscal Year shall be February 1 through January 31.”

Proposed change: Amend rule to read: “The Fiscal Year shall be January 1 through December 31.”

Save the date!

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Oct. 18 & 19, 2008
Gillespie County Fairgrounds
Fredericksburg, TX**

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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 had a large turnout for our August meeting and spent a lot of time discussing and planning for the show in October. We talked about our booth layout, work assignments, special projects, gourd competition, and our raffle contribution. Many of our members turned in their Texas themed Christmas ornaments for our raffle tree and others promised to bring more ornaments to our next meeting. We hope to put all the finishing touches – eye hooks, ribbons, etc. to complete the tree at our next meeting on October 4th.

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 in July in the home of one of our members, Charla Johnson. Charla gave us a lesson on how to make santa faces using sculpy clay. Each person made their own Santa face. We also got ideas on how to make clay arms and hands. In August, we showed how to marbelize gourd bowls and then attach pine needle coiling. Our September meeting will consist of showing and selling gourds during a Ranch Tour in Whiteface.

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.htm>

At the August meeting members created “gourdaments” for the Mardi Gras tree donated to the Lone Star Gourd Festival 2008. Thanks to Pam Word for providing the gold tree. Each member is asked to paint four or five ornaments using mini gourds. “I heard it from the gourd vine...what the patches are donating to Lone Star Festival 2008 Raffle...Dallas Gourd Patch– The Dallas Gourd Patch is working on a Wall Hanging. It incorporates approximately 35 individually created gourd tiles of various shapes and sizes. Cowtown is doing pins.... as in brooches – at least one for each month. The Guadalupe Patch is working on a wreath with Children of the World on it. It's in the works right now, and is looking good. East Texas Piney Woods Patch is donating a Mardi Gras Tree (also known as the procrastinators' tree – you don't have to take it down 'til after February 24, 2009 !)

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

Howdy to all! The Cowtown Gourd Patch has lot's going on. Barbara Petroski has finally after 3 years of doing a great job as Patch President managed to find someone else to take the reins. Natha Chance is now the new Patch President. Edie Davis has found someone to take her place as Patch Treasure after having the position since the Patch began in June 2002 and Sharon Copenhaver has decided to take the position as treasure. The Patch is working on a variety of pins or brooches made out of Gourd as our item to donate to the raffle at the Texas Gourd Show in October. Patch members are working on their items for the big show and getting excited about the up coming show. Cowtown Patch is meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month at 6 pm at Lopez Cafe on Crowley Road formerly known as Dianas Diner in front of Mikes Garden Center. Hope to see ya there.

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

The Heart of Texas Patch met on Saturday, August 23. Attendance has been poor so we have not met regularly. I suppose summer activities, vacations, etc. plus the price of gas may be reasons folks are not attending. Hope to see everyone at The Festival in October. Happy gourdning to all!

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 has been busy at our meetings working on our raffle donation for the Texas Gourd Show. We will have a wreath with Children of the World. We are getting exited about the show being held in our backyard. Betty Vertin, Ginny Saip and Linda Baker will be having some of their gourd art on display at the Kerrville Library. Along with their gourd art there will be information on the history of gourds and the Lone Star Gourd Festival. We are all looking forward to the show.

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 has taken a break from the summer heat and will get back to business September 21, 08 at The Fielder Museum 1616 Abrams Ave, Arlington. Crossroads Abrams and Fielder street. At our last June meeting Cindi provided warty gourds to the members and we made warty frogs. What great froggers they were. Please join us for workshops, demo's and gourd mischief. See you soon.

