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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – by Sue Haberer

Greetings to all TGS members. The gourd-growing season is well underway and I know everyone is excited to see new gourd plants emerging. I hope that all of the rain has been good for you and your crops.

The Board of Directors brings greetings to you as well. Our May board meeting was very successful. A lot of planning took place to make your fall festival and your society exciting and prosperous this year. The new vendor packets and competition information will be in the mail soon, so keep watch. This issue of the *Gourdzette* includes information about the exhibit, classes, lectures, fall banquet, a silent auction during the day on Saturday, and motel room reservations. We are also planning a T-shirt design contest. Read more about the contest in this issue. You can keep up to date on new information on the TGS website, so check often.

I encourage each of you to support TGS by participating in the fall show, volunteering your services, and by renewing your membership. If you haven't done so already, renew your TGS membership for only \$12. Encourage new members to join for a prorated price.

A group is only as good as its people - and we know Texans have the best - so put all that effort toward TGS and we can have a **great** organization. Remember, you will only get as much out of something as you put into it. Being an active part of TGS makes it twice the fun !! We will be having some "give-a-ways" for new members and vendors. You have very creative board members this year who have worked hard to see that the 2007 Lone Star Gourd Festival will be successful. Look in this issue of the *Gourdzette* for information concerning all of the activities and projects that are planned for the festival.

You will notice that this issue of the *Gourdzette* will have some new information. We have two exciting items to run in the newsletter...one will introduce you to the officers, board members, and other TGS members; and the other is a question and answer column. A question of interest about gourds will be presented in the newsletter and you will have a chance to give your expert opinion to help answer the question or solve gourd problems. If you have a question or concern that you would like help with, please submit it to Bill Willibey and he will gladly put it in the *Gourdzette*.

I would like to give a **big congratulation** to all who submitted art to the Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show and especially to the winners. This is a **MUST** see exhibit....so make plans to attend the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center in Kerrville, showing from May 24 – July 8.

Remember to keep your volunteer mileage and hours to be turned in at the Fall Banquet. The member with the most miles and hours will be awarded the "Golden Gourd", which will be yours to keep for the year.

We have had several people join TGS in the last few months and we want to welcome these new members. If there are any questions concerning gourds or TGS, your officers, board of directors, or fellow members are very congenial and gourd "knowledgeable" and will be more than happy to help. Have a good and enjoyable gourd season!

Sue Haberer

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PATCH NEWS

TGS TYLER GOURD PATCH is off and running. We had several new visitors this time, due to this Cindy Partin was ready with a "How to get started program". She started with the basics of growing and cleaning and progressed to different ways to decorate and finish. Cindy was well prepared and graciously brought her "tools of the trade" to let the new members try out. Saws, wood burners, dye, and watercolor pencils were some. A Gamulet was the project of the day. We learned a lot and had a great time. We are looking forward to the Waco show and passed out gourds to get started on decorating our Santa tree. We also discussed possible raffles and ways to raise money. Our next meeting will be June 9th at Hobby Lobby, where we will learn the basics of pine needle weaving. A big THANK YOU to Hobby Lobby for letting us meet at such a convenient location. Everything we need right there - what more could you want?

Contact Cindy Partin - 311 CR4920 Troup, TX 75789 - 903-842-4101 Email: cindy@mikegcarroll.com

TGS CAPITAL OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH got a preview of some pieces that were headed to Kerrville - all fabulous! In April Lelia Sublett showed us a new technique involving spray on texturized paint and masking tape pyrography - messy but fun. For our upcoming June 2nd meeting Jimmy Sublett will demonstrate cutting lids so they fit properly and then everyone will have a supervised hands-on try at it. Jocelyn Guajardo is bringing egg gourds to distribute for artistic embellishment and these will be returned to include in our Christmas tree raffle donation at the Waco show. At least we'll have all summer to be creative. In May, Rona Thornton took an "unfinished project" and renovated it to donate for her Homeowners Association meeting door prize. Lelia and Jimmy Sublett worked a hands-on fair at Harris Middle School in San Antonio and really enjoyed relating the history and use of gourds in all cultures and letting the kids wood burn their initials on small scrap pieces. We're all looking forward to spending the hot summer months working on special gourd projects and preparing for the show in October.

