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Spotlight on: **Jimmy and Lelia Sublett**



[Joe Pritchard] In this issue, President Robbie Pritchard would like to recognize Jimmy and Lelia Sublett of Austin for the work they have accomplished on behalf of TGS. Jimmy and Lelia have been TGS and AGS members for six years and have led the Capital of Texas Gourd Patch during that time. They have been active in TGS and other gourd organizations. Lelia taught a class on woven rim bowl techniques at TGS's 2004 Fall classes. At our 2005 Spring meeting, she demonstrated techniques for creating marbled effects on gourds. At the Fall meeting, they taught a class on creating unique containers using large warty gourds. They have taught classes at "The Gathering" in Cherokee, NC, for the last three years. Lelia has submitted her version of the Gourdian Angel instructions to The Gathering's Tutorial Journal and it has also been published in Georgia's "The Bloomin' Gourd."

This year, Jimmy and Lelia have created over 300 Christmas ornaments, using a variety of techniques. They spent over 100 hours working on this project. They were commissioned to make these official Christmas ornaments, to be sold in San

Angelo, Texas, to support Old Fort Concho. In the years following the Civil War, the military supported segregation. Many recently-freed slaves chose to enlist on the Army; so brave and courageous were these men that their legendary Indian foes called them Buffalo Soldiers. Serving at Fort Concho, the 10th Cavalry was one of two all-black Cavalry regiments to protect the Southwest and the Great Plains in the late 19th Century. Established in 1867, along the banks of the Concho River, Fort Concho was built to protect frontier settlements, patrol and map the vast West Texas region, and quell hostile threats in the area. In June 1889, the last soldiers marched away from Fort Concho and the fort was deactivated. After 22 years, Fort Concho's role in settling the Texas frontier was over. Today, Fort Concho National Historic Landmark encompasses most of the former Army post and includes twenty-three original and restored structures. Fort Concho is a historic preservation project and museum which is owned and operated by the City of San Angelo. Christmas at Old Fort Concho, held December 2 through 4, 2005, is the National Historic Landmark and Museum's largest fundraiser. The annual festival features three days of Christmas cheer including shopping, living history, a special area for children, ongoing entertainment as well as special scheduled shows, and much, much more, all on the historic fort grounds. This year was the organization's first experience with ornaments created from gourds.

Jimmy cut and burned the ornaments and Lelia decorated them. Their ornaments include traditional Santa's, Rudolph, Victorian Santa's, a kitty cat holding mistletoe, snowmen, the Gourdian Angel (see below), and many more seasonal themes.



The images on these gourds are rubber-stamped; extra details were added free-hand.



These ornaments were created on whole gourds; the masking-tape technique was used for some image transfers.

Lelia has generously offered her version of the Gourdian Angel pattern and instructions to be printed here. She says this was originally a pattern purchased at a woodworkers show; she adapted the pattern to be transferred to a cut gourd piece (see Gourdian Angel on the right in the photo below).



These ornaments were created on flat cut gourd pieces.

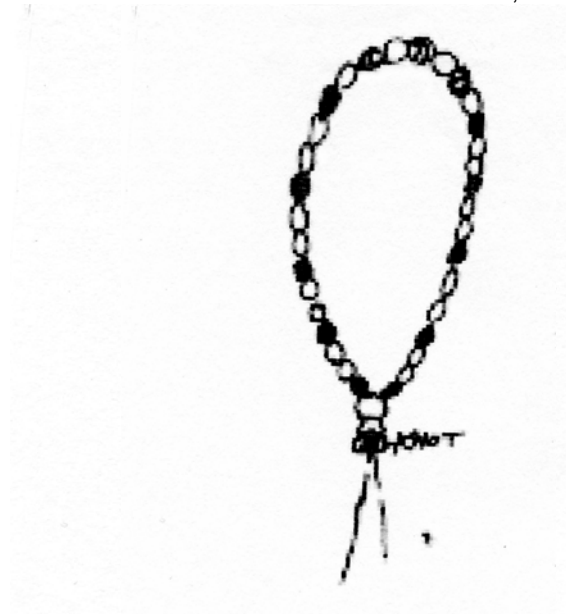
GOURDIAN ANGEL by Lelia Sublett

You Will Need:

Angel Pattern
Gourd and leather piece large enough for pattern
16" waxed linen cord
Enough beads to cover 8"
Your choice of product to color ornament
White glue
Spray sealer
Wood burner

1. Transfer pattern to gourd and woodburn details
2. Cut out ornament and use to draw pattern onto leather, and then cut out with scissors
3. Color in Angel and finish with sealer
4. To make hanger, string about 8" of beads onto 16" of waxed linen (I like to use larger bead on end so you can thread both ends through which pulls hanger into loop). Tie knot in cord and let ends hang free.
5. Using white glue, connect leather backing to gourd ornament catching hanger ends in-between.

