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Bill Willibey, President

President’s Message - by Bill Willibey

The Texas Gourd Society held their annual Spring Meeting in Fredericksburg on February 23rd and elected me President. Thank you all for your support and trust. Other officers include: Joe Pritchard, Vice President; Patty Sorensen, Secretary; Lynda Smith, Treasurer; Robbie Pritchard, Membership, and Sue Haberer is our Past President and our 2008 Show Chair. Directors elected include Sharon Copenhaver, Betty Kent, and Michael Cosgrove, with Hellen Martin, Gerry Flewharty, and Robert Schuetze continuing their Director terms. Our TGS Lone Star Gourd Festival is moving to Fredericksburg this year, and will be held October 18 and 19 with October 17 for the move-in and competition judging. The TGS banquet and fall business meeting will be held Saturday, the eighteenth. The fall show will be at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds - just follow route 16 South of Fredericksburg and find us in the Exhibition Hall. I have been impressed with the flurry of emails and activity of the Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs and everyone involved in the early planning for this big event. As most people know, Fredericksburg is a tourist town and in October, several events and activities will attract many visitors. TGS Publicity, Lelia

Sublett, will be targeting those people in addition to our own members. We can expect a featured guest artist Bonnie Gibson. Check the TGS website often to see new information throughout the coming months at www.texasgourdsociety.org

Be sure to book your lodging early - perhaps in March to be sure that you don't have to sleep in your car during the festival. If you have a local publication that will place a TGS gourd article, contact an Officer or Director to help you. Print the show flier from the website and post in your local garden stores and shops. John Flewharty is working on vendor packets and you will soon see these in your email or delivered to your mail box. Judy Richie is heading up the Competition Chair and Past President, Sue Haberer is our Show Chair. Sue needs volunteers to help on various committees, or to coordinate volunteers. Volunteer help at the show is needed to give workers a break.

TGS has a new Editor, Sylvia Gaines. Sylvia has been winning a lot of blue ribbons with her gourds, and you can expect blue ribbon results for the Texas Gourdette. Many of you should consider teaching one or more classes at the show. If you have crafted a gourd, you have information that can be helpful for others who are new to the Gourd Art World - or new to the particular style of your work. Contact Betty Vertin, Education/Classes Chair at 830-367-3354 or vertin@hctc.net to discuss how you can help TGS by teaching classes.

Be sure to attend the Lone Star Festival, and renew your membership BEFORE your membership expires. Encourage others to join TGS and support your local Patch or start a new one.

Bill Willibey
TGS President

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On the Cover: The ‘gourdgeous’ work of Bill Decker, the 2008 Artist of the Year. This magnificent gourd, entitled “Raptor with Snake” was awarded Best In Show, Best of Division – Fine Art, 1st Place Fine Art Division – Sculpture and was voted as the People’s Choice at our 2007 TGS Gourd Festival in Waco, TX. Congratulations Bill! Read interview on page 14-15 and visit our TGS website at www.texasgourdsociety.org to see more of Bill’s work on the Artist Gallery page.

2008 TGS Officers and Board of Directors

Your newly elected 2008 TGS Officers and Board of Directors are listed below. Elected at the Spring Meeting in Fredericksburg on Feb. 23rd, the officers will serve for one year and the Directors will serve for three years.

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THANK YOU — As the new Editor of the Gourdzette, I would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to Bill Willibey. Bill has served as Editor since 2005 and has done an excellent job providing TGS and it's members with relevant and informative news about our great organization —The Texas Gourd Society. I look forward to continuing in his footsteps and realize I certainly have big shoes to fill. This first issue reflects a somewhat different approach to this newsletter. I've kept most of the format Bill established but wanted to give it a bit of my own 'touch'. I hope you will enjoy what you see and I welcome any comments or suggestions you might have about improving it. Please feel free to contact me at any time via email or phone. And please consider submitting any news or tutorials or other relevant 'gourd' information for upcoming issues.