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TGS WEST TEXAS GOURD PATCH continues to meet at the South Plains Food Bank Garden Center in Lubbock with members from the West Texas area. Our next meeting will be held June 16th with a class on "Inlay". New members continue to contact us and meet with us. I guess word is really getting out about Gourds. We are in the planning process to have a small Gourd Show at the South Plains Food Bank Open House in December. Our members will have gourds displayed for sale and we will give some of the proceeds to the Food Bank as a thank you for their support of our patch. Some of the kids that attended our workshops on gourds will also sell their gourds.

One of our members, Beth Bartley, won 3rd place at the Southwest Gourd Art Show in Kerrville. Way to go, Beth!

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TGS EAST TEXAS PINEY WOODS GOURD PATCH - In May, Norma Bates taught the patch the ancient techniques of "Australian Dream Dot Art". Norma explained the Aborigines did not have a written language, so the images served to document their heritage.

The next meeting will be June 30 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hobby Lobby in Longview, TX. (1729 West Loop 281) Pam Word will be the instructor for "Fake Raku". A list of supplies will be posted at the Piney Woods website -<http://www.geocities.com/pwgourds/patch.htm>.

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Web site <http://www.geocities.com/pwgourds/patch.htm>

TGS SOUTHEAST TEXAS GOURD PATCH started out this quarter in the rain on March 31st at our annual Patch meeting at the Katy Folk-Life Festival. We were going to have the children paint gourd chards for necklaces again, but since it rained, we did gourd education and just gave kids the unpainted necklaces to take home. The day really turned out a success - we sold a few gourds and shared gourds with lots of folks. Abby Sandlin taught the Dot Painting Technique at our May 12th meeting. Abby had prepared gourd disc's, and supplied us with a flower pattern along with everything needed to complete an ornament. Pretty amazing how different each person's turned out. On June 9, member Pinky Taylor will be teaching how to make a Shekerie. We've also had members doing gourd demo's at Independence, Texas, sales and education at a Garden Center and 3 members were accepted into the Southwest Fine Gourd Show in Kerrville.

Contact:—Darla Hines – Magnolia, 281-356-1340 - SE Patch website: www.geocities.com/TGS_southeast.

TGS DALLAS GOURD PATCH meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month, except December and the month of the TGS show. Our April meeting was held at Raymond's Bar B Que and had 10 members present. John Flewharty demonstrated his technique for cutting intricate leaf shapes and then we each got some hands-on instruction to help us learn. Our May meeting was cancelled due to a variety of members obligations. Our June meeting will be at Raymond's Bar B Que. Gerry Flewharty will give a demonstration on Aboriginal Dot Painting. Gerry's expertise will inspire anyone and we look forward to learning some of her techniques for applying dots of paint on gourds. Several of our members are currently showing their work at the KACC Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show in Kerrville, TX. Lynda Smith, Sylvia Gaines and Gerry Flewharty all have gourds on exhibit. Gerry won the award for "Most Whimsical".

For information about the DGP please **contact:**

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TGS COWTOWN PATCH was awash with color these past few months. Wonderful demonstrations were given by Sharon Copenhaver and Rebecca Wise. Sharon introduced a new medium with the art of oil colored pencils. Rubber stamped gourd pieces were provided and we colored in the spaces. We were impressed with our skills and sense of color. Becky showed us a dry brush technique that would make an excellent background. Again plenty of gourds and paints were provided. Becky let us take home our stencil brushes to make sure that we have some show & tell at the next meeting.

We meet the first Tuesday of the month 'weather' or not there is a severe storm warning at The Rig --corner of I-35 and Alta Mesa. Come join us & see if Mike (of Mike's Garden Center) brings us anything special for the raffle.

