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The President's Message

By Robbie Pritchard

Happy Spring to all!

I want to thank Judy Richie for arranging for the Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show at the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center in Kerrville. I have received glowing reports from those who attended the reception and presentation of awards on Saturday, May 27. Thanks to everyone who is representing our Texas Gourd Society at the show and congratulations to all those who received ribbons – Judy Richie, Darla Hines, Jamie Slack (New Mexico), Lelia Sublett, Phyllis Sickles (from Arizona), Hellen Martin, Paula Cairns, Eugene Endicott, Marsha Mefford, and Lynda Smith. I encourage everyone who can to visit the show between now and July 9.

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Spring meeting in Waco April 1 a success. I think we had a good meeting and excellent educational seminars. Following the meeting, the TGS Board met to continue planning for the Fall Show, The Board voted to rename our event the "**Lone Star Gourd Festival**". Other things in the works are a show program booklet and a gourd calendar to be sold at the Bookstore. The vendor, competition, and education packets have been sent out or soon will be mailed. The Traveling Gourd that is being prepared by patch members will be raffled at the Fall Gourd Festival. You can see photos of its progress at our website www.texasgourdsociety.org.

I want to remind everyone that we have many, many coloring books on hand. I have had success selling them at the events I attend representing TGS. Please let me know if you would like some of the coloring books to sell at your events. Mail me at Robbie Pritchard, 7606 Ledbetter Road, Arlington, TX 76001-6908. Send a check made payable to TGS at 50 cents per book you want; we recommend that you sell them for \$1.00 each, thus making 50 cents profit per book for you or your patch. We have a variety of coloring books – apple farm, cornfield, honey farm, vegetable farm, and pumpkin farm – as well as the gourd coloring books. We will get them to you by return mail.

We wish for continued and successful recovery for Pete Kent.

See you in Waco in November.

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Announcing Classes for the Fall Show- NOVEMBER 11-12, 2006. Class Size Limited Registration open- Sign up - Cutoff Date October 31, 2006. No Refunds After November 1, 2006

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TGS Fall Show Poster by Joe Pritchard

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PATCH HAPPENINGS for March, April, and May

TGS CAPITAL OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH cancelled the April meeting due to the conflict with the Texas Gourd Society meeting in Waco. So, a bunch of us drove up there to get more details on the Fall Show & Sell event and to see the Convention Center. It was an informative meeting and there were lots of raw gourds to buy and of course, Judy Ritchie and her wonderful gourd art. We also got a glimpse of the traveling gourd that will be auctioned off in November and all I can say is that there are a lot of talented artists throughout Texas. Our own Lelia Sublett was accepted to show her work in the Southwest Fine Art Gourd Show in Kerrville May 25th - July 9th. She has entered 10 pieces, all of which sound fabulous. Also, Betty Brunswick, who has moved to Oregon to be closer to family, is still actively gourdng and will be showing 9 pieces in Kerrville. For more information and a preview log onto www.kacckerrville.com. We are currently working on our raffle basket for the November show and planning for our next meetings.

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TGS WEST TEXAS GOURD PATCH March meeting was held in Lubbock. We had 3 demonstrations: cutting gourds with a mini saw, held by Sue Haberer; engraving gourds, by Bill Waters; and using leather dyes on gourds, by Beth Bartley. We had a very good turnout and even recruited 3 new members. In April, we attended the Spring Meeting in Waco. Our May meeting was held at the beautiful home of one of our new members, Charla Johnson, in Lubbock. We had a painting session, with a demonstration on things to do with left over pieces of gourds. See Patch photos on page 8.

Contact: Sue Haberer – Levelland, TX 806-894-1711 or dhaberer@valornet.com

TGS GUADALUPE GOURD PATCH is very excited about the Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show currently at the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center. Seven members of our patch were selected to show their gourd art in the show with Judy Richie winning Best of Show, 2nd Place Overall and an Honorable Mention and Eugene Endicott walking away with 2 Honorable Mentions. We are hoping for new members as a result of the show. Cards have been placed in the lobby for anyone interested in joining our patch.

