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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Judy Richie is a native of Austin, Texas and has been active in art since an early age. While still in high school she was chosen to attend a summer art camp at the University of Texas with the intent to major in art. A minor detour of marriage, six children and moving to Colorado and later to Alaska to marry her present husband, Bob, interrupted that goal.

Judy lived near the small town of Lake City, Colorado where she painted and ran her own gallery and later owned and ran a bed and breakfast inn for eight years. She painted murals on some of the walls that two subsequent owners have chosen to leave intact. While in Colorado Judy attended several oil painting workshops. She also developed an abiding interest in the art and crafts of the Native American, especially those of the Southwest. While living in the small town of Valdez, Alaska, Judy became interested in gourd art and with the help of the Internet in obtaining supplies, books and articles from varied sources, taught herself the basics of working with gourds. She learned some of her basketry coiling techniques from Aleut and Eskimo women in Alaska.

Judy and her husband retired to Kerrville, Texas in the summer of 2002, where she has a studio and pursues her art a minimum of 30 hours a week. Since moving to Kerrville she has expanded her repertoire of presentations and basketry. Judy's coiled basketry is unique in its presentation and includes pine needles, raffia, various grasses, plant fibers, philodendron sheaths and feathers. Most of her baskets are sewn with either waxed linen or artificial sinew, but you'll find a few sewn with grasses.

Since moving to Kerrville Judy has attended workshops on various gourd-working techniques in North Carolina, California and Arizona. She has won numerous awards for her work including "Best of Show" at the 2004 Texas Gourd Society in Austin, Texas and Judge's Choice Award" and "People's Choice Award" at the Arizona Gourd Society's 2005 Competition that was held at the Wuertz Gourd Festival in Casa Grande, Arizona. She also has had work selected in Juried shows. Pleased owners in Alaska, Colorado, Texas, Nevada, New Mexico, Missouri, Florida, Illinois and New York City admire her work.

Judy Richie's "BEST OF SHOW" with her TGS "Artist of the Year" Award



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY TGS PRESIDENT ROBBIE PRITCHARD



As you read this, it will only be about 30 days until our 10th Annual Fall "Show and Sell" in Austin. It looks like we will have a great event! We've filled all our booths for the show – a big Thanks to all the patches and vendors who have tables.

The Palmer Events Center is a beautiful facility. It's a big step for TGS to move from our previous site to this venue. And, it looks like we're off to a great start. There will be a city-wide garage sale at the Palmer Events Center in the other exhibit hall and we hope this will bring us in a lot of curious people who don't know about gourds. We'll be trying to get them all to come visit us. All of the Show chairpersons are working extra hard to make this our biggest and best show ever. Show Chair Lee DeKeyser has done an excellent job of pulling everything together.

Please see other articles in this issue for lots more information about our big event.

Before the TGS Board meeting in Austin on August 13, I met with Jackie Cherico of Austin's Mission: Possible! Many of you remember that she contacted us early this year regarding assistance with her art center assisting inner city kids. I presented Jackie with 70 gourd coloring books that our patches donated. Each coloring book had a label with the TGS logo and designated which patch donated the book. Jackie was extremely appreciative of the coloring books; they are educational as well as inspirational for the children. We hope that our books, along with Jackie's leadership, might inspire a new TGS Featured Artist for the future. Jackie plans to bring some of the children to our Fall Show. Thanks for helping out, and thanks to those growers who sent gourds and gourd pieces to Jackie for the kids to work with.

I hope to see everyone in Austin.

Robbie Pritchard

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MOTEL ROOMS will be very hard to locate in AUSTIN because of the University of Texas football game. TGS has rooms at a special rate for TGS members. The HOMESTEAD SUITES at 507 South First Street 512-476-1818 is 0.2 miles from the Palmer Center, and the HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 4892 290 West 512-891-9500 is five miles from Palmer. Better not wait to make reservations.

TGS WEBSITE ARTIST GALLERY

The Artist Gallery at the TGS website will showcase TGS artists, their techniques and art work along with artist contact information.