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TGS HEART OF TEXAS PATCH has now reorganized and meets at 10:00 A.M. the fourth Saturday of each month at Uncle Dan's Barbeque on Lake Air Drive in Waco, Texas. We met twice now and have several new participants. We invite anyone who has interest in gourds to join us. There are no member dues or rental fees for the room but we eat lunch during or after the meeting. Uncle Dan's has a large selection of foods to choose from. Please join us.

Contact: For more information call Bob Schuetze at 254-772-4519.

TGS ARLINGTON GOURD PATCH hosted a coiling and twining class in April taught by Judy Wilson, a basket weaver. We also carved butterflies. Some members even had a chance to woodburn their masterpieces. In May we tried our hands at Tenerife. We practiced on cardboard with sinew and hemp - simple way to learn. On May 19th our Patch participated in the annual Herb Show at the Botanical Gardens in Fort Worth. Robbie and Joe Pritchard brought the Traveling/Raffle gourd to the Show for all to see and on the next day brought it to the gourd meeting for our members to see. Thanks again. Also in May Cindi went to the Texas Garden Club Inc headquarters and spoke to the group on the incredible gourd. They presented her with a certificate, the Gold Medal, President's award from District II. This is our second year to win. This award is from the beginning of the year. In June our next meeting will come on the 10th due to Father's Day. We will weave a dream catcher on a gourd rim and prepare for a 2 month project. Last month Georgia had a great idea of using a dipper gourd and it came out wonderful. Changed our schedule around and in June will weave a dream catcher on a gourd or piece of one. On July 15th we will be at our normal date. Come visit and join our talented group on the third Sunday of the month unless a holiday and schedule conflicts arise. It's so inspiring when everyone comes to the group with new ideas. I hope your gourds are growing and not drowning.

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Website www.freewebs.com/arlingtongourdpatch

TGS GUADALUPE GOURD PATCH had good attendance at the last two meetings; we have had fun with pine needle coiling and discussions on laying out designs on the gourd. And, of course, we have been excited about the Southwest Fine Art Gourd Show at Kerr Arts and Cultural Center. Patch members Marsha Mefferd and Betty Vertin helped to get the show set up and received entries. We are proud that 5 members of our Patch won ribbons. Marsha Mefferd, Best of Show, Judy Richie, 2nd Place, Donna Huth, Best Design, Eugene Endicott and Betty Vertin, Honorable Mention.

Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM at Judy Richie's home.

Contact Bob Richie brichie@krc.com 830-357-8939 or Judy Richie at judyrichie@yahoo.com

<p>TGS MEMBER GOURD GROWERS – LET US KNOW IF YOU BELONG ON THIS LIST</p>		
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**Gourd Buyers please consider that the Growers on this list should be called before you visit them.
You might make a long trip and find no one at home or they might have sold all their gourds.**

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Gourd Castle

If you are traveling in New Mexico and are in the Bloomfield area, in the far northwest corner on U.S. 64, stop by the Salmon Ruins (6131 Highway 64, Bloomfield, 505-632-2013) and see the exhibit by artist Douglas G. Miller, "Seven Wonders", featuring ***Perseverance Castle***, a sculpture of gourds and glue. The castle measures 17 ½" tall x 10" diameter x 31 ½ " around. This is Mr. Miller's first sculpture with gourds. The castle is constructed of thousands of gourd shard pieces, hand carved individually to build and furnish the castle. He meticulously fashioned each piece of the intricate floor and castle with the pieces. Looking closely, the viewer can see stairwells, furnishings, and other minute details through windows and doorways of the structure. This sculpture won First Place at the National Gourd Society Juried Art Competition in 2006. This castle was featured in a recent edition of the American Gourd Society's The Gourd magazine. Mr. Miller sent a special invitation to all members of the Texas Gourd Society to view the exhibit, which runs March 15, 2007 through June 2008. Thanks to Joe Pritchard for this information

Vendor and Competition Packets will arrive soon – be sure to sign up for a booth and enter the competition.

