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The President's Message

By Robbie Pritchard

Hello, Texas Gourders! Happy Holidays to all!

I want to thank everyone who participated in our Lone Star Gourd Festival last month in Waco, whether you were an organizer, a worker, a vendor, a competitor, or a customer. Special thanks go to Sue Haberer as Show Chair and to Lynda Smith as Vendor Chair. Also thanks to Judy Richie and her committee for organizing a wonderful competition this year – we had over 200 entries. Cindi Creswell did a good job organizing the classes and discussion groups. Thanks to everyone who entered the competition and/or attended or instructed the classes. And thanks to everyone who brought ornaments to the dinner Friday night. I know that our troops will appreciate this little touch of home during the holiday season when the ornaments arrive there.

I want to also thank Bob Schuetze for arranging for Waco Mayor Virginia DuPuy to give us a welcome speech and to serve as our VIP Judge for the competition. And thank you to Mayor DuPuy for her interest and enthusiasm about gourds.

Carol Steel did an excellent job of producing our first 2007 Gourd Calendar. If you haven't already purchased yours, instructions on how to order calendars may be found in this newsletter. They make wonderful gifts, too! Sales were brisk at the dinner and at the show. They are now advertised in the American Gourd Society website, the Texas Gourd Society website, and in several state gourd newsletters. We are continuing to receive orders for the calendars.

Our Traveling Raffle Gourd, "Cultures of Early Texas," that was completed by members of all of our patches, was well-received at the show. We will be selling raffle tickets throughout the remainder of 2006 and all of 2007 until it is awarded by drawing in Waco on November 18, 2007. See the article about the Traveling Raffle Gourd in this newsletter.

THE TGS Board will be meeting in January to address issues and to begin planning for the 2007 Lone Star Gourd Festival (November 17-18, 2007). We will announce the date and location of TGS's Spring 2007 Meeting in the near future.

Again, I wish everyone a safe and very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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IMPORTANT RENEWAL REMINDER!

TGS Members whose membership dues expire during December 2006 need to renew before January 1 - do not wait until the deadline! Dues paid during 12/2006 will be \$12 and will be valid until 12/2007. Send check or money order with completed membership form (back page of Texas Gourdzette newsletter or copied from TGS website at www.texasgourdsociety.org).

Be sure the email address is legible. Make checks to Texas Gourd Society.

Mail to: Texas Gourd Society, 9830 Shadydale Lane, Dallas, TX 75238

Request for 2006 Volunteer Hours

We need to know your volunteer hours and mileage in furthering education about gourds for TGS. You may include time at patch meetings, events you represent your patch at TGS, and the Fall Show and Spring Meetings. Please include all times from the Fall Show 2005 (October 12, 2005) up to the Fall Show (November 9, 2006). Please email times/mileage to Joe Pritchard at stormy7606@hotmail.com or mail a note to 7606 Ledbetter Road, Arlington, TX 76001-6908. This helps toward our non-profit organization. Don't forget – these count toward the award of the Golden Gourd Award to the one with the most hours and miles for TGS.

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Now, TGS members can have their gourd-related website linked directly to the TGS website.

You can visit the "advertising and links" page on the TGS site and by clicking on links in that section, you can visit advertisers such as Turtle Feathers or the Caning Shop, or you might want to visit one of the other state gourd societies, or one of the TGS Patch websites. Here is how you can **place YOUR website link with TGS**:

Contact our education chair—Cindi Creswell at cidnboo@att.net or 817-244-0135.