**TGS SOUTHEAST TEXAS GOURD PATCH - Houston, TX area CONTACT: M.A. Koepke
gfheeleraussie@yahoo.com 281-579-7548 SE Patch website www.geocities.com/TGS_southeast**

Wow! Here it is September already, and we're only a month from the Lone Star Gourd Festival in Fredericksburg. The Southeast Gourdpatch has had a busy year. In June, we met at the Magnolia home of Darla and Tee Hines, where Darla conducted a class on Faux Raku on a gourd. Darla's horse, Duncan, kept us entertained, and fifteen members created fifteen unique pieces of art. In July, we met at the Hobby Lobby on F.M. 529. Eight members were present as Clara and Bill Willibey helped everyone with the leather rim using Lelia Sublett's method, featured in the June Gourdette. Bill also took some photos to update our patch website. In August, five members had a booth at the Chappell Hill Lavender Festival. We talked gourds and more gourds, and we conducted demos of cutting, chipping and wood-burning on a gourd throughout the day. It was hot, but we were under the trees, and there was a breeze. We gave out numerous handouts and other gourd information, and fielded many questions about the TGS show in Fredericksburg. We had a small group, but we all had fun. Also this quarter, the patch elected new officers. M.A. Koepke was elected patch president, Abby Sandlin treasurer, and Fred Koepke secretary. Our meeting this month is scheduled to include a class on power-carving and pine needle coiling. Of course, in October, we're looking forward to Fredericksburg, and in November, our meeting will include a class on inlay and inlaid.

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

The LSG Festival is quickly approaching and the Dallas Gourd Patch members have been hard at work creating their Patch Raffle item. At our July meeting members brought the individual tiles they had decorated so we could begin creating our wall hanging. Over half of our membership created multiple tiles which were then pieced together to create a magnificent piece of art displaying a broad range of talent. At our August meeting, Pat Duncan gave a wonderful demo on cutting an intricate floral gourd top utilizing various saws and other tools. Members were able to get some hands-on experience so they might be better able to create their own unique gourd art. For our September meeting, Sylvia Gaines demonstrated her method of Aboriginal Dot art using 3D Craft Paint. Members were able to practice with pieces of gourd which were given to the Dallas Gourd Patch by the Dallas Arboretum. Last year and this year, members volunteered their time over several week-ends to participate in the Dallas Arboretum Fall Festival by promoting gourds and gourd art. In return for their volunteer time, the Arboretum donated some left over gourds to the Dallas Patch. This year promises to be another good year at the Arboretum and DGP members will once again be participating in Sept., Oct. and Nov.

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Gimbel Gourd Farm
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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.

ATTENTION!!!!

Unfortunately we have had some last minute cancellations and changes related to our Festival classes after we went to press. Please see our web site at www.texasgourdsociety.org for the most current information.

COMPETITORS!!!

All entries in the Lone Star Gourd Festival Competition must be delivered between 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M., October 17, 2008 to the competition area in the Exposition Building of the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. You will receive a claim check for each entry. Judging will be Friday night. You can mail in your entry form and fee before Oct. 1. to save money and to help speed the process up a bit.

Pick up time for entries at the close of the show is 4:00 P.M. October 19. Your claim check will be required to pick up your entry. You may have someone pick up your entries for you but they must have your claim check.

2009 RAFFLE GOURD COMPLETED!!

It's finished and it's beautiful! The 2009 Raffle Gourd "Wildflowers of Texas" has already traveled quite a lot around the state so it could be decorated by each of our 9 patches here in Texas. It will be prominently displayed at the 2008 Lone Star Gourd Festival in Fredericksburg where tickets may be purchased for a chance to win it at the 2009 Lone Star Gourd Festival. Throughout the year it will travel to all kinds of events where people can buy tickets. Be sure to buy your tickets at the festival and then you can be in the running for the most beautiful floral gourd in Texas!



Cowtown



West Texas



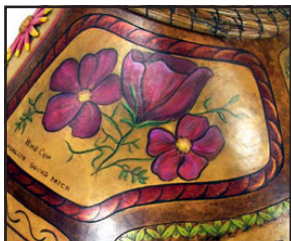
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Arlington