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TGS Seeks Publicity and Advertising Leads

Do you know of a magazine or Newspaper
with a calendar of events?

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our upcoming Lone Star Gourd Festival in
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Sep 8-9 North Carolina Gourd Festival – www.twincreek.com/gourds/festival.com

Sep 14-16 Illinois Gourd Society Festival – new location – www.americangourdsociety.org/ILGS

Sep 16 Mississippi Gourd Festival – www.gourdgracious.homestead.com/gourdfestival.html

Sep 29-30 Greenville OH "World's Largest Gourd Show" - www.ohiogourdsociety.org

Oct 20-21 Alabama Gourd Festival, Cullman, AL – www.alabamagourdsociety.org

Oct 27, 28 **Texas Gourd Society Lone Star Gourd Festival in Waco, TX** www.texasgourdsociety.org

T Shirt Design Contest

We are having a contest for a new T Shirt Design for TGS. Deadline for the entries is July 15. For details please email Judy Richie at judyrichie@yahoo.com or call 830-257-8939. Watch the TGS website also. Prize will be a T shirt plus free TGS Membership for 2008. So, each of you think of an eye-catching design for our TGS 2007 Lone Star Gourd Festival. We want a really good collectible T Shirt to sell for this year's October show in Waco.

FALL FESTIVAL COMPETITION

The Competition Committee for the 2007 Lone Star Gourd Festival is happy to report that it has completed its task of revamping the show guidelines. Some categories have been deleted and new categories have been added. Plus, we're really excited to announce a new Division!

First, seven new categories have been added to the Open Division. They are: Land Animals, Air Animals, Sea Animals, Botanical World, Southwest Inspired, Celtic Inspired and Multiple Artisans or Partnership. Also, this year our Texas themed category is 'Texas Our Texas'. TGS artists will be asked to create a piece of Texas style art as a tribute to this great state.

Next, the new Division that has been added is Fine Art. Anyone may enter, however, all entries must be the original work of the artist (no patterns or copies of other artists work) and if an artist enters this Division they may not enter the same class in the Open Division i.e. Fine Art-Mixed Media and Open Division-Mixed Media. The new classes comprising this division are Mixed Media, Sculpture and Southwest/Western Theme.

Additionally, some of the rules have been modified. This year, entrants will be allowed to place their business card or other small card beside their entry (after judging) with information about their location at the show (booth number) or contact information (phone number, address or website) for selling purposes. However, NO SALES PRICING will be allowed on these cards.

These modifications have been made with the intention of improving our Festival competition. It is our hope that these changes will inspire more of our members to submit their work and will foster a greater appreciation of the talent our members possess when viewed by the public that attends this event.

Darla Hines, Committee Chair, has done an excellent job heading this committee. Her hard work and dedication is such a great asset to this society. Members like Darla are what make our organization great. Thank you Darla and all of the Competition Committee – Bill Broughton, Sylvia Gaines, Dusti Locky, Hellen Martin, Judy Richie, and Patty Sorensen for your contribution to the 2007 Lone Star Gourd Festival.

Written by Sylvia Gaines.

EDITOR NOTE – By the time you read this, you should have your competition & vendor package.

Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show

The second annual Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show is now in progress at the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center (KACC) in Kerrville, Texas, May 24 through July 8, 2007. The reception and awards ceremony was held on Saturday, May 26, 2007. About 30 of our fine TGS artists have entered the juried competition again this year. Attendance was very impressive at the show last year and they are excited to have the show again this year at the Center. The Traveling Raffle Gourd is on exhibit at the show and the KACC is selling raffle tickets for us. We hope everyone can view the show sometime during its six-week run. The visitors have come from Florida and California, as well as Texas and many other states. Winners included: first place – Marsha Mefford, second place – Judy Richie, third place – Beth Bartley, best Southwest – Darla Hines, most whimsical - Gerry Flewharty, unusual use of materials – Dana Miller, best design – Donna Huth. Honorable Mention Ribbons were awarded to: Dusti Locky, Leah Reed, Phyllis Sickles, Eugene Endicott, Kristi Dial, Betty Vertin, and Harry Tooker. You can go on-line and view winners and many other entries at this link:

www.kodakgallery.com/Slideshow.Jsp?mode=fromshare&conn_speed=1&Uc=6ppexf4.r4x6v2o&Uy=-alznqz&Ux=1