Sylvia Gaines, Editor

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TGS Membership Dues

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PATCH HAPPENINGS

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

Our first meeting of 2008 was held on Saturday February 2nd from 1 – 4PM at the Hobby Lobby at Slaughter Lane and I-35. Even though we had members that could not attend that day due to illness and work, we had quite a few guests and potential new members. Bev Tomek, a very seasoned gourder, jewelrymaker, and stained glass artist who comes to Austin from Blanco, did a wonderful program on coiling. Everybody went home with a beautifully finished gourd and a lot of hands on experience using waxed linen under Bev's guidance and unique style. We continue to enjoy meeting at Hobby Lobby and being able to run into the store for supplies and adornments. Our next meeting will be April 5th and we welcome everybody from the Central Texas region to join us.

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

The West Texas Gourd Patch held their past 2 meetings in the home of one of our members, Charla Johnson. In January, Beth Bartley and Sue Haberer showed the members how to make Spirit Dolls. We used wood burning and leather dyes/stain techniques. Those who did not finish at the meeting continued their work at home. In February, we brought our final projects back to share with the other members. We also worked on jewelry gourds with some of the new members that attended.

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>

It's Official! East Texas Piney Woods Gourd Patch will oversee the Raffle Booth at the 2008 TGS Lone Star Festival in Fredericksburg TX. October 18-19 . Piney Woods people all volunteer their time to work in the booth when not in classes. Each patch in Texas will be requested to make a donation to the yearly raffle. Last year's support from the patches was amazing. Texas patches are not lacking in creativity, generosity or talent.

Laissez Les Bon Ton Roulette Texas Style!!

Piney Woods is planning a "Mardi Gras" tree for their donation to the 2008 Lone Star Festival . We will have a gold tree with traditional Mardi Gras colors. Ornaments will be made from gourd pieces or gourds. Bring your "prototypes" to future meetings so we can brainstorm and share ideas. East Texas Piney Woods Gourd Patch met at Hobby Lobby for an introduction to the wax resist method. Pam Word taught the rudiments of Pysanky (normally used to decorate eggs with wax resist). Thanks, Pam for ordering supplies and providing a great class that everyone enjoyed. For our March meeting we will go beyond the basic's of wax resist. Instead of gourd pieces we will use a whole gourd.

Supplies for March 29 meeting include: latex gloves, whole clean gourd (may be cut), pattern, kitska *, stylus, chaco paper (can be purchased at Michael's), tea candle, paper plate, round brush, leather dye, paper towels, hair dryer. **Everyone is welcome to attend and bring a friend!**

TGS COWTOWN PATCH - Ft. Worth, TX area CONTACT: Barbara Petroski 1413 Trammel Dr. Benbrook, TX 76126 817 249 2929 lunarwind7@aol.com website: <http://www.angelfire.com/tx5/cowtowngourdpatch>

Do you want to enjoy some good home cooking and have a night out? Come to Diane's Diner. Its right in front of Mike's Garden Center on Crowley Road. Just South of I-20. Come early and shop at Mike's cut through the trees and eat! Or hope that Mike brings some wonderful plant from his nursery. You could win it in the raffle! Spring is here and he might have some gourd plants already started and ready to give away. See you the first WEDNESDAY of the month!

TGS HEART OF TEXAS PATCH - Waco, TX area CONTACT: Bob Schuetze at 254 772-4519
No news to report at this time.

**TGS SOUTHEAST TEXAS GOURD PATCH - Houston, TX area CONTACT: Darla Hines
tedllh@charter.net 281 356-1340 SE Patch website www.geocities.com/TGS_southeast.**

We have had a great start for 2008. 14 members attended our January meeting which was presented by Claire Cassan. Claire taught a technique in-laying egg shells or rankaku. Claire also provided our Patch with a website where there are many projects posted www.geocities.com/tgs_southeast/ This was really a great meeting and hopefully she will be teaching it at this years Festival. In February we met at the Hobby Lobby on FM529 and all of the group shared their favorite tools, short cuts, and we had several members show some different finishes for use on gourds. In March we plan to make our annual trip to the Gay Hill Gourd Farm. Our plans for the rest of the year are as follows: April 5th-Katy Folk Life Center, May 10th-Wax Resist, June 14th-Faux Raku, July 12th-Basic's for Sculpture, August 9th-Lavender Festival at the Chappell Hill Lavender Farm, September 13th-Power carving and pine needle coiling basic's, October 18-19-Lone Star Gourd Festival, November 8th-Inlace and inlay (we'll be able to apply a bit of that power carving) December 13th-Christmas Holiday Party with our 2009 planning.