(Personal favorites for coloring ornament). I use oil pastel pencils on flowers, face and hands, hair and diagonal lines on wings. Use silver acrylic on all edges of ornament and rim on wings. Dilute white acrylic with glaze and paint in dress with gauzey effect. I have a friend who makes this ornament as an Indian with braids. Use your imagination and have fun with her - or who knows, maybe HIM.



The President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who arranged and participated in the 2005 TGS Fall "Show and Sell". We owe a huge thanks to **Lee DeKeyser** as Show Chair and to **Betty Kent** as Vendor chair for the tireless and enormous efforts they put forth for TGS. A special thanks to **Sharon Copenhaver** for handling the TGS finances throughout the year, for taking care of the required insurance, and for handling the cash boxes for all the tables at the show - what a job!

I want to thank --

...**Sue Haberer** for all she did for CafePress items and the silent auction, and for TGS in general in Austin
...**Gerry Flewharty** and her committee for the membership table
...**Clara Willibey** for her excellent service as Secretary for TGS
...**Bill Willibey** for his outstanding job as editor of The Gourdzette and for his photography of the Show and the competition tables
...**Judie Richie** as Featured Artist
...**Dixie Hollers** and her committee for the Bookstore
...**Hellen Martin** for obtaining, transporting, and displaying the wonderful Gourd Quilt
...**Charlotte Shaefers** and her volunteers for the Kids Korner
...**Betty Brunswick** for arranging the artist classes
...**Nat Chance** and **Sandee Toone** and their committee for the competition portion of the Show
...**Rebecca Wise** for coordinating the volunteers at all TGS tables - and for her volunteer work
...**Carol Steele** for taking care of the large amount of advertising she did for the Show, and for bringing Gourdy Gourdhead to the Show. Carol said she would make Gourdy available to us to take to shows and classes we teach on behalf of TGS. And thanks to **Mike Wood** for donating him and to **Judy Richie** for making him a real gourder. (Editor note – See Gourdy at the bottom of page 9).
...**Esther Chambliss** for the table decorations and for helping set up the room for the dinner.

I send a heartfelt thanks to every patch that contributed the theme baskets for the Raffle. The baskets were all wonderful and it would have been very difficult for me to choose one. Thanks to **Judy Richie**, **Pat Duncan**, **Betty & Pete Kent**, and **David Wuttke** of **Turtlefeathers** for their donations to the Raffle. And, thanks to everyone who donated items for the **silent auction** at the dinner – this was a new feature for TGS and it helped raise some money.

I want to thank every vendor who participated with us. Attendance was lower than we hoped for. I think recent weather-related events, numerous competing events in Austin the same weekend, a new location, and the high cost of gasoline all contributed to the low turnout. However, I believe we made a very positive impression on our visitors. We learned some valuable lessons at our 2005 Show and we will certainly apply everything learned – both good and bad – to the 2006 Show.

The Executive Board and Board of Directors and several patch leaders met in Arlington on November 19 to review the 2005 experience and to continue planning for 2006. The Board has voted to evaluate the Waco Convention Center as a venue for our 2006 Show and Sell. Several of us will be touring the Center on December 16. It was voted to have a two-day show again in 2006. Available dates appear to be early November 2006. Show Chairperson for 2006 will be **Sue Haberer**. Education Chair is **Cindi Creswell**. Publicity Chair will be **Carol Steele**. Competition will be led by **Judy Richie**. Vendor Chairperson for 2006 is **Lynda Smith**. **Patti Gilliland** and **Gail Adams** will be in charge of the Raffle. **Charlotte Schaefer** and **Polly Jones** will handle the Kids Korner.

If I failed to mention anyone in this message, I sincerely apologize.

Again, **THANK YOU!!!** to everyone who participated in and helped with our 2005 Show.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS to everyone. And a healthy and prosperous 2006!



Robbie Pritchard

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NOW MEMBERS CAN BUY MUGS, CAPS, T-SHIRTS and other items with the TGS LOGO

The Texas Gourd Society has made arrangements for members to purchase TGS Logo merchandise. All items will depict the TGS Logo. Go to www.cafepress.com/TXGourdSociety to view the items for sale, and purchase them. Your Patch can help promote TGS by using Logo Merchandise. You can also see TGS Logo Merchandise at the TGS website www.texasgourdsociety.org. Ask Sue Haberer or Gerry Flewharty about the TGS Logo merchandise if you have any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 21-23	Gourd Retreat – Southern Style hosted by Derral & Charlotte Durence near Savannah, Georgia
Feb 4-6	Arizona Gourd Society & Wuertz Farm at Pinal County Fairgrounds with workshops-see AZGS
Feb 25-27	Florida Gourd show – Putnam County Fairgrounds in Palatka, FL www.flgourdsoc.org
Mar 18-20	Georgia Gourd Society Show in Albany, Georgia – see Georgia Gourd Society web site
April 1-3	Indiana Gourd Society Show in Kokomo, Indiana – see Indiana Gourd Society web site
April 23-24	Show me Gourd Society Festival at State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, Missouri – see website
May 13-15	Kentucky Gourd Show – See website
May 14-15	South Carolina second Annual Gathering
May 14-15	Third Annual Art Festival and Gourd Sale at Leiser Farms in Northern California
May 20-22	2005 Gourd Artists' Gathering in Cherokee, North Carolina