The TEXAS GOURD SOCIETY LONE STAR GOURD FESTIVAL will be held in Waco on October 27th & 28th at the Convention Center. The Banquet and General Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 27th in the Lutheran Church at 1008 Jefferson Avenue in Waco – about one mile from the Convention Center. Check other pages in this issue, plus the TGS website, to find more details about the Lone Star Festival and banquet, with workshop classes, vendors, demonstrations, raffle, and competition information, plus hotel & motel details. Plan now to attend. Spread the word and contact Beck Wise or Robbie with your local publicity for this event – Copy the Show flier on page 2 or copy the flier on the web site.

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Don Vyskocil – TGS Artist of the Year

Don won all of the top TGS awards in Waco last fall – best of show, people's choice and best of class. Don was born and raised in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He went to school at University of Iowa and joined the Navy for three years before going back to complete a degree in Sociology. After graduating, he went to Chicago and later worked in retail clothing sales in Denver, and then in Colorado Springs where he met his first wife. Next, he went back to Cedar Rapids and was employed by the Boy Scouts. He transferred to Brenham with the Scouts, and then to Dallas, San Antonio, and back to Houston where he is Territory Manager of the Houston Scout Shops. He and his wife Susan live in Houston. Don has two sons and two grandchildren. His hobbies are fishing and art. As a teen, he got interested in cartoons at Disneyland, and in the Navy got more involved in art, concentrating on driftwood carving. About four years ago, a friend introduced Don to gourd art by Robert Rivera and got hooked on gourds, finding them much easier to work than wood. His art has been wildlife – mostly fish. A couple of courses he took many years ago probably influenced his interest. The courses were in "museum habitat". Don has entered TGS competition for the past three years - often using air dried clay with the gourd to get the effects he wanted. He is now planning more power carving to make his figures stand out. You can visit his website at: www.vyskocilarts.com

American Gourd Society – www.americangourdsociety.org Visit the AGS website for tutorials and ideas. Join the AGS and get their GREAT gourd quarterly called **"The Gourd"**. Membership is \$15 per year and is prorated for expiration December 31. You can mail a check to: PO Box 2186, Kokomo, IN 46904-2186 – email: agsmembership@insightbb.com

NEW MEMBERS Welcome! Join a Patch, ask questions, volunteer and have fun

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If you are too far away from the Patch meeting closest to you, start a new patch. You may be surprised how many members are within 20 miles of you. Joe Pritchard is the Membership Officer and can identify your TGS neighbor members. Call Joe at 817-909-2814.

Be a Vendor at the Fall Show – if you don't have enough gourds for a whole booth, share with a friend. Information will be in your mailbox soon.

We were saddened to hear that Robin Smith's husband, Frank, passed away on 2/2/07.

PATCHES are donating a decorated Christmas tree or basket of gourd related items to TGS for raffling at the TGS Lone Star gourd festival. Contact Pam Word: havnwords@peoplepc.com – 903-734-1106 for any questions you may have. There will also be a Colwood woodburner as one of the raffle items – same as last year.

**Something New and Exciting
for the
2007 Lone Star Gourd Festival**

My "job" as chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee was to come up with new ideas for the Texas Gourd Society (TGS) to make money. Now, this isn't as easy as people may think. My goal was to come up with ideas that would make money with the least amount of expense for the TGS.

BINGO, I came up with an idea that I feel fits that goal.

That idea is to have a Silent Auction during the day of the 2007 Lone Star Gourd Festival in Waco, TX. I've attended several shows that actually have Silent Auctions so I contacted several of them to "get the lowdown." I found out this is very inexpensive to do, but the payoff could be awesome!