Capital of TX



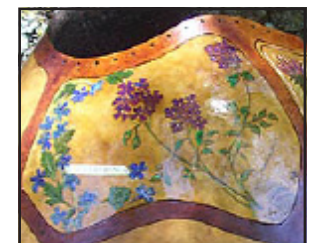
Guadalupe



Dallas



Heart of Texas

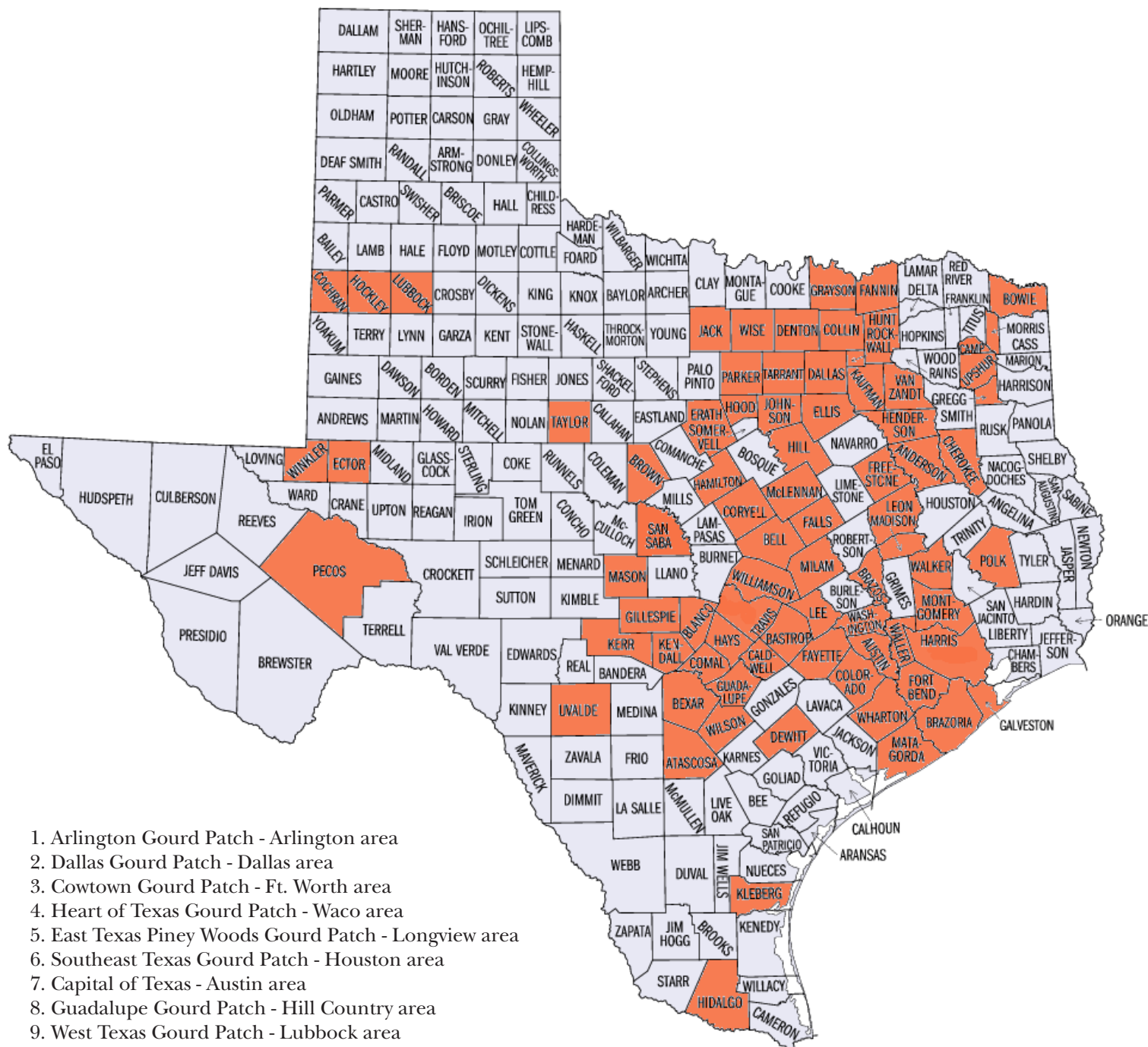


East Tx Piney Woods

Texas Gourd Society Membership – Where Are Our Members?

by Robbie Pritchard – Membership

TGS currently has 232 member families - a membership is good for everyone in the household, so we have more than 232 members. 210 of the families are located in Texas; the map shows counties in which we have current members. In addition, we have 22 members outside of Texas. They are: Alabama (1), Arkansas (1), California (1), Louisiana (2), Michigan (1), Missouri (3), North Carolina (2), New Mexico (2), Ohio (2), Oklahoma (3), Oregon (2), and Washington (2).