Texas Gourd Society Annual Dues

Payment of \$12 will be paid each year by TGS members. This will be pro-rated at \$1 per month to expire December 31 each year. If your membership is due for renewal in November, send \$14 for renewal through 2006. See details on last page of this issue or the TGS website at:

www.texasgourdsociety.org

AGS COLLECTION OF DUES

To join or renew American Gourd Society membership, pay \$15 directly to AGS at PO Box 2186 Kokomo, IN 46904-2186, phone 765-453-5047, or send email. Texas Gourd Society no longer collects American Gourd Society Dues. Visit website: agsmembership@insightbb.com or email www.americangourdsociety.org

THANK YOU

THANKS to Gary Adair for taking the photos of the TGS Dinner at the Fall Business Meeting.

THANKS to Joe Pritchard for recording the competition entries & winners

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Time to plan the coming Fall Show – Volunteer now

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2005 TGS Show and Sell Raffle Winners

Congratulations to everyone who won items in the Raffle:

- Arlington Gourd Patch Christmas Basket, won by **Elaine Endicott** of Guadalupe Gourd Patch
- East Texas Piney Woods Patch "One-Stroke Painting" Basket, won by **Sharon Lyell** of Drapers Cove Gourd Society
- Dallas Gourd Patch "Critters" Basket, won by **Dixie Hollers** of Dallas Gourd Patch
- Capital of Texas Gourd Patch Christmas Basket, won by **Jany Reeves** of Southeast Texas Gourd Patch
- Southeast Texas Gourd Patch collection of gourds, won by **Don Vyskocil** of Southeast Texas Gourd Patch
- Heart of Texas Gourd Patch Halloween Basket, won by **Lynn Ehler** of Southeast Texas Gourd Patch
- West Texas Gourd Patch Luffa Basket, won by **David Vyskocil** of Southeast Texas Gourd Patch
- Cowtown Gourd Patch Fourth of July Basket, won by **Jackie Cherico** of Austin's Mission: Possible!
- Guadalupe Gourd Patch Easter Basket, won by **Carey Collier** of Capital of Texas Gourd Patch
- Capital of Texas Gourd Patch Christmas Basket (#2), won by **anonymous**, to be donated to a charity
- Horns donated by Turtlefeathers, won by **Cindi Creswell** of Arlington Gourd Patch
- Sander donated by Pete and Betty Kent, won by **Don Vyskocil** of Southeast Texas Gourd Patch
- "Big Tex" gourd donated by Pat Duncan, won by **Elaine Endicott** of Guadalupe Gourd Patch
- Gourd donated by Judy Richie, won by **Robbie Pritchard** of Arlington Gourd Patch



TGS FALL BUSINESS MEETING

President Robbie Pritchard called for a vote for new board directors to fill vacant positions. John Flewharty, Judy Richie, Esther Chambliss and Rebecca Wise were elected – see page 18 for contact information. The gourd jewelry contest followed. Winners on right.