This isn't the type of auction where you have an Auctioneer getting people to bid for an item by raising a hand or a card. A Silent Auction is where the attendees at the event would make a bid for an item by writing on a piece of paper by that item their name and how to contact them if they are the highest bidder.

The cost is very inexpensive! We would only need a couple of tables, table covers, some paper, and pencils. Cost for TGS would be... at the most ...\$55.

Now, this is where we need the support for this event from **ALL TGS members**. We need **YOU** to donate one or more of your beautiful pieces for the auction. *You can either make this new event a great success by donating several pieces or make it a failure by donating nothing.* If we have nothing or just a few items for bidding, TGS will not make any money or very little money.

Now, don't be shy about your art!! Don't think no one will "bid on something I do". Remember, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. What do you have in your inventory that hasn't sold, you're just sick of looking at them, or you're tired of carrying them from show to show? This is a good way to clear out those items. The best part is you can deduct from your Federal Income Tax your supply costs, not the price you would sell the piece or the man-hours you put into creating that piece of art ... if you already claim this type of expense on your taxes. Of course, always check with an accountant to make sure you're doing it correctly. I've donated several pieces to Silent Auctions. Some have sold for more than I was charging, but they usually sell for less. **BUT**, they have brought people to my booth to see what else I do. Think on that one for a while!!! I've already pulled several pieces from my inventory I will be "donating" to this event. Donate something you think a person would be proud to own even though it might be a small piece.

We will be holding two Silent Auctions on Saturday since this is the day most people attend. Each one will run two hours so attendees don't have to stand around all day. One will be from 10 AM until 12 noon with the winners being announced at 12:30 PM. The next one will be from 1 PM until 3 PM with the winners being announced at 3:30 PM. I feel the winners should be present to win so we don't have to worry about shipping, but we're still working out the details.

PLEASE participate in this event to make it a success. If you have any questions, please contact me by e-mail at barhelltif@aol.com

Author: Hellen M. Martin

Gourd Calendars & Traveling Raffle Gourd Update by Joe Pritchard

As of May 20, 2007, according to my records, we have income on sales of the calendars of \$3,069.00.

As of May 20, 2007, we have \$383.00 income from tickets sold for the Traveling Raffle Gourd. Robbie and I took the Raffle Gourd to Kerrville for display at the Second Annual Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show May 24 through July 8 at the Kerr Arts & Cultural Center where tickets are being sold for TGS. The remaining calendars will also be sold there. Another update will be provided at the end of the Kerrville Show.

SUE HABERER Interview

Presently, I live in Levelland.....35 miles west of Lubbock. I lived all of my married life in Earth, TX. Before that, I lived in Lubbock, and moved to Earth to teach school where I met my husband. I am presently retired, having taught school for 27 years....26 in Earth and 1 in Muleshoe. I taught Family and Consumer Sciences and Speech in Junior High and High School.

I met my husband Don in my first year of teaching at Springlake-Earth. We married 4 years later and continued to live in Earth for the next 30 years. We farmed for 15 years. Don later moved into the Federal Crop Insurance business and I continued to teach. We have 2 children...Staci and Chris, who are both married. Staci and her husband live in McKinney and Chris and his wife live in Wolfforth. Neither have any children as of yet. After I retired, we moved to Levelland. Don and I both work for City Bank. Don is still in the Crop Insurance business and I am a substitute teller. I work as little as possible and only when the bank calls. The rest of the time I work on my gourds.

I love to dabble in a little of everything concerned with building or art. I finally decided that I should put all of my effort into one thing, rather than many, so I became involved in gourd art. I am a self taught artist, becoming really involved after I retired in 2001. A friend gave me a gourd as a gift and that inspired me to grow my own gourds and decorate them. When I lived in Earth, I had several acres in my back yard to grow gourds, but since I moved to Levelland, I have had to buy most of my gourds.