**TGS DALLAS GOURD PATCH - Dallas, TX area CONTACT: Sylvia Gaines 903 891-8405
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The Dallas Patch is excited about this new year. We started it off with our Christmas meeting at John and Sharon Flewharty's. Great food and fun was had by all. At our February meeting we welcomed 2 new members into our patch and we look forward to getting to know them better. We discussed the upcoming Spring Meeting in Fredericksburg which many of our members plan to attend. We look forward to visiting the new location for our TGS festival. We voted to have a workshop for our May meeting where we will all bring our talents to the table to create gourds for our patch booth at festival time. Sylvia Gaines will be hosting this workshop at her home in Sherman. We'll bring sack lunches and sit outside under the pecan trees weather permitting.

**TGS ARLINGTON GOURD PATCH - Arlington, TX area CONTACT: Cindi Creswell
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No news to report at this time.

**TGS GUADALUPE GOURD PATCH - Hill Country, TX area CONTACT: Bob Richie brichie@ktc.com
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No news to report at this time.



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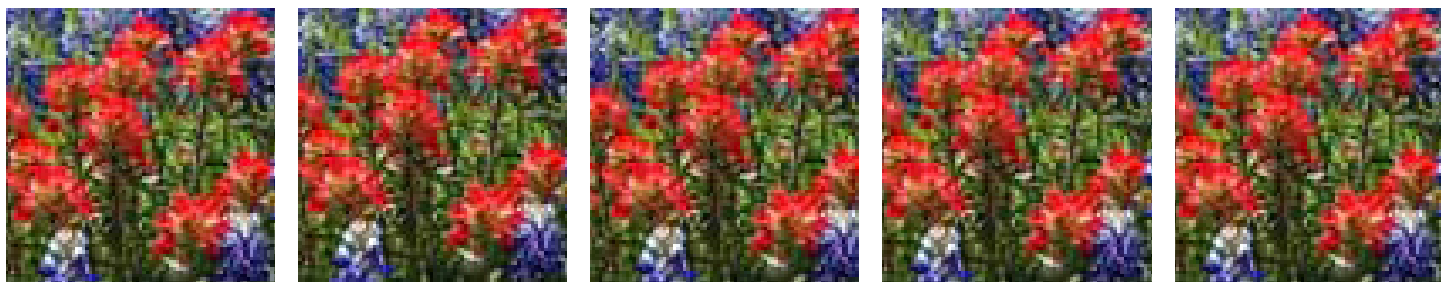
The original TGS Traveling Gourd has traveled approximately 5,069 miles throughout the Lone Star State from 2003 to 2008. It is currently on display in a Ft.Worth gallery. Check "Traveling Texas Gourd" on the website at:
www.texasgourdsociety.org

TGS Member Gourd Growers

Let us know if you belong on this list!

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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.



2008 RAFFLE GOURD

If you haven't already heard, the 2008 raffle gourd has begun its journey. With the success of our last raffle gourd which raised \$1,275 for TGS, it was decided to continue the tradition and make another raffle gourd for this year. Judy Richie has once again made a donation of a large, beautifully shaped gourd. This year's theme will be "Wildflowers of Texas" and a spot has been designated for each patch to decorate. Flower assignments were chosen by drawing and were arranged by color. The top of the gourd will be coiled with pine needles, which will compliment the flowers. Whether it's woodburning, painting, inlaying or a combination of techniques, several members from each patch should be chosen to depict their flowers in any style they choose which will best reflect the talent of their patch and the beauty of 'Texas Wildflowers'. Patches are asked to put the name of their patch in small letters at the bottom of their section. Information was passed out at the Spring Meeting showing each patch the space allotted them and the type of flowers they are to depict. This gourd is expected to be finished in time for this year's TGS Gourd Festival, Oct. 18 & 19 where members and attendees can buy tickets to win this beautiful gourd at the 2009 TGS Festival.