Requirements:

- TGS present member for minimum of one year
- TGS membership must be current
- Send three photos (JPEG, TIF, GIF or EPS preferred format); if mailing photos, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope Mail to: Gerry Flewharty, 9830 Shadydale Lane, Dallas, TX 75238 Email: Gallery@texasgourdsociety.org
- If you have a personal website, please include the web address to link to your site

The top part of the Artist Gallery page will feature new additions to the gallery. Each artist will be featured for 3 months and then their name will be placed with the rest of the gallery listings.

Art work shown in TGS Artist Gallery cannot be copied or reproduced in any way without the written permission of the Texas Gourd Society and the artists represented.

For more information please contact Gallery@texasgourdsociety.org

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 new TGS Logo. Go to www.cafepress.com/TXGourdSociety to view the items for sale, and purchase them. Be the first in your Patch to get the TGS Logo Merchandise. Mugs, magnets and decals will be shown as samples at the Fall TGS show, and is available for purchase at the show. View TGS Logo Merchandise At the TGS website www.texasgourdsociety.org and at the TGS Fall Show. Ask Sue Haberer or Gerry Flewharty about the TGS Logo merchandise.

Fall “Show and Sell”

TGS President Robbie Pritchard

Classes

Many talented TGS artists will be leading instruction of classes at our Fall Show. I thank every one of them for their efforts to prepare for these classes and for sharing their talents and knowledge. Betty Brunswick has done an excellent job of setting up a full slate of classes for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The TGS website www.texasgourdsociety.org has pictures of the projects to be completed. I encourage everyone to attend at least one of the classes. The fees include teacher compensation and all materials for the project. A portion of the registration fee also assists TGS in paying for the classrooms. Cutoff date for registration is September 30—no refunds after that date. Class sizes will be limited. To reserve a space for one or more of the classes, make checks payable to Texas Gourd Society and mail to Betty Brunswick, Box 1455, Fredericksburg, TX 78624. You may contact Betty at 830-990-4441 or email jbrunswick@austin.rr.com

Vendor Move-in

Vendor chair Betty Kent is finalizing plans for vendor move-in and set up on Friday October 14. Betty is developing a plan where vendors will be able to drive into the Palmer Center on Friday long enough to unload their wares. Betty will be contacting the vendors with her schedule. She has done a wonderful job as Vendor Chair – every booth for the Show is filled! Betty said that one or two more booths can be assigned if someone needs a booth.

Competition

Competition entries are coming in. As you know, we are charging \$1.00 per entry item to offset the cost of award ribbons. All competition items will be arranged in a single row along 125 feet of one wall of the Palmer Center; this should improve visitor viewing of the judged items. The competition area will be screened off during the judging early Saturday morning. I thank every one who enters items in the competition.

Raffle

I'm so happy about the response I've had on the patch baskets for the Raffle. It looks like we'll have enough to have hourly raffles for both show days, which will bring in more money for TGS. After hearing about and seeing some of the examples, I know I'll be buying plenty of tickets because there are more chances to win. We have several baskets in progress – we'll post a schedule for drawings when we get everything set up. For the hourly raffles, the winner will have to be present to select the basket they want. We will have a board at the raffle table where we will post the winning ticket numbers.

The crafted gourds that are donated by 2004's Best of Show artist **Judie Richie**, 2004 President's Award winner **Robert Thundercloud**, and "Big Tex" by Dallas Patch's **Pat Duncan**, and the sander donated by **Betty and Pete Kent** will be in a separate raffle and will not be raffled until the end of the second day. If the winners for these prizes are not present, we will deliver or ship them to the winners.

Bookstore

The TGS Bookstore, organized by Dixie Hollers, will have lots of great books on gourd crafting and artistry. There will be lots of new books this year, so please make plans to spend some time at the Bookstore.

CafePress and TGS Website Table

Most of you have seen the information about items with the TGS logo that are available from CafePress. You can order a large number of products, ranging from clothing items to calendars to pins, and much more. Many of these items, including coffee mugs, will be on display and for sale at this table and we will be able to help you if you want to order products. We'll also have information about the TGS Website.