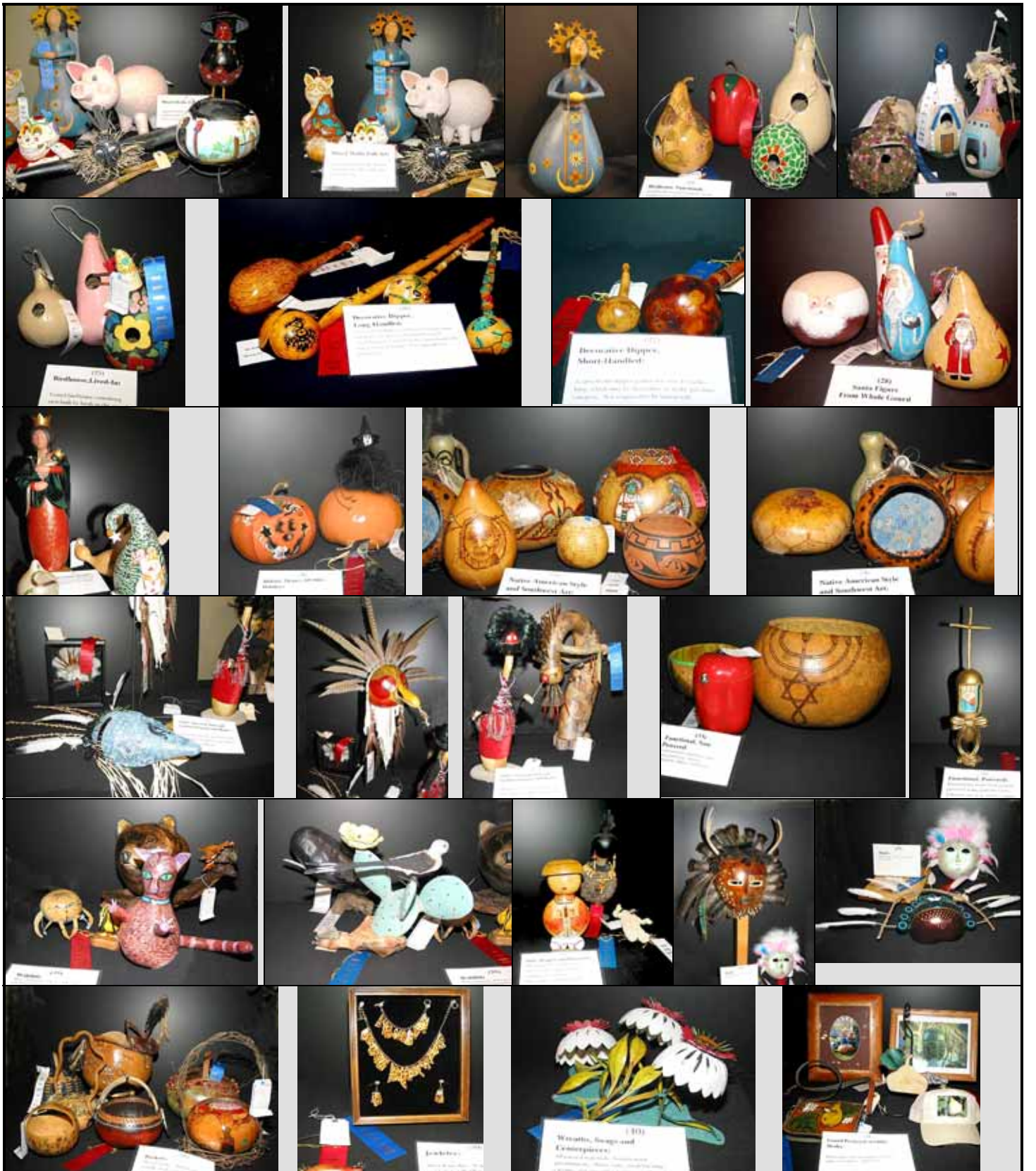
TGS FALL SHOW COMPETITION

Best of Show by Judy Richie



President's Award by Bert Petrie





URGENT REQUEST FOR TGS MEMBERS TO PAY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TGS MEMBERSHIP DUES NOW!

19 Past due in October
 33 Past due in November
 6 Due in December
 71 Due January 1, 2006

Gerry Flewharty, TGS Membership, will send a report of total TGS membership to AGS in January 2006. This report does not look good. Please pay your dues NOW! If you have a question, contact her at 214-341-2614 or email 2flews@flash.net Thank you.



Competition Winners

Youth 8 & Under

- 1st – John Chambliss
 2nd – Michael Virgin
 3rd – Megan Chambliss
 Honorable Mention - Taylor Chambliss