Send her your website address (to be shown on the TGS website)

Send her your member name (to be shown on the TGS website)

Business name, if different from your name – (to be shown on the TGS website)

COMPETITION WINNERS AT WACO

<p>Best of show - Don Vyskocil 1- Div I Mixed Media Texas Award - Hellen Martin - My Idea VIP Award - Sylvia Gaines - Div 1 Pyrography People's Choice - Don Vyskocil - Div 1 Mixed Med.</p> <p>Best of Division Awards Div 1 - Don Vyskocil - Div 1 Mixed Media Div 2 - Bert Petri - Div 2 Mixed Media Open Div - Marsha Mefferd - My Idea Growers - Dan Tillman - Gourd Display, fresh Best of Gourd Patch - East TX Piney Woods</p> <p>Growers Division Lagenarias, fresh - 2nd - Randy Hough Ornamentals, fresh - 1st - Randy Hough Three of a kind, fresh – 1st - Randy Hough, 2nd Bill Willibey Largest, fresh - no entries Largest, dried - no entries Smallest, fresh - no entries Smallest, dried - no entries Longest, fresh - 1st - Randy Hough Longest, dried - 1st - Randy Hough Longest & straightest fresh-1st - Randy Hough Longest & straightest dried - 1st Randy Hough Gourd display, fresh – 1st Dana Tillman 2nd - Randy Hough Gourd display dried - 2nd Randy Hough Unusual, fresh – 1st Randy Hough Hand-trained, fresh – 1st Randy Hough Hand-trained, dried - no entries</p> <p>Division 1 Carved, cut, etc 1 Marsha Mefferd 2 Patty Sorensen 3 Joe J. Nelson Pyrography 1 Sylvia Gaines 2. marvin Miller 3. Sam Margaret Simpson Painted 1. Sylvia Gaines 2. Betty Vertin 3. Sam Margaret Simpson Beaded - 1. Darla Hines Weaving,etc - 1. Darla Hines Clay - 1. Barbara Petroski Finishes 1. Betty Vertin 2. Marsha Mefferd 3. Sam Margaret Simpson Inlay - no entries</p>	<p>Ink/colored pencil 1. Sandee Toone 2. Betty Vertin Mixed Media 1. Don Vyskocil 2. Patty Sorensen 3. Sue Haberer Native American Style 1. Sylvia Gaines 2. Darla Hines 3. Maria Aguilar Holiday 1. David Vyskocil 2. Sandee Toone 3. Janet H. Dunn Covered Gourd 1. Betty Vertin 2. Darla Hines 3. Gail Adams Birdhouse 1. Patty Sorensen 2. Sylvia Gaines 3. Betty Vertin</p> <p>Division 2 Carved,etc - 1. Bert Petrie Pyrography 1. Bill Decker 2. Bert Petrie 3. Patty Gilliland Painted - 2. Patty Gilliland Beaded - 1. Dusti Lockey Weaving,etc - 1. Hellen Martin Clay – 3. Patty Gilliland Finishes – 3. John Conley Inlay - no entries Ink/Colored pencil.- 1. Bill Decker Mixed Media 1. Bert Petrie 2. Hellen Martin 3. Bill Decker Native American.Style 1. Dusti Lockey 2. Hellen Martin 3 Gail Adams Holiday 1. Hellen Martin 2. Bill Decker 3. Bert Petrie Covered gourd 1. Patty Gilliland 2. Hellen Martin Birdhouse - 1. Gail Adams</p>
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<p>Open Division</p> <p>My Idea</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marsha Mefferd 2. Hellen Martin 3 Bert Petrie <p>Animal Kingdom</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bert Petrie 2. Hellen Martin 3. Darla Hines <p>Human Kingdom</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Pat Duncan 3 maria Aguilar <p>Doll</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hellen Martin 2. Pat Duncan 3. Sherry Williams <p>International</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Betty Vertin 2. Marsha Mefferd 3. Darla Hines <p>Texas Wild West</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sylvia Gaines 2 Hellen Martin 3 Darla Hines <p>Fantasy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bill Decker 2. Sylvia Gaines 3. Dusti Locky <p>American quilt - 1. Darla Hines</p> <p>Sculpture - 1. Marsha Mefferd</p> <p>Abstract</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marsha Mefferd 2. Dusti Locky 3. Bill Decker 	<p>Baskets</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bert Petrie 2. Shirley Thompson 3. Maria Aguilar <p>Toys - no entries</p> <p>Things with wheels - no entries</p> <p>Story Book, etc - 1. Ethel Virgin</p> <p>Dot Painting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sylvia Gaines 2. Gerry Flewharty 3. Patty Gilliland <p>Functional,etc</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jenni Clay 2. Marsha Mefferd 3. Darla Hines <p>Wall Hangings - 1. Bert Petrie</p> <p>Masks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bill Decker 2. Sandee Toone 3. Barry Martin <p>Musical Instrument - 3. Maria Aguilar</p> <p>Decorated dipper - 1. Bert Petrie</p> <p>Inward - 3. Betty Vertin</p> <p>Subject of gourd</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sylvia Gaines 2. Lisa Hough 3. Jonathan Hunter <p>Wearable</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barbara Petroski 2. Jenni Clay 3. Dusti Locky <p>Miniature</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pat Duncan 2. Maria Aguilar 3. Sandee Toone <p>Stamping – 1. Patty Sorensen</p>
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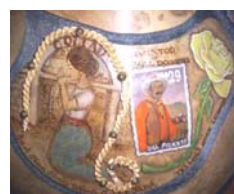
<p>All ornaments for the troops were mailed Wednesday after the show to two different groups in Iraq. We had approximately 100 ornaments and want to thank each and every one that participated in this event. I truly believe that the troops will enjoy them for the holidays and know that they are being thought of and not forgotten. We would like to wish everyone a safe and blessed holiday. Thanks. (Sharon Copenhaver & Nat</p>	<p>Now you can take gourd classes in the comfort of your home with well-known teachers at Gourd College Online!</p> <p>www.gourdcollegeonline.com</p>
<p>Nat and Sharon want to thank everyone that participated and donated in the silent auction. It was very much appreciated. Thank You Again from Bob & Nat Chance and Keith & Sharon Copenhaver.</p>	
<p>The ORIGINAL TGS Traveling Gourd has traveled a total of approximately 4,260 miles throughout the Lone Star State. It was originally transported on 12/20/2003. From the State Fair of Texas on 1/23/2005, it went to Arlington, to Levelland, the Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Museum (Crosbyton), Texas Last Frontier Museum (Morton), TGS State Gourd Festival (Waco) and is currently in Longview where it will be on exhibition for several months - (update thanks to Gerry Flewharty)</p>	