We have been planning our coming year with thoughts of joining the Riverside Nature Center and possibly having a plot to grow the wild Buffalo gourds. Also, we could give demonstrations at their festivals and help spread the word on gourds.

On June 10 we are planning a field trip to the Spaeth gourd farm in Mason. The Spaeths are members of TGS. We are excited to have a farm so close to home.

We were sad to lose Betty Brunswick who did live in Fredericksburg. She and her husband, John, are now living in Klamouth Falls, OR. Word from Betty is that she is working on some gourds and looking for fellow gourders. We wish them well in their new home.

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

TGS SOUTHEAST TEXAS GOURD PATCH In March we had a great turn out of 32 members at the Gay Hill Gourd Farm north of Brenham. Owner and Patch member Cindy Weems told us a few things about gourd culture and how to select the right gourd. Cindy also donated to the Patch enough gourds to supply our needs for our annual April meeting at the Katy Folk Life Festival. During March members cut and sanded pieces of gourds which were then drilled and strung at the event. The children then hand painted the necklaces. We had over 300 children paint their 1st gourd project and we spent 8 hours sharing gourds with the public. Thanks to Gerald and Delanie Brownson for coordinating all the work to have a successful event. Our May meeting was at the home of Ali Kalina for a “hands on” embellishing project taken from “the Decorated Gourd” book, Bowl with Natural Weavings by Dyan Mai Peterson. Twelve members completed unique finished gourds. Thanks to Ali and Clara Willibey for the supplies and instruction. On June 3 we had 11 members try the Inlace products with the help of Jim Sherwood and Darla Hines. I want to thank all of our Patch members for helping each other with projects and new techniques, that’s what Patch meetings are all about. Our members make our Patch a success!

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

TGS THE HEART OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH Contact: - Sandee Toone, 254-622-3566 stoone@txun.net

TGS DALLAS GOURD PATCH has been limping along due to various illnesses and conflicts in plans during regular meeting times. We will be having our regular June meeting at Raymond's Bar B Que on the 17th.

Contact: Pat Duncan, 972-463-8668 or Lynda Smith, 214-339-7599.

TGS COWTOWN PATCH - Thanks to Mike of MIKES GARDEN CENTER the Cowtown Patch has some of the best raffle items every month. Sometimes Mike brings plants & sometimes seeds or something wonderful for the garden. Our other members contribute also and more often than not every one goes home with something. OH! Hint...hintI don't have a garden and would love some fresh zucchini and tomatoes.

Sandy & Merle Toone told us tales about their trip to the AZ show and brought some wonderful show & tell items. Barb Petroski showed everyone the simple secret to successful Celtic knot work--no loose ends.

And stranger than strange - Barb Petroski met someone with her own name. And there was no identity theft! Barb would love the other Barbara Petroski to return to get a photo taken together and find out how close our birthdays are. What else do we have in common besides gourds! See you at the June meeting at The Rig!

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TGS ARLINGTON GOURD PATCH – Now that summer is blasting in we're putting to good use our March speaker, Don Grave's wealth of information and tips for drought ridden Texas gardens. Our March workshop of basket weaving on a gourd was a success and we plan to introduce gourd art to the public in the future. In April we met on the veranda of the Fielder Museum and the carving bug bit us all. Cindi Creswell supported an Applied Learning project at her son's Fort Worth ISD school. Ms. Gillmer's kindergarten class planted gourds in their OLE garden. Next year as first graders they'll continue the project and plan to paint birdhouses from their harvest. In May the patch hosted a booth at the Fort Worth Herb Show. We educated the public and generated new membership. On June 10th we will host a booth at the Organic Garden Show in Arlington at the Bob Duncan Center, 8am -3:00pm. The patch would like to thank BJ Conrad for leading us in our pine needle coiling class and Sam Samson for ideas and Hellen Martin for helping me finish the traveling gourd in the nick of time. Due to Father's Day in June our meeting will be earlier on June 11th at 2:00pm. Our program is wax resist. In July the program will be wood burning. Join us the third Sunday of the month unless a holiday or scheduling problems occur.