Youth 9 to 13

- 1st – James Virgin

1 – Lagenarias, dried-3 varieties

- 1st – Randy Hough
 2nd – Lisa Hough

3 –Ornamentals,fresh-3 varieties

- 1st – Randy Hough

4 – Three of a Kind, fresh

- 1st – Pete Kent
 2nd – Randy Hough

6 – Smallest, fresh

- 1st – Randy Hough

7 – Longest, fresh

- 1st – Randy Hough

8 - Longest & Straightest - fresh

- 1st – Randy Hough
 2nd – Cindy Partin

10 – Gourd Display, dried

- 1st – Lisa Hough
 2nd – Randy Hough

12 – Hand-Trained, fresh

- 1st – Randy Hough

13 – Wood-Burned, Whole

- 1st – Bert Petrie
 2nd – Patty Gilliland
 3rd – Betty Vertin

14 – Wood-Burned, Cut Gourd

- 1st – Judy Richie
 2nd – Bert Petrie
 3rd – Betty Vertin

15 – Painted, Whole Gourd

- 1st – Beverly Tomek
 2nd – Betty Vertin
 3rd – Patty Gilliland

16 – Painted, Cut Gourd

- 1st – Hellen Martin
 2nd – Betty Vertin
 3rd – Beverly Tomek

17 – Carved or Gouged Whole

- 1st – Bill Willibey

19 – Whole Gourd covered

- 1st – Patty Gilliland
 2nd – Gail Adams

20 –Cut Gourd covered

- 1st – Gail Adams
 2nd – Betty Vertin
 3rd – Patty Gilliland

21 – Mixed Media

- 1st – Judy Richie
 2nd – Hellen Martin
 3rd – Darla Hines

22 – Mixed Media Folk Art

- 1st – Judy Richie
 2nd – Gerry Flewharty
 3rd – Patricia Duncan

23 – Birdhouse, Functional

- 1st – Betty Vertin
 2nd – Lisa Hough
 3rd – Randy Hough

24 – Birdhouse, Nonfunctional

- 1st – Gerry Flewharty
 2nd – Beverly Tomek
 3rd – Gail Adams

25 – Birdhouse, Lived-In

- 1st – Patty Gilliland
 2nd – Lisa Hough
 3rd – Randy Hough

26 – Decorative Dipper, Long

- 1st – Dusti Lockey
 2nd – Bert Petrie
 3rd – Patty Gilliland

27 – Decorative Dipper, Short

- 1st – Annette Reasoner
 2nd – Patty Gilliland

28 – Santa Figure - Whole Gourd

- 1st – Kathy Schwegmann
 2nd – Karen Hobbs
 3rd – Polly Jones

29 – Christmas Holiday Themes

- 1st – Hellen Martin
 2nd – Polly Jones
 3rd – Betty Vertin

30 – Other Holiday Themes

- 1st – Polly Jones
 2nd – Patty Gilliland
 3rd – Gerry Flewharty

31 – Native America Style & Southwest Art

- 1st – Judy Richie – **Best of Show**
 2nd – Hellen Martin
 3rd – Ronna Wuttke

32 – Native America Style and Southwest Figures and Masks

- 1st – Judy Richie
 2nd – Hellen Martin
 3rd – Darla Hines

33 – Functional, Non-Powered

- 1st – Natha Chance
 2nd – Sharon Copenhagen
 3rd – Bert Petrie

34 – Functional, Powered

- 1st – ???
 2nd – Beverly Tomek

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COMPETITION WINNERS – continued from previous page

35 – Wildlife

- 1st – Harry Tooker
- 2nd – Bert Petrie
- 3rd – Don Vyskocil

36 – Dolls, Puppets, Marionettes

- 1st – Bert Petrie
- 2nd – Beverly Tomek
- 3rd – Patty Gilliland

37 – Masks

- 1st – Judy Richie
- 2nd – Betty Vertin

38 – Baskets

- 1st – Judy Richie
- 2nd – Hellen Martin
- 3rd – Betty Brunswick

39 – Jewelry

- 1st – Nelma Fannin
- 2nd – Beverly Tomek

40 – Wreath, Swags, Centerpiece

- 1st – Bert Petrie

41 – Gourd Portrayal Other Media

- 1st – Jonathan Hunter
- 2nd – Lisa Hough
- 3rd – Patty Gilliland

42 – Gourd Sculpture

- 2nd – Patricia Duncan
- 3rd – Betty Vertin

43 – First-Timers

- 1st – Bert Petrie
- 2nd – Cindy Partin
- 3rd – Myrtis McClenny

44 – My Idea

- 1st – Bert Petrie- **President's Choice**
- 2nd – Harry Tooker
- 3rd – Darla Hines
- 3rd – Nelma Fannin

45 – Texas - Lone Star State

- 1st – Judy Richie
- 2nd – Darla Hines
- 3rd – Betty Vertin

46 – Gourds – Garden Clowns

- 1st – Betty Vertin

47 – Celebrate America

- 1st – Patricia Duncan
- 2nd – Bert Petrie

48 – Beadwork

- 1st – Dusti Lockley
- 2nd – Hellen Martin

49 – Musical Instruments

- 1st – Ronna Wuttke

50 – Miniatures

- 1st – Judy Richie
- 2nd – Patty Gilliland
- 3rd – Betty Vertin

1 1/2 PRICE GOURD SALE

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McKinney Third Monday Trade Days

You may want to call us to make double sure that we will be at said trade days.
Sometimes weather plays a big part in whether we go or not, nothing but rain we stay away.

MIKE WOOD

Grower

HENDERSON, TX 75654

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CAROL STEELE

Communications

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The Lonestar half-price sale is good through 2006 – Mention this ad for discount

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

"Thank you" to Larita Draper and Martha Hamner for making the "volunteer vests" worn by our volunteers at the October show in Austin.



TGS MEMBER GOURD GROWERS – LET US KNOW IF YOU BELONG ON THIS LIST

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Need an order form? Let us know and we will send you our most recent listing of seeds, gourds, supplies and books.

PATCH HAPPENINGS

TGS CAPITAL OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH had our annual Christmas Party and meeting at Gary and Suzanne Adair's lovely home on December 3rd. Fourteen members and spouses attended and contributed food for a delicious and colorful spread. We had our traditional gourd related gift exchange which we all look forward to. We held a short meeting in which Ramon Williams brought reports from the recent director's meeting. We elected new officers and then discussed the financial reports and the projected actions of the directors. Rona Thornton was elected as our new president for 2006 and Carrie Collier as our new secretary. We have obtained for 2006 the Colorado Room at the LCRA complex for the first Saturday for the following months for the hours 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

February 4th, 1-4PM, April 1st, June 3rd, August 5th, October 7th.

Contact Rona Thornton, ronat@austin.rr.com 512-266-3810 or Carey Collier, cacollie2002@yahoo.com, Secretary 512-264-0436.

TGS WEST TEXAS GOURD PATCH had a Christmas Dinner Saturday night in Lubbock. We had a gourd gift exchange and had a very nice time. I will be scouting out the Waco Convention Center on December 16th. We have very active show committees that are already making plans for the 2006 TGS Show and Sell and are very excited with the new plans. Information will be sent out as soon as we can get more concrete information. All volunteers are welcome to help with the show in various areas. Please contact me with show ideas and interest in helping.