Did you know? There are currently 9 patches in the state of Texas. Find one close to you and join it to learn new techniques, meet new people with a similar passion for gourds and get the latest news and event information. What are you waiting for? Join a patch near you today!



New Members Welcome!

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

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COMING SOON!!

The Next Traveling Raffle Gourd

Attention All Patch Members! The next traveling raffle gourd will be taking it's first step at the TGS 2008 Lone Star Gourd Festival in Fredericksburg, TX.

The theme for this gourd is Texas Ranch and Farm Life. As in previous years, each patch will have a designated section. 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. Just a few ideas are: chickens, ranchers, old farm equipment, ranch horses, rodeo, crops, tree farms, pigs, goats, sheep, fence lines, boots, cattle dogs, home-made bread, country churches, farmers, picnics, tractors, washtubs, pick up trucks, trail drives, plows, feed stores, home cooking and the cook, the mouser cat in the barn, old barns, new farms, ponds, streams, ranch or farm gates, the deed to the property, mules, and bare foot kids. Start planning now to take part of this great fund raiser for TGS. The section pattern and guidelines will be given to each Patch leader at the Festival. We'll be using a Texas home grown gourd donated by Ramon and Anne Williams. Get your first look at the gourd in October when you're buying those raffle tickets for the completed Wild Flower Raffle Gourd.

Darla Hines

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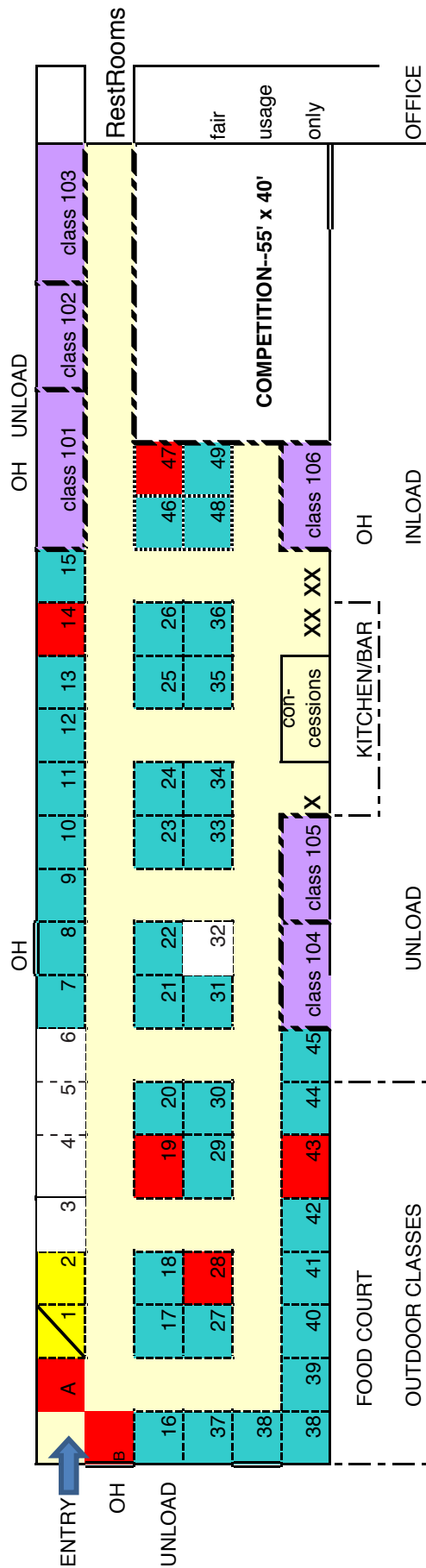
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Texas Gourd Society Lone Star Gourd Festival, Oct 18-19, 2008

Gillespie County Fair Grounds, Exhibition Hall, Fredericksburg, Texas

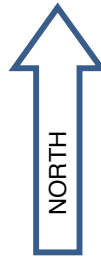


NOTES--these areas for TGS

- A & B-- ADMISSIONS AND MEMBERSHIP
- 1, 2--AUCTION AND RAFFLE
- 17--Bill Decker, artist of the year
- 27--BONNIE GIBSON
- 38 (2spaces) --KIDS KORNER
- CLASSROOMS
- Vendor Electricity requested (rented booth)
- Classroom electricity
- Rented spaces

x=table spaces

final location to be made
at time of layout.