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TGS EAST TEXAS PINEY WOODS GOURD PATCH learned a new appreciation of the artists who do bead embroidery on gourds. Pam Word taught from a tutorial provided by Dusti Lockey at a TGS class in 2005 . Since taking Dusti's class, Pam had done several beautiful projects.

April's demonstration was jewelry making led by Polly Jones. Gourd pieces became brightly colored medallions with beading done for the necklace. Speaking of Polly, she will be giving a fine art painting class at TGS 2006 in Waco, TX. The project she is planning is beautiful; anyone who signs up for this class will not be disappointed.

The patch did not meet in May. The next meeting will be June 24 at Hobby Lobby on Loop 281 in Longview, TX. 11 am- 2 pm. The topic is gourd rim weaving by Norma Bates. A material list can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/pwgourds/maynewsletter.html>.

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Editor's Note: The following article is printed here with permission from the author, Rhonda Adair who is President of the Illinois Gourd Society.

Willow Pond Farm

Ursa, Illinois

Rhonda and Joe Adair, owners

There is nothing romantic about raising gourds. It's hard work with much resource outlay. Joe and I do it as a hobby. Both of us are from farming backgrounds and we have a small real farm in west central Illinois, thus the land and equipment to do it successfully. Our farm is about 2 miles from where we live. When we bought it 29 years ago I was pregnant with our firstborn son – and in labor with same – that's how I remember the year. Of about 27 acres that are tillable, 1/10 acre (much estimation going on) is the gourd patch. It's across the low spot that feeds water to the catfish pond and the fruit trees. In the spring that low spot sometimes prevents us from getting to the land.

The patch started out as depleted soil. The poor stuff had been worked to death. Bags of fertilizer, copper sulfate like that of septic system cleaners, worm castings, composted horse manure and 96 bales of rotten hay have helped a bunch. You can see we aren't organic farmers. The hay helped more than anything. I think it added bacteria and fungi that need to be in healthy soil. Anyway, the year after the hay addition, we had the BUMPER crop of gourds. What I want to add next is trace mineral, boron. A little goes a long way, so a 50-pound bag should last me 600 years at least.

There is no water source. The pond is just too far away in the summer heat to carry water in quantities we need. So far, the town of Ursa lets us buy water from the water tower to fill our 300 gallon stock tank. In 2005, we had to water just to keep the plants alive. The gourd plants made gourds, but they weighed about half as much as they should have. Even after it rained enough, the gourds were light weight. It's now late enough in the season to know that those gourds are excellent quality.

As with every other gourd grower, we'd like to wave the magic wand and have an excellent market for our gourds. However, we're not into watching people walk by at farmer's markets when we could be at the lake or home in the air conditioning. Most of the time, we provide gourds to people who give free classes or to the local schools for their art programs. I decorate gourds, but I am not that prolific that I use all my gourds. We've raised everything from zuccas to Tennessee spinners – too well. Joe wants to take a break from raising gourds in 2006. We're out of storage space – see below. Maybe we'll plant buckwheat, a green manure, to let the land rest and the cucumber beetles starve!

[And what's in your cow shed...](#)

At least two years worth of dried gourds are in the cow shed, along with four antique farm plows, a boat, and miscellaneous junk that is way too valuable to throw out. A cow shed is a small farm shed with an open side, usually on the south, and with a manger in the back. Cows can get out of the elements and eat hay from the manger which is stored on either side of the open area. Both storage rooms on either side of this shed are also full of stuff, not gourds, but it's good stuff, as stuff goes. To protect the gourds from sun and rain and snow, we fastened up poly tarps (multiple times) over the open area. This didn't work especially well since wind and weather beat them to death. Plus, they aren't pretty all beat up like that.