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

TGS ARLINGTON GOURD PATCH In September, we had our one-year birthday bash. We donated \$70 to the Salvation Army for the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. We held elections for new officers, whose terms will begin in January 2006. Patch Leader is Cindi Creswell, Secretary is Esther Chambliss, Robbie Pritchard will continue as Treasurer, and Joe Pritchard will continue to handle our website and newsletter. We did not meet in October because we were at the State Show and Sell. We had a booth and conducted a "Make It and Take It" for some groups, including local Girl Scouts. Several of our members sold items at our booth and helped out in many areas of the TGS's annual show and sale. In November, Cindi Creswell, and Esther Chambliss gave a presentation to an Arlington community school on gourds. Also, Robbie Pritchard, Cindi Creswell, and Esther Chambliss gave a program on gourds to the Arlington Garden Club. At our November meeting, we had our gift exchange and party. Cindy Baird of Paradise Valley Natural Skin Care Products in Arlington gave an informative talk on how she handcrafts the soaps, bath, and skin care products that her family produces. Cindy demonstrated the Luffa gourds that she purchases to use in her skin care baskets, as well as many of the herbal products she uses. Cindi Creswell led a discussion and demonstration of wood burners and showed a comparison of wood burner tips. Our Show and Tell this month included photos from the Fall Show in Austin. We're taking off December to spend the holidays with family and friends. Happy and Safe Holidays to all!

Contact: Cindi Creswell, cidnboo@hotmail.com, 817-244-0135 Joe Pritchard, joe.pritchard@tccd.edu, 817-909-2814 (Newsletter/Website). Email arlingtongourdpatch@hotmail.com: Website www.freewebs.com/arlingtongourdpatch.

TGS EAST TEXAS PINEY WOODS GOURD PATCH Nine members of East Texas Piney Woods Gourd Patch traveled to Austin to attend the 2005 TGS "Show and Sell". A big part of the ETPWGP treasury is used to pay for classes at the show for our patch. Members then teach the learned techniques at future patch meetings. This "win-win" procedure increases the patch's skills and supports the state show. At the October meeting members were asked "what makes a positive learning experience"? These are the responses: having enough supplies for everyone in the class, printed materials for referral, remembering that everyone is not an "artist", a finished project on display, explanation of media and substance being used, interacting with class members, instructions in a chronological order, remembering that students are learning something new to them. Next Meeting - January 28, 2006-TOPIC "CREATIVE CLAY" 11 am-2 PM at Hobby Lobby, 1729 West loop 281, Longview, TX Supply List: small pear shaped gourd, rolling pin or dowel, small dish for water, wooden cuticle stick or inexpensive 3 piece clay tool set (clay provided)

Merry Christmas from Our Patch to Yours !

Contact information: Patty Gilliland Email calabash75605@aol.com 903 663 0017 Piney Woods

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

TGS GUADALUPE GOURD PATCH had a booth in the Kerrville Market days in September and had on display gourd art from some of our members. Also, we finished working on our basket for the raffle. We had fun telling everyone about gourds and had really good response. We passed out many flyers advertising the TGS Show. Also, several names and phone numbers were taken of prospective members. We didn't meet in Oct but we met in November and discussed what changes in the Competition that they wanted for next year. With several members that are new to gourds, we will begin a series of learning all the techniques to begin with the January meeting, where we will work on finishes. Almost all of our members made it to the show.

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

TGS DALLAS GOURD PATCH held the September meeting at the Duncan residence. The patch had a booth at the Fall show in Austin and we enjoyed the camaraderie at the show and the dinner. Pat Duncan sent 3 of her gourd dolls to the Caning Shop for photos that may be used in the upcoming book on gourd dolls by Ginger Summit and Jim Widess. Pat also got 3 ribbons for her gourd entries at the state fare. The January meeting will be held at the John and Sharon Flewharty residence. **Contact:** Pat Duncan, 972-463-8668 or Lynda Smith, 214-339-7599.

TGS COWTOWN PATCH Generally we meet the 1st Tuesday of the month but we are taking December off. For our January meeting we will meet the SATURDAY the seventh at the Rig at noon for our Christmas party and white elephant exchange and luncheon. All are welcome to come and play. In October, Barb Petroski gave a demo applying polymer clay spaghetti to a gourd. Talented people are urged to show off their skills and give a demo ! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All ! From Lunar Wind

In September, Cowtown Gourd Patch donated \$400 to the Salvation Army for the Katrina Relief Fund to help the many people in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama that needed help after the disastrous hurricane. We had our elections for new officers. They are: President – Barbara Petroski; Vice-President – Dave Hodgson; Secretary – Robbie Pritchard; Treasurer – Edie Davis, and newsletter – Peggy Gilliland. We met in early October to finalize our plans for the TGS Fall Show. Cowtown Patch had two spaces at the TGS Show in October. We made a Fourth of July Basket for the Raffle. Edie Davis and several other members manned the tables; they included Sharon Copenhaver, Nat & Bob Chance, and Barbara Petroski. Many members attended several classes at the Show and brought back gourds showing what they learned. Everyone was excited about sharing their knowledge.