2008 TGS Raffle Gourd – Wildflowers of Texas

Information has been provided each Patch president with further decorating information. The schedule and the type of flower each patch will create is below. Remember as you begin to decorate your segment of this gourd: Have fun! Be creative! and create the most beautiful 'Wildflowers of Texas' gourd ever.

Raffle Gourd Schedule:

Feb 23 to Mar 16 – Capital of Texas – Mexican Hat
 Mar 16 to Apr 6 – Southeast Texas – Coneflower
 Apr 6 to Apr 27 – East Texas Pineywoods – Verbena
 Apr 27 to May 18 – Dallas – Texas Paintbrush
 May 18 - Jun 8 – Arlington – Bluebonnet
 Jun 8 - Jun 29 – Cowtown – Indian Blanket
 Jun 29 - Jul 20 – Heart of Texas – Pink Primrose
 Jul 20 - Aug 10 – West Texas – Blackeyed Susan
 Aug 10 - Aug 31 – Guadalupe – Wine Cup

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4-5 – Indiana Gourd Society Show-
 St. Joseph County Fairgrounds,
 South Bend, Indiana
 April 19- Blubonnet Trails Gourdfest
 May 18 – (Artisans at Rocky Hill Gallery
 Fredericksburg, TX)
 May 22- Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show
 July 6 – Kerr Arts & Cultural Center
 Kerrville, TX
 Oct 18 & 19 – Texas Gourd Festival, Gillespie
 County Fairgrounds,
 Fredericksburg, TX

Save the date!

**Lone Star
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TGS Spring Meeting 2008

Fredericksburg, Texas

The TGS Spring Meeting of 2008 was held February 23rd in Fredericksburg, TX at the American Legion Hall. There was a large attendance and members were excited to be in Fredericksburg site of our upcoming TGS Gourd Festival. The weather was gourdgeous and members were given a tour of the Fairgrounds and building which will house our show. At this meeting your new slate of nominated officers and board of directors were elected and are shown below.



2008 TGS Officers - Front Row L-R: Sue Haberer - Past President - Show Chair, Patty Sorensen - Secretary, Robbie Pritchard - Membership. Back Row L-R: Lynda Smith - Treasurer, Bill Willibey - President, Joe Pritchard - Vice President.

A variety of issues regarding the TGS Festival were discussed, among them advertising, classrooms for teachers, parking and food. After the meeting, members were adjourned for lunch and shopping. Bayou Gourds owned by Tom and Zelda Hornsby brought a good selection of raw gourds that were sold within a few minutes and Luis Guajardo brought Fiebings Leather Dyes and gourd seed for sale also.



Two of our newly elected Board of Directors—Michael Cosgrove and Betty Kent. Not shown Sharon Copenhagen who replaces Bill Willibey due to his new office.

Lunch was Subway sandwiches and chips and members were free to visit and enjoy the company of fellow artists whom we sometimes only get to see at meetings and shows. A great time was had by all.

After lunch a quick board meeting of the newly elected officers and board of directors was held and then Bill Willibey, our new President presented a program on 'Photographic Tips'. Bill brought his



Sue Haberer and her signed gourd.

lights and photo booth and explained to members some of the 'tricks of the trade' that anyone can do to get great photographs of their gourds. Our outgoing President, Sue Haberer, was presented with a gourd signed by all the members and officers attending. Sue has been a wonderful President and will continue working with Bill in an advisory role. All in all it was a great Spring Meeting in a wonderful city. Our TGS Festival is sure to bring in the crowds making it the most successful venue ever.



A demonstration on photographing your gourds was given by Bill Willibey.

Support your Patch

Get to know your fellow members....

This space is for TGS members to introduce themselves to the other members by telling everyone a little bit about themselves. Anyone is welcome to join in and we'd love to 'get to know you' better. Please send your bio to slgaines@isp.com. and get to know your fellow members....