I started a business called Earthly Creations, trying to incorporate into the name the fact that gourds were created from the earth plus the fact that I lived in Earth, Texas. I started my business strictly painting gourds. Then I learned about the mini cross saw and started cutting designs as well as painting. Recently I became enamored with power carving. I took a class from Bonnie Gibson and it seems that all I want to do now is carve.

I remember my first art experience. I was in the first grade and looked forward to art time several times a week. I loved to finger paint on butcher paper. I still remember the smell of the paint and the wavy leaves that I formed with my hands. Painting and creating is now an excitement for me. Someone said that to be truly happy, you need to find something that you can't wait to get up in the mornings to do.....and I have found my niche in working with gourds.

Note - Sue is currently the President of TGS and is showing gourds at the Kerrville Fine Arts Center.



Dot Painting: in the footsteps of the native Australians

Thanks to Claire Cassan - Southeast Patch Website. For more information on this and other tutorials, visit the website at: www.geocities.com/TGS_southeast

Kudos to Abby Sandlin who taught the class

Supplies:

A gourd tile, cleaned and sanded. Acrylic paint of different colors Brushes
Stylus (variety of sizes)
Container with water
Plastic plate (paint palette)
Paper towels
Hair Dryer

This class was taught by Abby Sandlin at our May 2007 meeting. Abby took a class by Gerry Flewharty in Waco last fall.




1. Paint the gourd tile with selected color using a large flat brush. Two coats will do.
2. Let it dry, you can use the hair dryer to hasten the process.
3. Transfer an easy pattern onto your gourd. Dot painting is done using the end of the brush (yes, the *other* end), or the tip of a stylus. Put a very small amount of paint on the palette and dip the tip of the stylus.
4. The paint is used as-is, not thinned, otherwise the design might bleed
5. Form a dot on the gourd. Follow the lines of your design, and fill-in later.
6. Always dip the brush in paint after each dot to insure better consistency in your dots.
7. Do not crowd the dots, otherwise the design will not show.
8. Play with stylus sizes to create a textural effect.

Announcing Classes for the Fall Show – October 27 & 28, 2007 - Class Size Limited -
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are furnished unless noted. Additional information and photos will be added in the coming weeks.



SATURDAY MORNING CLASSES 9:00 to 12:30

<u>Elizabeth Scesniak</u> Variegated Gold Leaf Vase.	Come create a beautiful gourd vase using a variety of decorative painting techniques. Starting with gold, copper and bronze metallics you will create a quick and easy background for your central design. A stunning variegated gold leaf image will then be added to an ebony circle to complete your unique gourd. Perfect project for all levels.	PHOTO WILL SHOW LATER
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SATURDAY AFTERNOON CLASSES 1:00 to 5:00

<u>Gerry Flewharty</u> Fashion Gourd Purse	Design wearable art by transforming a canteen gourd into a unique gourd purse. SKILL LEVEL: All - You will perform Wood-burning, pattern transfer, ink dye painting, sealing interior and exterior of gourd. Printed instructions, patterns, transfer paper, brass hardware, straps, gourd ink dyes, microbrushes, ink squares, materials for interior and exterior sealing of purse – all provided.	PHOTO WILL SHOW LATER
<u>Elizabeth Scesniak</u> Pine Needle Rim Bowl with Metallic Leaves and Acorns	Create a beautiful background finish on your bowl using a varnish/glaze technique be for adding lovely gold, bronze and cooper leaves and acorns. Then weave a pine needle rim to finish off your gourd bowl These techniques can be useful for many other projects.	