Contact: Barbara Petroski 1413 Trammel Drive, Benbrook, TX 76126 ph: 817-249-2929 lunarwind7@aol.com - Robbie Pritchard 7606 Ledbetter Road, Arlington, TX 76001-6908 ph: 817-905-3178: robbiesgarden@hotmail.com website: <http://www.angelfire.com/tx5/cowtowngourdpatch>

TGS SOUTHEAST TEXAS GOURD PATCH met on September 3rd at Darla Hines home out in Magnolia. We started our meeting with reports from each of the officers. We covered information about the upcoming State Show and collected money for early registration for the Patches November local show. Pete Kent then presented an outline of how to obtain a Tax Id # and idea's on book keeping for gourd business. We collected some of the items from different patch members to be placed in the Patch Booth. Our October meeting was replaced by the TGS show. Patch members with their own booths were: Betty and Pete Kent, Don Vyskocil and his son David, Bill and Clara Willibey, Bob and Jany Reeves, and Rowena Philbeck . Our Patch Booth showed work from Lynn and Alton Ehler, Vera Carhart, Jim and Jinny Sherwood, Peg Hobbins and Darla Hines, plus we had help working the booth from several members and friends. Thanks to everyone for helping and participating in the show. Our November meeting was our annual local show which took place at Dewberry Farm located outside of Brookshire. Betty and Pete Kent, Jean Lester, Lynn and Alton Ehler, Clara and Bill Willibey, Vera Carhart, Don and David Vyskocil, Peg Hobbins and Darla Hines showed and sold their work. We will close this years meetings with a Christmas Gathering at the Willibeys where we will plan our next year meetings, enjoy each others company and have a gourd item gift swap. We are hoping for patch members participation to really grow next year!

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

TGS THE HEART OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH

Contact Angelia Orr info@mountainspringsfarm.com 254-582-9586 for more Patch information.



Cindi Cresswell (left) receives Golden Gourd Award From Gerry Flewharty for "Most Volunteer Hours"



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The "Gourd Quilt" by 112 Artists at the Fall Show

The GOURD QUILT (see photo on page 13) was at the **FALL SHOW**. Complete information available at: www.thegourdquilt.com Lynette Dawson and her daughter Margaret Schroeder assembled 112 gourd "tiles" from 112 gourd artists into a beautiful 5 by 3 foot "quilt". Each artisan put forth their best effort to display their specialties on their own tile, from acrylic paints to carving to inlay to wood burning, to paste waxes, to dyes... and everything else imaginable! This amazing gourd quilt was more beautiful than the photo shows.



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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE
TEXAS GOURD SOCIETY, INC.
(KAPPA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GOURD SOCIETY)
Organized March 1996

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - Name

The Society shall be known as the Texas Gourd Society, Inc. and shall be a Not-for-Profit organization.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of the Texas Gourd Society is to promote interest in and appreciation of gourds, both to our membership and to the general public. We will do this by sharing information through education, meetings, festivals and shows related to the culture, history, uses, crafting and artistry of gourds.

ARTICLE III - Membership

- Section 1 Individual or family memberships shall be open to all persons who are interested in the activities of the Society and pay a membership fee.
- a. Family membership shall include those members of a family living at one address.
 - b. Each person 18 years or older included in a family membership shall be entitled to vote.
- Section 2 Membership entitles the members to vote and hold office.
- Section 3 Membership shall be for one year and shall begin January 1 of each year upon receipt of the payment of dues. Dues paid other than January 1 will be prorated by the month.

ARTICLE IV - Officers, Directors and Executive Board

- Section 1 The Officers shall be: PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, MEMBERSHIP, TREASURER, and immediate PAST PRESIDENT.
- Section 2 Six Directors shall be elected from the membership, with rotation of Directors to serve three-year terms.
- Section 3 The Officers and Directors shall constitute the Executive Board.
- Section 4 Officers and Directors must be 18 years or older.
- Section 5 Each Gourd Patch may send a representative to Executive Board meetings.

ARTICLE V - Meetings

- Section 1 Two membership meetings per year shall be held, one in the 1st half of calendar year and the other in the 2nd half of the year. The meetings will be open to all members and interested visitors.
- Section 2 The Executive Board shall meet as often as deemed necessary during the year to conduct the business of the Society.
- Section 3 Twenty-five (25) members shall constitute a quorum at a general membership meeting.

ARTICLE VI - Amendments

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at either of the semiannual meetings, provided the entire membership has been notified of the proposed amendment at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - Objectives

- Section 1 The objectives of this Society are to band together people interested in the multifaceted aspects of gourds in human affairs; to provide an informational and educational service to its members; and to provide an annual show for the promotion of gourds.