Rebecca (Becky) Wise — Cowtown Gourd Patch

Becky currently lives in Euless, TX. She has lived in Texas for 19 of the past 20 years, which was only interrupted in 1989 when she moved to the Virgin Islands (just before Hurricane Hugo struck St. Croix). After living 6 weeks on an island with no electricity, she returned to Texas. Prior to that she spent most of her adulthood in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Becky currently works for Allied Electronics as a Customer Service Supervisor. She is married to her husband, David, and they have a son named Justin who lives in Charlotte, NC with his wife and 2 year old daughter. David travels for business and last year worked on the East Coast as well as Zurich, Switzerland and Milan, Italy. She also has a brother who lives in (Washington DC), and her sister and her mom live in Texarkana, TX. Both of Becky's parents are award winning artists in oils, china painting and bronze.

Becky tells us her hobbies include collecting New Mexican Indian artists fetish carvings and pottery. When asked about her interest in art, she said "In high school my dad built a gas kiln in our garden shed and poured bronze sculptures for other artists. My mother and great grandmother were both oil painters so I've been inspired by artists most of my life."

Becky got into gourds in 1994 through the mother of a co-worker. "Fred Dunlap (Kermit, TX) was the mother of a gal I met through work. Fred got "hooked" on gourds and began teaching others the craft. She taught an all day class at her daughter's home in Arlington that I attended." She really doesn't have a favorite technique in gourd crafting. This year, she says "I am going to concentrate on jewelry and chip carving."

When asked if there was one person or event that most influenced her in her gourd art, Becky said "A few weeks after Fred got me "hooked" on gourds, Barbara Petroski (Cowtown Patch Leader) and I took a gamble and drove her Lincoln to the Ohio Gourd Show. By the next spring we had joined the AGS and saw the ad in The Gourd newsletter about the formation of a Texas Chapter. Barb and I attended the very first meeting held at the Officers Club in Killeen, and it's been gourds, gourds, gourds ever since.

John Flewharty – Dallas Gourd Patch

I am John Flewharty. My wife, Sharon and I have been crafting gourds for some time. We live in Denton Texas and have lived in the area about 20 years. We are both retired, Sharon was a secretary, and I was in construction. We love retirement, even with the challenge of finding the time to do nothing. We fish, garage sale, visit family at least once a year, go to the mountains when we can, and worship the Lord continually. We have two kids, both grown with their own lives, and we do not get to see them often enough. Plus one married granddaughter and even though it is hard to believe, a GREAT-granddaughter.

My first introduction to art was a painting I did in art class in 3rd grade. I didn't do any thing else until about 38 years ago when I did 3 or 4 years in oil painting, then nothing until the gourds came along. About 12 or 13 years ago, Gerry Flewharty invited us to a meeting of the Dallas Gourd Patch, and we have been involved ever since.

My favorite way to decorate gourds is wood-burning. I have tried it all, and still continue to try new stuff, and I guess I will until I quit gourds.

All the artists that do the gourds at the shows are my hero's! I would like to be able to do all that they can do, and had some of their talent, but I know my limitations, and I enjoy every line I burn, brush full of paint that I apply, the carving, the stains, the messes I make, the talking to people about gourds, the whole gourd world. I plan to be involved for a long, long, time.

ATTENTION! VENDORS!

The TGS Lone Star Gourd Festival is to be held in Fredericksburg, Texas, October 18 and 19, 2008 at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds, Exhibition Hall.

Packet and competition information will be ready for distribution by June 15 of this year.

Vendor packets and competition information will be posted on our TGS web site:

texasgourdsociety.org.