ATTENTION VENDORS!!

- This layout was last updated 9/15/08. For the
- most up to date information regarding available
- space and Exhibition Hall layout, please contact
- John Flewharty at 940 380-9566 or
- dsf1511@verizon.net

1,2.	Auction & Raffle	22	Dallas Gourd Patch	35,36	Robert Schuetze	TABLE SPACES
3,4,5,6	OPEN	23	Gerry Flewharty	37	Kathleen Martin	
7,8	Bayou Gourds	24,34	Arlington Gourd Patch	38, 38	KIDS KORNER	
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18	Hellen Martin	30	Gay Wright	47	Judy Richie	
19	Sue Haberer	32	OPEN	48	Martha Webb	
20	Capital of Texas Gourd Patch	33	Patty Sorensen	49	Lelia Sublett	
21,31	John and Sharon Flewharty					

Lone Star Gourd Festival Banquet Details

The TGS fall business meeting will be held Saturday, October 18, 2008 in Fredericksburg, Texas. The event will begin at 6:00 pm., following the first day of the Lone Star Gourd Festival. The meeting and catered meal will be held at Hermann Sons Lodge, 1109 South Adams, Fredericksburg. The lodge is approximately 2 miles from the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. At the first light, after leaving the fairgrounds heading north, turn right on Friendship Lane and 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". The driveway is just after the last house; the lodge is behind the houses. If you come to a 4 way stop sign you missed it. Hopefully there will be a sign or TGS Banner at the driveway entrance.

The business meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. One of the items on the agenda will be a vote on proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws; the recommended changes are discussed in this newsletter on page 3.

If the proposed changes are accepted in the vote, the Nominating Committee will then present a slate of officers and two new Directors to be voted upon, to take office January 1, 2009. Nominees will also be accepted from the floor at that time. All of the current elected officers have agreed to serve another term, if elected. They are:

President Bill Willibey
Vice President Joe Pritchard
Membership Robbie Pritchard
Secretary Patty Sorensen
Treasurer Lynda Smith

Two Directors will be completing their three-year terms this year. Ethel Virgin has agreed to be presented as a nominee for one of the Director positions. The Nominating Committee is finalizing a nominee for the other Director position.

The catered banquet will begin at 7:30 pm. Details of the banquet will be sent by post card when all details and price are finalized. Members will make reservations for the banquet by contacting TGS Secretary Patty Sorensen at 936-597-6357 or by email at cpsorensen@consolidated.net. Patty will start taking reservations Sept. 28th. It is recommended you make your reservations for the meal as early as possible – maximum seating at the meeting hall is 125.

REMEMBER!

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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Classes will be held at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds, in Fredericksburg, Texas. They will be filled on a first-come basis and the class fee must accompany the application for a place to be guaranteed in the class. There will be no refunds on outdoor classes due to weather. No cancellations after October 1. There will be a \$10 cancellation fee.

Make check payable to the Texas Gourd Society and mail to: Betty Vertin, 310 Scrub Oak, Ingram, TX 78025
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Please feel free to make a copy of the form below or cut it out and mail it in with your entry fee(s).

Oct 17, 2008, Friday	
Class name _____	Fee _____
Oct 18, 2008, Saturday, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon	
Class name _____	Fee _____
Oct 18, 2008, Saturday, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	
Class name _____	Fee _____
Oct 19, 2008 Sunday, 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm	
Class name _____	Fee _____
Total Due _____	
Name _____	
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WANTED! GOURD ARTISTS!