Today Joe & I put up a sliding door that Joe made out of leftover tin and boards, and used track from a neighbor. I was pleasantly surprised how nice it was. Joe does a good job. My main job in the scheme of things was to move the stack of gourds back from the opening so Joe would have a place for the door to be. I'm glad mice are basically lazy, chewing holes in the thin gourds first. I must have really fat mice because I had a whole pile of holy gourds. But, that leaves more space (notice I didn't say adequate space) for my 2005 bumper crop now drying in the field in front of the now modified gourd – and everything else - shed.

Rhonda and Joe Adair

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ATTENTION GOURD GROWERS – The article on this page was written by a gourd grower in Illinois. Please share your growing experiences with members of TGS. You can submit articles by email or hand written. Photos would be nice too, but not necessary. Send to Bill Willibey at 11411 Ash Creek Dr, Houston, TX 77043 or email to: willibey@sbcglobal.net – call 832-816-6228 to discuss.

TGS Spring Meeting

The **TGS Spring Meeting** was held at the Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Avenue, Waco, Texas, on Saturday April 1. The meeting started shortly after 10:00 am and included a general business meeting to discuss TGS matters and to provide information about the Fall "Show and Sell". The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for the 2006 year. Sharon Copenhaver stepped down as our Treasurer with Barbara Petroski of Fort Worth elected as the new Treasurer. Clara Willibey also resigned, having served as TGS Secretary for the past year; Nelma Fannin of Grand Prairie was elected as the new Secretary.

Cindi Creswell, TGS educational Chair, scheduled some demonstrations, talks, and hands-on workshops for after lunch. Following the conclusion of the educational seminars, the TGS Executive Board and Board of Directors met to discuss several matters relating to the Fall "Show and Sell". One major vote was to change the name of the Fall "Show and Sell" to the **"LONE STAR GOURD FESTIVAL"**

The **TGS Spring Meeting Program** for April 1 featured our very own multi-talented **Judy Richie** – Best of Show winner the past 2 years. She shared her artist insight about her work and answered questions. **Rowena Philbeck** conducted a hands-on mini workshop, lacing a dream catcher. Also, a hands-on table was available to 'play' with gourd pieces to try some different mediums. Cindi Creswell then gave a demonstration of Gourd Pins after Rowena's class.

The Fall Show will be held at the Waco Convention Center. Our education classes and workshops will be conducted in the Ranger Room, where our Spring meeting was held. We will have two rooms upstairs for the Fall event—one for the main show and another for the juried competition.

8 Spring Meeting Photos



Spring Meeting Pin



Judy's Technique



Nelma Fannin



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jun 21-25 Wellburn Classes and Festival – De Luz Canyon, CA
- Jul 15-16 Georgia Gourd Show near Atlanta
- Jul 21-22 Pennsylvania Gourd Show in Paradise, PA
- Aug 26-27 Annual Sandlady's Gourd Art Festival Saturday: 9 - 4, Sunday: 9-3pm-10295 N 700 W, Tangier, IN.
- Sep 9 -10 The North Carolina Gourd Society- the 65th Annual Gourd Arts & Crafts Festival in Raleigh
- Sep 15-17 Illinois Gourd Society Festival of Gourds at the new location at the Morten Arboretum.
- Sep 16 Mississippi Gourd Festival at the Gourd Gracious Farm in Collinsville, MS.
- Sep 23-24 The 12th Annual Folsom Gourd & Arts Festival at Folsom City Park, Folsom, CA
- Sep 29-Oct 1 Ohio Gourd Show -- new location in Greenville, Ohio at the Darke County fair grounds.
- Nov 11-12 Texas Gourd Society's Lone Star Gourd Festival in Waco, TX**

The Competition Committee is very excited about changes that have been made for the November show. It's all complete and on the TGS website. We hope to see a record number of entries this year. There will be several new awards, divisions and classes that will challenge your creativity. See all of the competition categories – www.texasgourdsociety.org – scroll to "Fall Show and sell" poster then click "more information" next, scroll below poster and click on "2006 competition guidelines and rules".

Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show - The Kerr Arts and Cultural Center in Kerrville is sponsoring a juried fine art gourd show May 25 through **July 9**. Most of the gourd artists are TGS members. We are very proud that KACC is helping to educate the public on gourd art. Winners are: Best of Show, Judy Richie - 2nd Place, Judy Richie - 3rd Place, Darla Hines. Special Awards are: Most Whimsical, Jamie Slack. Best SW Theme, Judy Richie. Most Unusual Use of Materials, Lelia Sublett. Most Unusual Design, Phyllis Sickles. Best Mask, Hellen Martin. Honorable Mention - Paula Cairns, Eugene Endicott, Eugene Endicott, Darla Hines, Hellen Martin, Hellen Martin, Marsha Mefferd, Judy Richie, Lynda Smith and Lelia Sublett. We hope that you will come and see the show. The show is a big success with raves from the visitors. In the first week, several gourds have already sold. Plans are already underway for the 2007 2nd Annual Show. John Stacey, the Gourdfather, was one of the judges. For further information their website is www.kacckerrville.com or contact Judy Richie.

SHOW PARTICIPANTS

Betty Brunswick	Joanne Gibbons	Hellen Martin	Jamie Slack
Paula Cairns	Darla Hines	Marsha Mefferd	Lynda Smith
Elaine Endicott	Donna Huth	Judy Richie	Lelia Sublett
Eugene Endicott	Walther Huth	Phyllis Sickles	Betty Vertin
			Don Vyskocil

Traveling Raffle Gourd by Judy Richie

I'm very proud of the artwork that the Capitol of Texas and Southeast Patches have done. It's now in the hands of the East Texas Pineywoods Patch. The theme for the gourd is "Cultures of Early Texas" with each patch having two cultures to depict. The Swiss and French were assigned to the Capitol of Texas Patch and the Southeast Patch had the Danes and American Colonists. The bottom row photos were crafted by East Texas Piney Woods, Dallas, and Arlington Patches. The purpose of the Traveling Raffle Gourd is to involve many TGS Gourd members in this project, creating interest, selling raffle tickets and finally awarding the prize to the winning raffle ticket at the Fall Show in Waco. Check the website to see the patches' progress by November and see how you can help by buying (and selling) tickets. www.texasgourdsociety.org



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Plans for Fall Show –Volunteer now Need Volunteer Coordinator & Café Press Table

FALL SHOW Information – Waco, TX Nov 10, 11, 12 (Friday Business meeting & Dinner location has not been decided – keep checking the website for new information). La Quinta rooms – 1110 South 9th – smoking rooms or non-smoking rooms with 2 double beds - \$67. King size is \$10 more – 1-800-531-5900. Best Western Old Main Lodge – I-35 at 4th street – queen or king \$78. 1-800-299-9226. Be sure to mention TGS pricing. Rooms must be booked by Oct 25. Other motels without special TGS pricing are: American Best Value Inn 254-754-1266 - Lexington Inn 254-754-1266 - Comfort Inn and Suites 254-537-0413 - Super Eight 254-754-1023

COMPETITION categories have changed for 2006. See the details on the TGS web site, or contact your patch leader or one of the show chair people on [page 8](#).

FALL SHOW VENDOR PACKETS may have reached you by now. Booth prices are lower than last year. Booth spaces are limited, so reserve yours right away.

PETE KENT has had his last chemo treatment. Betty said that he is doing well and making designs for new gourd art. Betty thanks everyone for the thoughts and prayers.

Fall Show Banquet

The Silent Auction will be on Friday, November 10th, 2006 after the Fall Meeting and Banquet. For donations to the silent auction please get in touch with Sharon Copenhaver at clscope@sbcglobal.net; 817-297-0328 or Nat Chance at 817-838-8819.

The **North Carolina Gourd Society** will be holding the 65th Annual North Carolina Gourd Arts & Crafts Festival on September 9-10, 2006. The location is the Scott Building on the North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh and the hours are 9-5 on Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday. The web site is <http://www.twincreek.com/gourds/festival.htm>

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