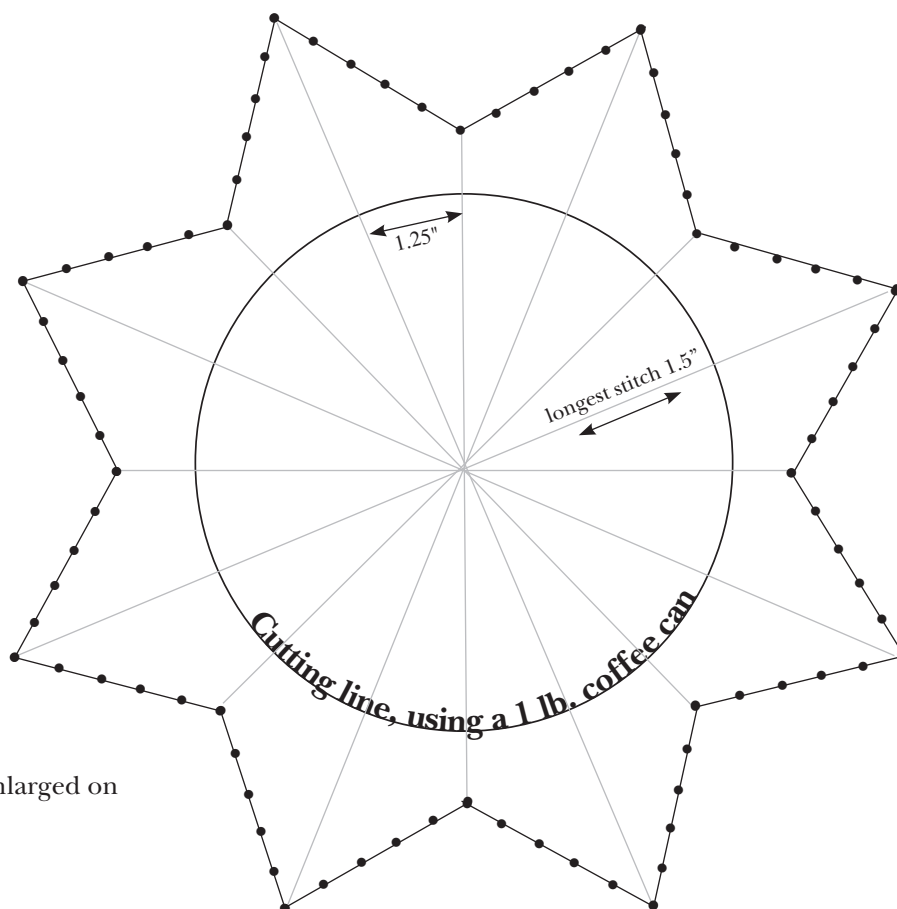
If you cannot download the information, or prefer to have a hard copy of the packet, send \$1.00 to :

TGS Vendor Chair
c/o John Flewharty
1511 Kings Row
Denton, Texas 76209

Tutorial

How to Create a Woven Rim by Lelia Sublett

Jimmy and I made our first woven rim gourd in Ed McCauley's class at Cherokee, NC over 5 years ago. It was such fun that we made this pattern and have been enjoying the many variations you can create ever since. Give it a try . . . you'll like it!



Not to scale. Must be enlarged on a copier 125%.

1. Select a gourd (preferably 7" or 8" in diameter) and using a 1 lb. coffee can , place it on top of the gourd and trace around it. Try to keep the can level to avoid having a lopsided circle.
2. Cut, clean and seal the inside of the gourd.
3. Using a pyro paper pattern, trimmed, tape it to the gourd and woodburn the marks for the holes.
4. At this time, add any additional design you wish and then seal the outside (we use paste wax).
5. Drill holes with 1/8" drill bit. Check to see if your leather or string will go through the holes without stress.
6. Lace through the gourd, catching the loose ends under the weave or glue down with super glue. You will use from 30" to 32" of leather lace depending on how thick your gourd is for each triangle you weave. If you prefer to skip the outside sealing step you can leather dye your gourd and the leather lace at the same time to get a matching look.
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Bill Willibey presents Sue Haberer a plaque of appreciation for her service as President.

A note from Past President – Sue Haberer

It has been an honor to serve as your President for the past year. You, as members, have made my job as president easy, due to the help and encouragement that was given me. Our organization made big strides and progress this year. You, as a group, have pulled together and continue to make TGS an organization of which you can proud.

It is an honor to be able to say that I have close friends from all over the state of Texas. I can truly say that I would feel comfortable dropping in for a visit if I were in your area. TGS is a wonderful group of very talented people who work together for a common cause – educating the public on “gourd education”.