Dinner

The dinner will be at the Elks Lodge, 700 Dawson Road. This is about seven blocks from the Palmer Events Center. We have arranged for the Elks to provide a fajita dinner—one beef and one chicken and all the trimmings. The meal will be \$10 per person; reservations should be sent to TGS secretary **Clara Willibey**, willibey@sbcglobal.net or **281-493-0117**. You'll pay at the door. We will be able to make some arrangements for our vegetarian members if items from the fajita meal are not suitable. Please let Clara know of any special meal needs. You may attend the Business meeting without eating, if you desire. I plan to have the dinner around 6:30 p.m. **Esther Chambliss** has agreed to be in charge of table decorations for the dinner. Decorations will be for sale after the dinner.

Pin Competition

We will be having a contest on gourd pins, name tags, and jewelry. I encourage all to make and wear an item of their individual design. I think it'll be a lot of fun to see all the designs our talented artists come up with. Also, it is something you will have that you can wear to other occasions. We will judge the pins and make awards after the dinner and before the business meeting.

Auction of Donated Items

We are working on plans to have an auction at our evening meeting. I've asked TGS vice President Sue Haberer to solicit vendors to contribute items that can be auctioned; we have an auctioneer lined up. I hope all the vendors will help us with this first-time effort and I thank you in advance for your participation.

Business Meeting

Once we are all full and have judged the gourd pin competition, we'll have the business part of the evening. We'll review the first day of the show, recognize the Featured Artist of 2005, review the minutes of the last meeting, and receive a report from the Treasurer. TGS members will vote on the change to six Board of Directors and three-year term limits for the Directors. See the notice and nominees with their qualifications elsewhere in this edition of *The Gourdzette*.

DINNER RESERVATIONS for Saturday October 15 at the Elks' Lodge

The dinner will be at the Elks' at 700 Dawson Road - approximately 7 blocks from the Palmer Center. Starting time will be about 6:30 p.m. Menu is Fajitas (chicken or beef) with all the trimmings.

Price is \$10 per person. **Deadline for reservations is October 3.** Call Clara Willibey at 281-403-0117 or email: willibey@sbcglobal.net We need the names for the reservations. Pay at the door and try to arrive early to take care of the payment. If you find you cannot attend after making a reservation, PLEASE contact Clara. The number of dinners TGS pays for comes from reservations, even if you do not show up. If you miss the dinner, come to the business meeting, auction, & contest.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 17 Mississippi Gourd Festival in Collinsville, MS. gourdgracious@comcast.net
 Sep 23-25 Tennessee Volunteer Gourd Show. annglebrth@aol.com
 Oct 1-2 Ohio Gourd Show, Mt. Gilead, OH. Workshops on Sept 30. 513-474-3522

Oct 15-16 Tenth Annual TEXAS Fall "Show and Sell" – new location - new dates www.texasgourdsociety.org

Oct 15-16 Alabama Gourd Show, Contact gourdzilla@aol.com or www.alabamagourdsociety.org

Oct 21-22 New Mexico Gourd Show in Albuquerque <http://home.att.net/~nmgs> or call 505-363-6335

Oct 22-23 Gourd Works showcase of 12 gourd artists at Morton arboretum's Color Festival sojourn@att.net – Lisle, IL

Oct 28-29 Michigan Basketmakers in Acme, MI. Nancy Carlson at ambnanc@power-net.net. 989-772-3069

Nov 4-6: 1st Annual Sunshine Gourd College at Gourdgeous Farm in Bradenton, FL near Tampa. Three days of fun, affordable workshops and demos. See www.webgourds.com/gourdcollege for details, workshops, and applications. Kathy James at 229-420-9982.

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

TGS Show Update: From Lee DeKeyser, Show Chairman

Not sounding very lady like, I want to start off by saying, "my gut feeling is - THE SHOW will be a huge success". Some big guns are coming in this year, i.e. Turtle Feathers and The Caning Shop. We have a specialized fertilizer company joining us; a lady from California with all sorts of fabulous embellishments and oh so many wonderful artists bringing their best of best. And the growers are coming in force - It is so exciting. For some time I have had THAT feeling it could be done and it truly looks as though we are off and running.

We made the first hurdle of selling 50 spaces at the show. That's money in the bank to cover rent, insurance, signs, mailing/postage, printing, and a great deal of advertising and PR. The show budget is on target and that is an extremely positive statement. The Fat Lady Will Sing!!!!