Traveling Raffle Gourd

The Gourd is now traveling! Our beautiful “Cultures of Early Texas” gourd depicts 18 cultures that were important in forming Texas. The gourd is approximately 15” in diameter and stands about 22” tall. After the Lone Star Gourd Festival in Waco, the gourd came to Arlington for a gourd program presented to the Arlington Women’s Club. Now it is in Austin for a program at the Lion’s Club, a Christmas party with the Capital of Texas Gourd Patch, and possibly another engagement. It’s then on its way to Houston. Plans are for the traveling gourd to go to the Arizona Gourd Show in February 2007.

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 you event(s) to the schedule.

The Traveling Raffle Gourd will be presented in a drawing at 3:00 p.m. on November 18, 2007, at the Lone Star Gourd Festival at the Waco Convention Center. You need not be present to win – we will contact you. Please complete the form below to obtain raffle tickets.



Texas Traveling Raffle Gourd

To be presented Nov 18, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.
Drawing at the TGS Lone Star Gourd Festival,
Waco Convention Center, Waco, Texas

\$ 1.00 donation per ticket or 6 tickets for \$ 5.00 – (Add 50 cents per order for mailing costs)

Please send _____ ticket(s) to

Enclosed is \$ _____ donation (check or money order payable to Texas Gourd Society)

Complete this form and send to: Robbie Pritchard, 7606 Ledbetter Road, Arlington, TX 76001-6908

We will enter your ticket(s) and return your stubs and a receipt as proof of donation.

Thank you for supporting the Texas Gourd Society.



Blue Ribbon Winners at 2006 TGS Lone Star Gourd Festival



Don Vyskocil--Best of Show A --Best of Show B -- Mixed Media

Hellen Martin - Texas Award--My Idea

Sylvia Gaines-VIP Award--Pyrography



Best of Div 2 -- Bert Petri -- Mixed Media

Best Open Div-Marsha Medford-My Idea

Best Growers-Dan Tillman-Fresh Gourd Display

Best Patch-E. TX PW



Grower--Randy Hough--Ornamental

Randy Hough-3 of a Kind-Fresh

Randy Hough Classes 8, 9, & 10

Randy Hough -- Unusual Fresh & Hand Trained Fresh



Div 1 - Marsha Mefferd -- Carved, Cut, etc.