As you know, our 2008 Fall Gourd Festival will be in Fredericksburg. The officers, board, and chairs just returned from the Spring Meeting in Fredericksburg and after viewing the show facilities, we came away hyped up and very excited about our festival in October. Plans are under way to make this one of the best festivals ever. The

location, special “feature attractions”, classes, competition, good vendors, and great crowd will make it successful. Do your part and make plans to attend the 2008 Fall Gourd Festival on October 18-19. Also, renew your membership and become a part of the “TGS Gourd Family”. “A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.” Thanks again for all of the opportunities you gave me last year to serve you – it was my pleasure.

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An Interview with 2008 TGS Artist of the Year – **Bill Decker**

Bill has always had an interest in both artistic creation and nature. He still lives on the farm in Greewood, Mo. where he grew up. Bill and his wife, Donna, both love to kayak, bike, hike, and spend time with their six grandchildren.

As a child, Bill always liked to draw his own pictures and he would sometimes color them. No one in his family had an interest in art, however, a neighbor lady who was a retired artist from Hallmark Cards encouraged him a lot. He took pastel lessons from her for a short time when he was about 10 years old.

Bill says “I



also enjoyed art classes in Junior and Senior High School, but I did not go to college until I was in my late twenties.” After four years of college he received an art degree from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, MI. Over the years, Bill says he has enjoyed his art as a hobby.

Bill retired from Gill Studios, a commercial silk screening shop, in 1999. After retiring, he continued watercolor painting on a hit and miss basis. He discovered gourds in late 2005 at a shop in Branson, MO. They were beautiful gourds by artist John Gibson. Bill says “I thought they were really neat fine art gourds. I thought it would be a fun and challenging medium to try. (I had no idea how hooked I would get!)” Bill goes on to say “I’ve always tried to be original in my designs and combine my love of nature and the animal world with my love of art.”

Including the TGS Festival, he has had much success with his fine art gourds. “I have sold gourds at Peter Engler Designs in Branson, MO. and some of my work can be seen in “The Gourd Magazine”, the official publication of the American Gourd Society.” (americangourdsociety.org)

Some of the 2007 awards he has won are the Chairman’s Award for the Missouri Gourd Show,

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the Best of Show Award for the Georgia Gourd Show, and the top honor in the Ohio Gourd Show by receiving The Stevens Family Award. At the Texas Lone Star Gourd Festival in October 2007, he was awarded Best of Show, People's Choice Award and the Artist of the Year for his sculpture, "Raptor with Snake". In 2008, he won Best of Show and Best of Master Craftsman Division in the Arizona Gourd Show.



Bill is certainly an exceptional artist, and the TGS Gourdette is pleased to have had the opportunity to publish his fantastic work on the cover of this issue. Please take the opportunity to go online to see more of Bill's work on the TGS website in the Artist's Gallery www.texasgourdsociety.org.

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A letter of thanks from Barbara Irwin, winner of our 2007 Raffle Gourd...

December 5, 2007

Texas Gourd Society,

I learned of your Kerrville show from an artist with a booth at the Fredericksburg Trade Day. When my stepdaughters come to visit in June, we drove to Kerrville for your show. I did not know what to expect and it was fantastic. As we left the show area, we all admired the gourd on display for the raffle. I am not usually lucky with raffle tickets. I like to try them as a thank you for the effort made to have the show.

The drawing was so far in the future that I soon forgot about it. When I received Joe's message, I was surprised and very excited. I did not remember exactly what the gourd looked like, my head was full of memories from the show. I decided not to ask and be surprised when it arrived. The day finally came for the gourd's arrival. As it was taken from the box, I could not believe my eyes. It was absolutely beautiful. I could not keep my eyes off of it.

To each of you who participated in making this beautiful piece of art, I can not tell you how much I appreciate your work. Your talent, time and love of your craft make this a special piece. The representation of the many cultures who helped build our great state was a wonderful idea, and you portrayed them all so beautifully. Thank you all.

The work done by each group is so wonderful. Your society must work well with each local group to produce such a lovely piece. It must have been a labor of love to logistically make this piece happen. The gourd will always have a prominent place in my home. You can not miss it as you stand at my front door.

Thank you all again for your work and the great show you had in Kerrville.