All the Committee Chairs have been burning the mid night oil and so far it is paying off. Now for each of you to tell another friend, shout it from the roof tops – I don't care how you get the word out, and don't be bashful, (as many of you know I'M NOT) just spread the word. I'm going to do a little visiting with various nurseries around town as well as contacting UT and AISD to get all the information on their calendars. Check out our web site to get a new copy of the flyer, make copies and hand 'em out where ever you go.

I want to thank each and every one of you, from the bottom of my heart, for your unquestionable support.

The GOURD QUILT (see photo on page 12) will be 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 will be on display in the Palmer Center. Show friends and family the gourd quilt photo, and they will all want to come to the show.

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

Jack & Sarah Calender 15566 CR3110 Gladewater, TX 75647	JS Gourds 903-845-3695 gourds@hotmail.com	Will & Angelia Orr 1015 HCR 4235 Hillsboro, TX 76645	Mountain Springs Farm Ltd 254-582-9586 angelia_orr@hillsboro.net www.mountainspringsfarm.com
Virginia Clark 11341 Eddyburg Rd Newark, OH 43055	Foothills Farm 877-346-8445 clark@foothillsfarm.com www.foothillsfarm.com	Bill & Pam Salzman 1001 Forgotten Land Alvarado, TX 76009	Gourds 817-790-8472 himandher5@prodigy.net
John & Vickie Hall 5196 CR 3710 Box 1015 Athens, TX 75751	Gourds 903-677-4733 vhall918@earthlink.net	Robert & Doris Schuetze 1207 N. 64 th St Waco, TX 76710	Gourds 254-772-4519
Linda L. Higgins 1651 CR 4257 Dekalb, TX 75559	Lindy Crafts & Gourd Farm 903-667-5109	Don & Mary Sills 3970 State Hwy 154 Marshall, TX 75670	Don's Gourd Farm 903-935-6871 Donsgourdfarm@direcway.com
Tom and Zelda Hornsby PO Box 4601 Pineville, LA 71361	Bayou Gourds 318-640-4818 tom@bayougourds.com	Kim & Larry Wall County Rd 2095 Gause, TX 77857	This & That & Gourds 979-280-5197 belltrimmer@aol.com
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Bill & Sylvia Langston 793 VZ CR 3809 Wills Point, TX 75169	Gourds 903-873-3355 blang3000@aol.com	Mike Wood & Carol Steele 2803 FM 225 South Henderson, TX 75654	Lone Star Gourds 903-657-0486 csteele@cox-internet.com
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Carolina Gourds and Seeds

advertisement

Gourd Seeds, Gourds and Supplies for Sale

Harry Hurley
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Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

Phone: 919-557-5946
Email: harryhurley@hotmail.com

Visa, MasterCard, Checks, money orders accepted.

<http://www.carolinagourdsandseeds.com>

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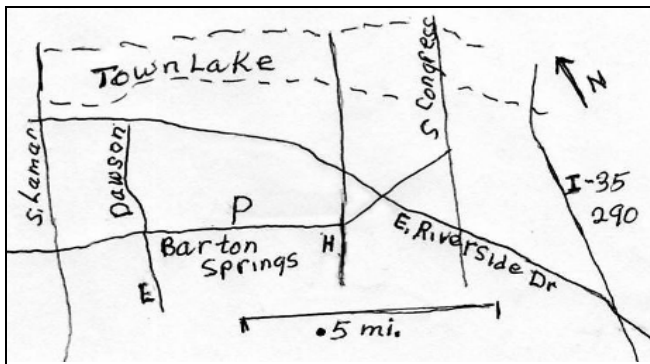
Seeds: Over 30 varieties of gourd seeds. Hand pollinated and protected and seeds grown in field isolation. Prices range from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per pack.

Gourds: Many nice thick martins and apples and other gourds. Wholesale price on martin & apples.

Supplies: Fiebling dyes, art and craft books Kaleidoscopes Kits, luffa, and reeds for gourd baskets.

Books: How-to books by authors: Ginger Summit, Jim Widess, Aurelia Conway, Kathy James, Judy Mallow, Susan Hollon, Julie Grant & Cindy Pray and more. Also check for sale items.