CLASSES – Time of class to be determined – check website

<u>Clara Willibey</u> Wax Resist	Take home a beautiful finished gourd project - Introduction to the tools and techniques of “wax resist” painting using a <i>Kistka</i> (yours to keep), black wax and leather dye. Cut and cleaned gourd bowl, supplies and leather lacing will be provided. Please bring an apron or old shirt.	
<u>Eugene Endicott</u> Chip Carving	<u>Chip Carving with a Gouge</u> - Learn how to lay out a design and use a wood gouge for chipping. This technique creates practically no dust, and qualifies as a “primitive” craft. Dyes will be selected to enhance the contrast of chipped and plain portions of the gourd. Student may bring a gouge or use one of the instructor’s. All materials supplied Skill Levels: Beginning or Midlevel or Advanced (circle one)	
<u>Judy Richie</u> Power Carving	Power Carving - Learn to remove gourd material leaving a design of your choosing. Find which bits work better and where you can buy them. Student must provide dust mask and rotary tool. Cut thick, cleaned gourd provided.	PHOTO WILL SHOW LATER
<u>Dusti Lockey</u> Beading on a Gourd	Learn the techniques for fine beadwork. Dusti shared her skills last year in a seminar and will teach a full class this year.	PHOTO WILL SHOW LATER

CLASS REGISTRATION APPLICATION - CLASS SIZE LIMITED. Confirmation of classes will be sent upon payment.
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Please let us know of events in your area and we will try to bring it to you or arrange for it to be there. We will try to keep a calendar of its schedule of appearances and will be happy to add your event(s) to the schedule.

The Traveling Raffle Gourd will be presented in a drawing at 3:00 p.m. on October 28, 2007. You need not be present to win – we will contact you. Please complete the form below to obtain raffle tickets.



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4. Which gourd tools are best for a beginning gourder? Consider cutting, cleaning, burning, etc.
5. Has anyone successfully used Rit dye on gourds? Tell us how to be successful using Rit.
6. Should we prune gourd vines? How is it done?
7. How do you avoid glare in gourd photographs?

Lynda Smith Interview

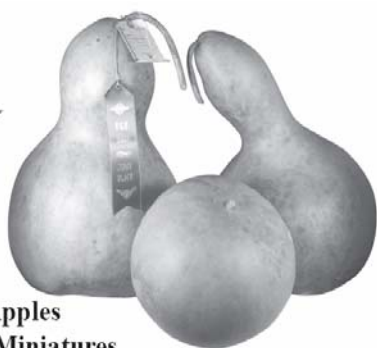
Lynda Smith was raised in upstate NY in the Finger Lakes region. She also lived for short times over seas in Ethiopia and the mountains of the Philippines. Lynda expects to retire soon but meanwhile is an Occupational Therapist at the veterans' hospital in Dallas. She still has family in upstate NY and her husband Michael has family in Ft Worth. He is a native Texan! Lynda has always been involved in some kind of art or craft and enjoys reading, loves movies, and is the proud owner of two cats and two dogs - all mutts. She was introduced to gourds by one of her patients who showed her a gourd crafting book in the early '90's. Her favorite is to burn on the gourd and then add dyes or paint, but also enjoys sculpting and has tried more than once to turn a gourd into something by adding clay. Both parents were very artistic and crafty. She never thought of her dad as crafty but he built two homes by himself - one from scrap lumber when he returned from WWII. She and her mom were always making crafts, usually from odds and ends such as a reindeer from two Joy dishwashing bottles! Lynda was TGS Artist of the Year in 2004, and currently is Treasurer, and is showing at the Kerrville Fine Arts Gallery.



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Sylvia Gaines Interview

Sylvia is Patch Leader for the Dallas Patch and resides in Sherman, Texas with husband Kip. She was raised in Arlington, but visited her Grand Parents in Sherman. Currently she is a graphic designer for JC Penney for the corporate office in Plano, Texas. Their house has no human children, but several 4-legged children. Hobbies include gourds, china painting, horseback riding and lots of pets. Sylvia has always been interested in art, starting with crayons. She started working with gourds three years ago. She had been wood burning when she met Bob Dunfield and caught the gourd bug. Pyrography is her favorite, but she also enjoys painting and carving. The one person who influenced her most is her Grandmother, who was a landscape and pastel artist. Sylvia did very well in the competition in Waco, and presently is showing at the Kerrville Fine Arts gourd show.

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