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2008 TGS Lone Star Gourd Festival Classes

The following list of classes is abbreviated for space here. For a more concise list and a more detailed description, please go to the TGS web site: www.texasgourdsociety.org or contact Betty Vertin to mail one to you.

Note: Some classes will be held outside under a roof. Please dress accordingly. Classes will not be cancelled due to weather.

Friday – October 17 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Power Carving – Bonnie Gibson

\$70 – Skill level - All Learn the basics of power carving from a skilled carver and instructor. This class includes an introduction to the use of other products and tools. Be prepared for a day of jam-packed learning with techniques from Maria's Book, "New Gourd Art with Ink Dyes." Maria has pioneered the techniques using ink dyes by Stewart Superior and the other beautiful products by Terra Bella Finishes.



Friday – October 17 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Leather Backed Gourd Pouch - Kathy Riker

\$60 – Students will learn how to design and carve a section of "filigree" into the gourd surface and you will have the option of adding design elements, such as butterflies, dragonflies, etc.



Friday – October 17 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Painting and Coiling – Betsy Roberts

\$55 – Skill level – All levels We will paint beautiful gourds with Radiant Rain paints for an amazing colorful piece. We will also paint the coiling to match our pieces and then learn to coil with Danish Cord for the finished creation.



Friday – October 17 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Mandala Gourd Art – Maria Dellos

\$75 – Minimum 10, Maximum 20 Students

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Create this project with Maria and learn how to use that w

gourd art. You have the option of using other products and tools. Be prepared for a day of jam-packed learning with techniques from Maria's Book, "New Gourd Art with Ink Dyes." Maria has pioneered the techniques using ink dyes by Stewart Superior and the other beautiful products by Terra Bella Finishes.

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Saturday, October 18 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Filigree Carving – Bonnie Gibson

\$50 – Skill level - All Learn how to design and carve a section of "filigree" into the gourd surface and you will have the option of adding design elements, such as butterflies, dragonflies, etc.



Saturday, October 18 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Alcohol Technique Finish –

Judy Richie

\$50 – Skill level - All

Learn to create a design on your gourd. You will discover the reaction caused by the alcohol based solutions and how the use of different colors can enhance the design and create depth.



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TRAVELING GOURD UPDATE

by Gerry Flewharty



"The original TGS Traveling Gourd has now traveled over 5,465 total miles. I picked it up in Arlington and brought it to Dallas on 7/4/08. Next, I delivered it to Ann Little in Fredericksburg on 7/17/08. Ann has done a fantastic job in promoting it to advertise the TGS Lone Star Gourd Festival. In July, she had it displayed at the City Hall in Fredericksburg. Next, Artisan at Rocky Hill Gallery has it on display it from Aug. 19 until Sept. 11, 2008. Afterwards, it will be located at the Pioneer Memorial Library in Fredericksburg until Oct. 18th and 19th at the 2008 Lone Star Gourd Festival at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. You must see it displayed on the new revolving turntable!"

Learn more about the "Traveling Texas Gourd" on the website at: www.texasgourdsociety.org

(Classes continued)

Saturday, October 18 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Windows of Color – Karen Hobbs

\$55 – Skill Level – All

Create a unique gourd coiled with Danish Cord and Waxed Linen into curves and windows. Further details on TGS website.



Saturday, October 18 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Closed Coiling – Right-handed – Hellen Martin

\$45 – Skill level – Beginners

This class will introduce you to the basic techniques of closed coiling. You will learn the following techniques: starting and ending, basic wrapping, adding additional waxed linen and colors, and figure 8 wrapping.

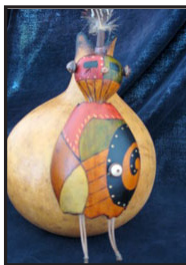


Saturday, October 18 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Friendly Spirit – Sue Haberer

\$40 – Skill Level – All

Students will make a Friendly Spirit doll from the bulging neck of a bottle gourd and a small jewelry gourd. Woodburners will be used to make details; then we will use paints/stains/dyes to decorate the doll.