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



Palmer Center 900 Barton Springs Rd
 Homestead Suites 507 S. First Street 512-476-1818
 Elks Lodge 700 Dawson Rd -6 blocks W. of Palmer
 Holiday Inn Ex 4892 Hwy 290 West 512-891-9500

Take Riverside Dr West of I-35 and go left on Barton Springs Dr to Palmer Ctr. Homestead is 2 blocks from Palmer Center, Holiday Inn Express is almost 5 miles South and West on 290 (not shown). Elks is about 3 blocks South of Barton Springs & West about 3 blocks.

General Membership Vote at the Fall Business Meeting

KAPPA CHAPTER, TEXAS GOURD SOCIETY, OF THE AMERICAN GOURD SOCIETY

The following are proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws which will be presented at the TGS Fall Dinner-Meeting in Austin on October 15, 2005 at the Elks Club. Please read over this and be ready to vote.

CONSTITUTION

Article IV Officers, Directors, and Executive Board
 Section 2 Five Directors shall be elected from the membership

Suggested Change Six Directors shall be elected from the membership. Rotation of Directors to serve three-year terms.

If the Constitution vote passes, we will be selecting four (4) Directors. There are currently two vacancies and Ramon Williams has asked to step down when he can be replaced. The change from 5 to 6 directors will create an additional opening.

The following nominees will be published in the Gourdzette for member consideration and discussion between now and our meeting on October 15. Other nominations will be accepted from the floor.

NOMINATED TGS DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Esther Chambliss

Texas Gourd Society Judge, 2 years
 President and Co-Founder, Arlington Gourd Patch
 President, Johnson County Herb Society
 Board Member, Arlington Organic Garden Club, 4 years
 District 2 Chairperson, Historical Preservation

Judy Richie

President and Founder, Guadalupe Gourd Patch
 Texas Gourd Society Best Of Show Winner with 8 Blue Ribbons

John and Sharon Flewharty (to fill one director position)

Immediate Past Vendor Chair, Texas Gourd Society
 President, Dallas Gourd Patch
 Serving multiple TGS Capacities since 1998

Rebecca Wise

Volunteer Coordinator, Texas Gourd Society
 Past President, Texas Gourd Society
 Past Vice President, Texas Gourd Society
 Texas Gourd Society Vendor Chair, 3 years
 TGS active member since 1996

Thanks,
 Robbie Pritchard

PATCH HAPPENINGS

TGS CAPITAL OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH met in the Colorado Room August 6th at the LCRA complex and liked it very much. It was a less formal place and everyone was comfortable. We had twelve people present. The members brought items for the Christmas basket that will be raffled off at the October Show. Lots of neat items---ornaments, Santas, and other fancies. There was the usual show and tell that everyone enjoys. Bev Tomek showed her technique using a propane torch. Linda Budd showed her pendants made with gourd pieces. Linda will have them in her booth at the October show. June Hanes showed us her clever yard art and ornaments. Dixie Hollers came from Plano to Austin to drum up volunteers for the gourd book booth. Some of us are volunteering to work in the bookstore. We will still have our usual October meeting on the first Saturday which happens to be October 1st. It will be at the LCRA but we'll find out later just exactly which room will be available for us.

Contact Jimmy & Lelia Sublett at 6 S. Valley View, Wimberley, TX 78676. Phone: (512)847-8102 e-mail: jsublett4@austin.rr.com or Jocelyn Guajardo, Secretary

TGS THE HEART OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH met in June at Robert and Doris Shuetze's farm near Rosebud. We enjoyed the beautiful day, the Shuetze's hospitality, and Brayton Maynes lesson on wood burning. The Shuetzes have a fine gourd patch, and it was fun to see those gourds growing. Brayton Maynes shared his skills again in July when we met at Emma's Garden in Hillsboro. He showed us his electric gourd saw and we all had a chance to use it. In August, our patch met in Laguna Park at Montes Restaurant to discuss the upcoming gourd show. President Robbie Pritchard and her husband, Joe, were our honored guests. We will meet on September 24 at 11am at Yianni's in West, Texas and would like to welcome anyone who would like to join us. We are looking for some more interested gourd enthusiasts in the Waco, Temple and Killeen area.

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

TGS WEST TEXAS GOURD PATCH met Saturday, August 20, in Levelland at Sue Haberer's home. She gave a demonstration on making Luffa Soap. The members then put together the Luffa Soap basket that they were contributing to the TGS Fall Show and Sell. They also discussed how to price and tag gourds to sell. They had a new member to join.....Virgie Long from Hereford.