ARTICLE II - Dues

- Section 1 Membership dues per individual or family shall be assessed, the amount of dues to be established by the Executive Board when deemed necessary, subject to the approval of the membership. The annual dues will be \$12 per year.

ARTICLE III - Officers' Terms

- Section 1 All officers shall be elected for a one (1) year term, at the end of which they will be eligible for re-election if they are willing to serve.
- Section 2 In the event a vacancy should occur in any of the offices, except President, the Executive Board shall appoint a member to serve the unexpired term.
- Section 3 The Officers and Directors shall be elected at the first meeting of the year. New Officers shall start their term upon election.
- Section 4 No one may hold more than one elective office at the same time.

ARTICLE IV - Officers' Duties

- Section 1 It shall be the duty of the PRESIDENT to preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and the general membership. The President shall establish any committee deemed necessary and appoint a chairman for such committee with the approval of the Executive Board. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall be a voting member of the American Gourd Society's Executive Board, as prescribed by the AGS bylaws. The President shall represent the Society to all organizations. The President may appoint someone to represent him/her in any of these duties. (Any expenditure over \$100.00, which is not in the budget, must be pre-approved by the President and the Treasurer.
- Section 2 The VICE PRESIDENT shall assist the President and assume all duties of the Presidency in the absence of the President and shall continue to do so until his or her return, or until the next elected president takes office. The Vice President will coordinate the Spring Business meeting, will chair the Nominating Committee and will actively participate in all board and show planning meetings.

- Section 3 The SECRETARY of the society will be custodian of its records and shall keep a complete record of all official activities of the Society and conduct all necessary correspondence.
- Section 4 The MEMBERSHIP Officer shall maintain an up-to-date membership roll and notify members when their membership expires. MEMBERSHIP will submit a complete list of the membership roll to AGS annually.
- Section 5 The TREASURER shall receive all monies belonging to the Society and keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements. All bills and expenses incurred must be presented to the Treasurer for payment. All monies must be deposited in a bank convenient for the Treasurer. A written report of receipts and disbursements shall be presented at each membership meeting. The Treasurer is responsible for verifying pre-approval of disbursements over \$100.00. The Society may require the Treasurer to be bonded and shall pay for such bond. The TREASURER helps create the budget for the coming year.

ARTICLE V - Executive Board

- Section 1 The Executive Board shall consist of all elected Officers and Directors, and shall have the authority to conduct the business of the Society.
- Section 2 The Executive Board shall meet at the call of the President as often as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Society.
- Section 3 The Executive Board shall monitor all Society expenditures.

ARTICLE VI - Editor and Historian .

- Section 1 Both the Editor and the Historian shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- Section 2 The Editor shall publish the newsletter.
- Section 3 The Historian shall keep a scrapbook of pictures, clippings, etc. that tell of the activities of the Society.
- Section 4 Both the Editor and the Historian shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII - Committees

- Section 1 Standing committees may include but are not limited to: *Nomination, Audit, Ways and Means, Publicity, Education, and Show.*
- Section 2 All additional committees shall be approved by the Executive Board.
- Section 3 The *Nominating Committee* shall consist of three members. This committee shall prepare a slate of nominees for presentation to the membership and make personal contact with each nominee prior to presenting his/her name.
- Section 4 The *Audit Committee* shall consist of three members. It shall audit all Treasurers records every two years when the Treasurer takes office, and verify all accounts.
- Section 5 The *Ways and Means Chairman* shall select all committee members necessary to assist in the performance of his/her duties. The duties of the Ways and Means Committee are to provide plans and activities to supplement the income of the Society.
- Section 6 The *Publicity Committee Chairman* shall select all committee members necessary to assist in the performance of his/her duties. It shall be the duty of this committee to announce all Society functions and promote the objectives of the organization through the news media, other publications and organizations.
- Section 7 The *Education Committee Chairman* shall select all committee members necessary to assist in the performance of his/her duties. The duties of this committee shall include the establishment of programs to provide an education and information service.
- Section 8 The *Show Committee Chairman* shall appoint all the necessary subcommittees to conduct the Annual Show. The Treasurer and Publicity Chairman shall be members of the Show Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

The Bylaws may be amended by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at either of the semiannual meetings, provided the entire membership has been notified of the proposed amendment at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE IX - Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the Texas Gourd Society, Inc., all debts shall be paid. Any remaining assets of the Society shall be given to the American Gourd Society and no funds shall inure to members as individuals.

STANDING RULES

1. All membership meetings and Executive Board meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.
2. A Standing Rule will continue in force until rescinded.
3. Standing Rules may be suspended at any one meeting by a majority vote provided that it pertains to the business of that meeting.
4. The Fiscal Year shall be February 1 through January 31.
5. The Order of Business shall be :
 - a) Call to order;
 - b) Reading and approval of the minutes;
 - c) Treasurer's report;
 - d) Communications;
 - e) Committee reports;
 - f) Unfinished business;
 - g) New business;
 - h) Appointments;
 - i) Adjournment.

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