Fredericksburg Accomodations

We suggest you make your motel reservations early – there are other events in Fredericksburg this weekend and a block of reserved rooms is not available. You may visit: <http://www.hill-country-visitor.com> or

<http://www.fredericksburg-texas.com> for a listing of lodging in the area. These sites contain a lot of useful information about the Fredericksburg area. If you need assistance with travel arrangements, you may also contact our members: Elic & Lydia Knight at 214-385-6224 or elicknightsr@sbcglobal.net

Additional information on motels and RV parks in the Kerrville area (20 miles away) may be found here also. There is an abbreviated list of motel and RV camps from the website list on pg. 19 of this newsletter. This is for those members who may not have easy access to a computer or the internet.

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Inlaid Carving - Patty Sorensen

\$55 – Skill Level – All

The student will carve out an area on a gourd to put Inlaid. That piece needs to harden over night; therefore, they will take it home and do the carving. They will be furnished a gourd medallion that will be ready to sand and carve. That piece can be finished in class.



Saturday, October 18 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Filigreee Carving – Bonnie Gibson

\$50 – Skill level - All

Learn how to design and carve a section of a gourd. The surface area of adding design elements, such as butterflies, dragonflies, etc.

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Saturday, October 18 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Spokes Galore – Karen Hobbs

\$55 – Skill level – All

Beginning with a dyed gourd, this piece begins with two separate sets of spokes attached in a unique way. A chase weave is used to create the basket portion and a rolled border completes this unique piece. A variety of colors will be available from which to choose.



Saturday, October 18 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Painting 101 – Paint a Santa – Hellen Martin

\$50 – Skill Level – Beginners

This class will teach the basics of painting with acrylics. Students will learn how to shade/highlight and paint fur, snow, beard hair, and a Christmas tree like Hellen paints her collectible Santas.



Saturday, October 18 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Faux Leather Tooling – Sylvia Gaines

\$55 – Skill level – Intermediate

Learn how to look like leather tooling pattern onto their gourds, then woodburn, stain and paint to create a realistic leather tooled look.

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Saturday, October 18 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Eggshell Inlay on a Gourd Pendant – Claire Cassan

\$40 – Skill level – Intermediate

The class will consist of the creation of a small pendant inlaid with eggshell. This is a Japanese Lacquerware technique call “Rankaku”.

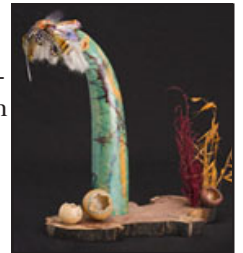


Sunday, October 19 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm

Tribal People – Betsy Roberts

\$55– Skill level – All

We will create a marvelous colorful Tribal person out of gourd body, clay face on gourd shard and base, along with small pots to decorate. We will be using hand-dyed feathers (which I dye myself) and have LOTS to choose from. Each one will be one of a kind.



Sunday, October 19 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm

Knotless Netting Luminary – Karen Hobbs

\$55 – Skill level – All

Learn how to do knotless netting on a clean cut, colored gourd. Students will, also learn pine needle coiling for a finished rim. This gourd luminary will sit in a copper stand. Knotless netting and the wheat stitch will be the focus of this class.



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Sunday, October 19 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm

River Bed Gourd – Bonnie Gibson

\$50 – Skill level – All

Learn how to recess an area to create a “river bed”. You’ll add decorative “b” sm the effect. You’ll also get to try some two-part patina paint for some interesting metallic effects.

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TGS Lone Star Gourd Festival Raffles and Auctions

Attendees will have many opportunities to obtain some fantastic gourd art as well as gourd related items during their visit to this years festival. Each gourd patch and it's members, as well as some vendors, have donated gourd related items and gourd art to be raffled during the festival. Gourd baskets, gourd wall art, gourd ornaments and gourd trees are just a few of the many wonderful things you can win by purchasing a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 ea. or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased in a variety of locations in the exhibition hall. Items will be raffled throughout the weekend approximately every 2 hours. Sylvia Gaines has donated the gourd she created and which was used in the award winning design for this years' tee-shirt competition. Don't forget the Silent Auction which will offer a wide variety of gourd art created by TGS members. Silent Auction prices will be set and posted and bidding will then be increased in \$2 increments. Additionally, tee-shirts promoting the festival will be for sale for \$12 each. Remember, all the money raised from these sales goes to TGS!!!