Div 1 --Sylvia Gaines - Painted

Div 1 -- Darla Hines - Beaded

Div 1 -- Barbara Petroski - Clay



Div 1 – Darla Hines – Weaving, Coiling, etc.

Div 1 – Betty Vertin – Finishes

Div 1–Sandy Toone–Ink/pencil..... Div 1-David Vyskocil - Holiday



Div 1 Sylvia Gaines – Native American Style

Div 1 – Betty Vertin – Covered Gourd

Div 1 - Patty Sorensen - Birdhouse



Div 2–Bert Petrie–Carved

Div 2 – Bill Decker – Pyrography

Div 2 – Dusti Lockey – Beaded

Div 2-Hellen Martin-Weaving,etc..Div 2 Hellen Martin-Holiday



Div 2 – Bill Decker – Ink/Colored Pencil

Div 2 – Dusty Lockey - Native American Style

Div 2 - Patty Gilliland – Covered Gourd

Div 2-Gail Adams-Birdhouse



Open Div-Bert Petrie-Animal Open Div-Hellen Martin-Doll Open Div - Betty Vertin – International Sylvia Gaines Texas Wild West..Open Div-Bill Decker-Fantasy



Open Div – Darla Hines – American Quilt Open Div – Marsha Mefferd – Sculpter Open Div-Marsha Mefferd-Abstract Open Div-Ethel Virgin-Story Book



Open Div – Bert Petrie – Baskets Open-Sylvia Gaines-Dot Paint.. Open Div-Jenni Clay-Functional Open Div – Bill Decker – Masks Bert Petrie-Dipper



Open Div – Bert Petrie – Wall Hangings Open Div – Sylvia Gaines – Subject of Gourd Barbara Petroski-Wearable Pat Duncan-Miniature Patty Sorensen

PATCH NEWS

TGS WEST TEXAS GOURD PATCH spent a lot of time in preparing for the Waco Festival.

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TGS EAST TEXAS PINEY WOODS GOURD PATCH members met to complete their gourd ornaments. The ornaments along with a tree were raffled off at Waco at the Lone Star Gourd Festival. Belva Cochran's "gourdaments" were pronounced most creative by the patch. For Belva's artistry she was awarded a years membership in TGS. In return for Hobby Lobby's hospitality, patch members agreed to present a meat and cheese tray to the employees during the Christmas holidays.

In November seven members of our patch trekked to Waco to attend, volunteer, and compete in the Lone Star Gourd Festival. Members present were Belva Cochran, Mike Cochran, Pam Word, Norma Bates, Polly Jones, Gail Adams and Patty Gilliland.

At the Waco Festival, Piney Woods manned the raffle booth and sold tickets for Christmas trees; baskets of gourd related items; and a Colwood wood burner. The Christmas trees were decorated and adorned with "gourdaments" donated by the patches of Texas. The baskets were also donated by Texas patches. The burner was purchased by TGS. Something new this year was an award based on the best decorated raffle item. Our patch was very proud to receive a blue ribbon for "best patch of 2006"

Next meeting will be on January 27, Saturday from 11 am til 2 pm. at Hobby Lobby in Longview. Topic and supply list will be posted at <http://www.geocities.com/pwgourds/novembernewsletter.html>

Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect." by **Oren Arnold**

"Merry Christmas from our patch to yours "