Most sincerely,
Barbara Irwin



Editors Note: Barbara's letter of thanks certainly emphasizes the impact our craft has on people. This letter is just another testament to the fact that people love gourd art! Due to the success of this raffle gourd, we certainly would be remiss if we did not thank each and every person, both members and the general public alike, for their time and monetary contributions which help to promote this beautiful art form. Thanks also to all the artists who participated in this project. It's an unforgettable treasure of talent.

2008 Silent Auction – A few words from Hellen Martin

The silent auction was a great moneymaker last year and lots of fun for everyone. TGS needs everyone's full support to make this a really outstanding moneymaker this year. It would be great if everyone within TGS donated at least one piece. It could be something you did 2-3 years ago, pull it from your inventory, something you are just tired of having around, or something you do special for this auction. I only ask that the pieces not be damaged. I won't be able to donate 13 pieces like I did last year, but I will be donating 1-2 pieces. It depends on each of you to make this auction a success!!

Remember the saying, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." Well, in this case, "Beauty is in the eye of the BUYER!" You may hate it, but the buyer will love it.

BIG, BIG, BIG NEWSFLASH!

TGS is VERY pleased to announce . . . nationally-known Gourd Artist BONNIE GIBSON from Arizona, will be a Special Featured Guest Artist and will teach classes at our 2008 TGS Festival!!! A big THANK YOU to Judy Richie for inviting Bonnie to come to Texas and be a part of our great Festival. Stay tuned for more details on her classes in up-coming issues.



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Come one come all! Calling all you talented artists and designers. Here's your chance to create something eye-catching that will be bought and worn by hundreds of people! Create a design to go on the front of t-shirts promoting the 2008 Texas Gourd Festival. The design should be limited to 3-4 colors, and needs to have the following information incorporated into it: 13th Annual Texas Gourd Festival, Oct. 18- 19, 2008, Gillespie County Fairgrounds, Fredericksburg, TX. It also should have a gourd or gourds depicted. Designs should be colorful, creative and tastefully designed. Submit your designs to Hellen Martin by April 30th. There will be three secret TGS members selecting the winner. The winner will be announced on May 30th on the TGS website.

Your entry should be no larger than 8.5 x 11 and can be emailed to Hellen Martin at hellenmartin@att.net as a jpg file or by regular mail to 1514 Country Forest Ct. Grapevine, TX 76051. The winning entry will be printed on t-shirts to be sold at the TGS Festival in Oct. Remember, the deadline for submission is April 30, 2008. Happy designing!

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Listed below are the 2008 Show Committee volunteers. As you can see, several positions are still open. Please contact Sue Haberer if you are willing to share your time and interest in gourds by assisting these fellow volunteers during the show.

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| Show Chair | Sue Haberer |
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| Volunteer Chair | Volunteer needed |

This year will be the first year in our new location, Fredericksburg. There will be a lot of new faces and the crowd is predicted to be really big. On the same weekend as our festival, Fredericksburg Trade Days will be in full swing as well as a motorcycle rally in a nearby town.

Our competition is expected to be the largest ever. Judy Richie is heading up the Competition committee and will have packet information and details available in our next issue in June. The competition will be on Friday night, the 17th, with outstanding judges in place to award our top entrants their ribbons. Judges participating will be announced in the future. The classes and divisions will be relatively unchanged from last year, however, some classes will be eliminated due to lack of participation last year. There may also be some classes added. Judy will need assistance in coordinating this event and needs volunteers to help receive entries, steward as well as to help set up the tables.

John Flewharty, the Vendor Chair will have the information packets for Vendors soon. Please see the Vendor Notice on pg. 9 for details about how to get a vendor packet. Our exhibition hall will fill up fast so vendors need to be prompt in registering for their place.

This year, Betty Vertin will be in charge of the Education/Classes committee. Please contact her if you have taught a class before and want to teach again. If you've never taught before but feel you would like to try and have a technique that would translate well to a class environment contact Betty.

Our Fall Banquet and Business Meeting during the Festival will be held on Saturday evening following the first show day, Oct. 18th. Competition judging will be held on Friday evening after entry drop off. During the banquet the 2009 Artist of the Year will be announced along with the People's Choice Award. Everyone should be looking forward to that!



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