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We need your help!

Lynda Smith has graciously agreed to take care of the Kids Korner at the Lone Star Gourd Festival – this in addition to having her own booth and fulfilling her duties as TGS Treasurer. However, Lynda will be in classes all day Saturday and needs volunteers to look after the Kids Korner. Let's all help her out! TGS needs your help – if you can volunteer to spend even an hour at the Kids Korner booth, please contact Pam Word, our volunteer coordinator at 903 734-1106 or havnwords@msn.com. You might also let Lynda or myself know that you are helping us out. Lynda says she will have all the materials needed and samples of what the kids will be doing. Please canvass your patch members and friends who will be at the show and let us know if you can help us out. An hour of your time would be appreciated, more if you can spare it.

Thanks,
Joe Pritchard
TGS Vice-President

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Gourds – from Vines to Designs

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Gourds have been in existence for centuries and have been located on virtually every continent on the Earth. Early usage included vessels for food and water. They have a wood-like exterior that protects them for years. Gourds and seeds have been discovered in tombs, caverns and underground excavations. Some varieties are edible and were once used for medicine but not advised without identification. Because of their hard surface, they have the ability to float on water and have been transported via land, air and sea. Early pioneers used them for transporting their food, water and gun powder.

When discussing gourds in later years, most people relate a story of seeing their first gourd on a relative's farm being used as a drinking vessel. The dipper gourd has a handle and works beautifully for this purpose. Cisterns and wells on farms almost always had a gourd hanging overhead from a rope and were used for dipping and drinking cool water.

Today museums, art galleries, studios and collectors exhibit exquisite gourd creations disguised as jewelry, vases, purses, masks, ornaments, wall hangings, etc. About fifteen years ago, it was difficult to find a library book about gourds. Presently, modern electrical tools, sculpture, tutorials, new techniques and artisans have made gourds a highly sought after collectible. Embellishments such as stones, beads, feathers and wood can transform gourds into objets 'd art. Painting, pyrography, dyes, inks, carving, gold leafing, coiling, weaving and decoupage are only a few of the popular techniques used on gourds. Even when the gourds are growing on the vines, their shapes can be transformed by rubber molds, cords and hoses. Growers start planting seeds indoors in styrofoam cups before transplanting outdoors months prior to the last frost to get an early start. Sale prices vary according to the demand. Large gourds with thick walls and mini-size gourds are currently popular. Like most crops, the farmers have good and bad years due to

weather conditions and insects. New methods such as underground irrigation and soil evaluation are making them more profitable.

Competitive state shows, festivals, markets, flower shows, artists, workshops and classes are some of the latest trends for public viewing. Winning gourds can demand sales prices in the several thousand dollar range. The wild buffalo gourds found growing by fence rows in the country are in demand for making holiday ornaments. Yard decorations such as bird feeders, bird houses, wind chimes and pink flamingoes remain good sellers promising to endure for years.

If you have never planted gourd seeds, you are missing a great opportunity to witness a rewarding nature adventure that requires little attention. Don't expect fruit in a short time, it takes about nine months for medium to large gourds to mature and dry. Be sure to allow adequate space for them to grow and a trellis, fence or ground cover for vines. Four essentials include seed, soil, water and sun. Plant them about an inch deep in the soil, water and watch them grow. Once the leaves appear, you can almost see them grow daily. It's a fun project to share with children who can help plant, water and enjoy the gourds. Limitless craft projects can result once you have collected and cleaned the mold from the exterior surface.

Be sure to visit The TGS Lone Star Gourd Festival at the Gillespie County Fair Grounds on Oct. 18-19, 2008 in Fredericksburg, TX and the Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show, May 22-July 6, 2008 in the Kerr Arts & Cultural Center in Kerrville, TX.

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Oct 18 & 19

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Nov 1 & 2

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