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

TGS SOUTHEAST TEXAS GOURD PATCH had a great time this last quarter of the year. In September we met at the Katy Library where Patch member Jim Sherwood taught basic pine needle coiling and showed all the tools he uses to complete his pieces. Bill Willibey also set up a black back ground for a photo shoot, providing us pictures for the TGS 2007 Calendar. Many of our Patch members were pleased to see their work selected for the TGS calendar. In September we also had a Patch Booth at the Sugar Land Garden Club - we sold many completed gourds and shared information and seeds with people new to gourds. In October we enjoyed a potluck lunch at my place and followed with working on our Patch Competition piece and turned in the ornaments for the TGS raffle tree. As it turned out we were the only Patch to submit an entry for the competition category so we ended up withdrawing this group piece and had a silent auction in our booth at the Festival using the proceeds for supplementing our Patch funds. We all sat down and planned our 2007 meeting projects, and should have a project for every month next year. November brought our meeting to the Gourd Festival in Waco. We had a double size booth where members could sell and show their work. BIG THANKS to all of the members who supported the Patch with their time tending the booth. We also had several members taking classes; these members will be sharing what they learned next year. Several members entered the competition. Our Patch did GREAT, we had many ribbon winners and our own member Don Vyskocil was the Peoples Choice, Best of Show, Best of Division 1, and 1st place winner of the Mixed Media category Division 1 for his wonderful fish entry. Congratulations to Don and to all members who entered the competition! Our raffle gourd tree was the BEST, it didn't win the Best of Patch entries but we know we did good! It takes our Patch members working together to make things happen - you folks know who you are – thanks again for all of your work!! We will be having a December PARTY, eating and swapping gourd gifts, plus showing our Patch the beaded rim technique that Dusti Lockey taught as a demo on Sunday in Waco.

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

TGS DALLAS GOURD PATCH planned for Waco at the October meeting. No meeting will be held in December, and the Christmas meeting will be on the third Saturday of January at the home of Pat Duncan.

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TGS GUADALUPE GOURD PATCH - two of our members won a lot of ribbons at the show. That would be Betty Vertin and Marsha Mefferd. Mostly at our meetings, we worked on ornaments for the raffle tree. We plan on more workshop type meetings in the future, since we have several people that are new to gourding and are eager to learn.

Contact Bob Richie brichie@ktc.com 830-357-8939 or Judy Richie at jrichie@ktc.com

TGS COWTOWN PATCH – Fairy tales can come true. It can happen to you. And it did to long-standing competition chicken barb petroski. As I was walking out the door to head to Waco I decided to try 2 last minute entries even tho the entry fee would be somewhat higher (\$2 instead of 1). Lo & behold! Not 1, but 2 1st place winners! 1 in Div 1-clay and the other in Open-wearable. Patch member Sandee Toone scored an amazing 4 ribbons!! First place in Open-ink/pencil, 2nds in the holiday & mask categories and 3rd in miniature. You go girl! Cowtown Patch decided at the last meeting that they would be too worn out from holiday partying to make the 1st Tues meeting (Jan2) so we will NOT meet then. We will have a belated Christmas/exchange/swap/Valentine party at the February meeting. Its at The Rig at Alta Mesa & I-35. 6pm. We hope everyone has safe & Gourdots Holidays ahead. See you next year!

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TGS ARLINGTON GOURD PATCH has been busy following the TGS mission statement of educating the public about the unique qualities that the humble gourd has to offer. At the end of September in Oklahoma at a Decorative Painting Convention, Cindi Creswell taught a gourd class. October 10, 2006 at the Lily B. Clayton Elementary School FWISD, by formal request from the third grade teacher Ms. Heifner, our members Esther Chambliss and Cindi Creswell did a presentation and mini workshop with the kids. The club donated gourd coloring books toward their ongoing gardening program. On October 28, 2006 the Patch had a table at Herbal Thymes, The Johnson County Herbal Society Show. Esther Chambliss is President of the organization; Robbie and Joe Pritchard and Cindi Creswell represented the Patch. November 14, 2006 at the Arlington's Women's Club, Robbie Pritchard, Esther Chambliss, Cindi Creswell and Joe Pritchard, who helped with set-up, gave a presentation on "Creative Ideas on How to Decorate Gourds". December 4 and 6, 2006, Cindi Creswell made a presentation to the AP Art Class at the Applied Learning Center Middle School, FWISD, about using the gourd as another medium and sharing the pictures from the TGS Waco Show to young emerging artists.

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TGS CAPITAL OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH had a lot of action in the patch for the past month. Everyone in our patch turned up in Waco for the Annual Show & Sell. We're so proud of our newest member, Maria Isabel Aguilar, who entered 9 pieces in the competition and won three 3rd place ribbons and two 2nd place ribbons. Maria lives in San Antonio and travels up to Austin to join in our patch meetings. We're so happy to have Betty and Pete Kent joining our group as well. At the show, Jocelyn Guajardo donated a gourd embellished with a bear (Baylor Bears) that was presented to the Mayor of Waco. Jocelyn also won the beautiful and creative Kerrville patch Christmas tree in the drawing and is exhibiting it at the nursing home where she works. We had our patch Christmas party at the home of our President, Rona Thornton. Lots of good food, laughter, and our infamous gift exchange. Sold lots of raffle tickets for the spectacular TGS gourd that was present for the party and also lots of calendars.

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TGS LONESTAR FESTIVAL VENDOR CHAIR REPORT by LYNDA SMITH

As Vendor chair and a vendor for our show in Waco I hope we do not go on and on about what a great show it was! We need to face the fact that this was a very poor show in terms of number of vendors and traffic. We need to get everyone who is interested in making next year better to step up and do something starting now. More people need to rent booths rather than sharing with a patch. This is not an expensive show and there are some good artists out there who just need to increase their productivity. Also, we really need everyone to get involved with advertising. It is much too big and important a job to leave to just a few. Other suggestions I received included having the competition in the same room as the show, having a smaller, "cozier" room, and let's have some music playing!! Let's get the discussion going!

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PHOTOS FROM WACO



Mayor DuPuy inspects bear gourd gift crafted by Jocelyn Guajardo and Welcomes TGS to Waco as, Sue Haberer, Robbie Pritchard, Bob Schuetze, and Judy Richie watch.



Jim Darby-Comp. Judge



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Waco Mayor DuPuy Welcomes TGS to Waco

[JoePritchard] The Honorable Virginia DuPuy, Mayor of Waco, welcomed TGS to her city for our first Lone Star Gourd Festival in Waco, with a welcome speech in McLennan Room Exhibit Hall. She told us how impressed she was with just her first glance at the show. Mayor DuPuy then served as the VIP Judge for our competition room, selecting Sylvia Gaines's pyrography depiction of a longhorn ram for the VIP Award. TGS presented Mayor



Mayor DuPuy welcomes TGS as Robbie Pritchard, Judy Richie, and Bob Schuetze look on.



Mayor DuPuy examines the gourd with bear presented to her by TGS.

DuPuy with one of our new 2007 Gourd Calendars and with a gourd carved with a bear, since Waco is home to the Baylor Bears. The gourd was donated by Capital of Texas Gourd patch. Ramon Williams grew the gourd and Jocelyn Guajardo carved the bear. DuPuy returned in the afternoon Saturday and spent about three hours, touring the entire show and meeting all of our vendors and artists. The mayor made several purchases while at the show.

She expressed her delight at the beautiful art work and the range of ideas and concepts. The mayor told us that she will be promoting TGS throughout the year and is looking forward to our return November 17-18, 2007, for the 12th Annual Lone Star Gourd Festival.

TGS LONESTAR FESTIVAL CHAIR REPORT - SUE HABERER

As some of you know, we have been endlessly waiting for word from the Waco Convention Center for a date for next year's show. After many "attempted contacts" to WCC, we finally received word that November 16-18, 2007 is open. That is the only weekend available in November. A decision had to be made at the time of the call or we risked the chance of no date at all.

Also, in order to hold a "legal" raffle, a drawing date must be printed on the tickets. Since we need to sell tickets at upcoming events, an executive decision was made to hold next year's gourd festival on November 17-18.

THANKS TO THE TGS LONESTAR FESTIVAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Thank you to all committee Chairs and other members who helped make at the show. Also, I want to thank the Vendors and Instructors. Volunteers, Instructors and Vendors are critical for the show.

Sue Haberer

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