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

TGS ARLINGTON GOURD PATCH did not have a June meeting so we could have an information table and sale at the annual Arlington Organic Garden Club's 10th Annual Natural Urban Living Garden Show. We always have a lot of interest in our gourds and we pass out information on TGS at the show. Robbie Pritchard, Cindi Creswell, and Joe Pritchard manned the booth. Cindi had a few decorated gourds including the one she will be teaching at our annual show in October. Robbie brought plants and raw gourds to sell to raise money for the patch.

Our July program was provided by Mary Harrington, owner of Artful Bead in Fort Worth. Mary demonstrated beading styles and methods and conducted a hands-on workshop for those who wanted to learn or refresh their skills of beading on gourds. Mary will be a vendor for the TGS Fall Show and will sell beading supplies and kits at her booth. Dallas Patch co-leader Lynda Smith attended our meeting and brought several items for the Show-and-Tell. TGS President Robbie Pritchard presented Lynda with a plaque from Texas Gourd Society for serving as the Featured Artist of the Year at the 2004 Fall Show (Lynda won Best of Show at the TGS 2003 Fall Show).

In August, Cindi Creswell and Esther Chambliss led a demonstration and workshop showing us how to accomplish faux finish turquoise. Turquoise is a semi-precious blue stone found in earth, most plentifully in the Middle East and the American Southwest. This is a fairly easy and quick process and the results can be striking. Cindi and Esther borrowed concepts and ideas, with her approval, from TGS artist Hellen Martin. Hellen attended our meeting and provided several tips and hints.

Our meeting September 18 will be our **one-year anniversary**. We're having a class on wood burning, using the masking tape pattern transfer method that was demonstrated in Austin in March at TGS Spring meeting. We invite everyone to come visit us for our birthday.

No meeting in October – we'll be at the Fall Show and Sell – see you there!!

Contact: Robbie Pritchard (Treasurer/Events) 817-905-3178 robbiesgarden@hotmail.com; Cindi Creswell 817-244-0135 cidnboo@att.net; Esther Chambliss (President) 817-263-9322; Joe Pritchard 817-909-2814 (Newsletter/Website). Email arlingtongourdpatch@hotmail.com; Website www.freewebs.com/arlingtongourdpatch.

TGS EAST TEXAS PINEY WOODS GOURD PATCH had 12 people attend the June meeting. Patty Burke gave an overview of the gourd gathering in Cherokee, North Carolina. In July the patch met at their new location, Hobby Lobby, Loop 281, Longview, TX. Seventeen people attended the "Sheke and Bake" meeting. Kathy Baker taught the group the art of weaving beads and cording to make an African musical instrument, the shekere. Pam Word won the door prize, which was a pouch of favorite gourd tools. Two new members joined: Juaree Walker of Naples and Jan Lewein of Avinger. As part of the Piney Woods Patch's commitment to ongoing education, funds from the treasury are used to pay for tutorials at the TGS "Show and Sell." This year eight members will be taking classes. Each of the eight members will then teach at a monthly patch meeting. The next meeting will be on August 27, Saturday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Hobby Lobby. Snacks and drinks are permitted. Patty Gilliland will be showing how to create a tassel from gourd pieces and yarn. Visitors are welcome!

Patch information: Patty Gilliland Email calabash75605@aol.com 903 663 0017 Piney Woods Web site <http://www.geocities.com/pwgourds/patch.htm>

TGS COWTOWN PATCH celebrated our 3-year anniversary June 13, 2005. We meet at The Rig Restaurant in Fort Worth the first Tuesday of each month. In May, we voted on our patch paying for two booths at the Show and Sale this year for our members to sell their items. Some just have a few items and this gives them a chance to participate without it costing them too much. We had a large balance in our treasury by having a raffle at each of our meetings and this gives us a chance to use it for the good of our members. We did not meet in July because of several members on vacation and because of the intense heat. In August we talked about our nominations for new officers, but have not finalized them yet. Robbie Pritchard brought pass-outs for everyone for the classes, flyers, competition, and anything else the members might need to know about the Show. Our founder Mike Cook (Mike's Garden Centers) recently had a triple bypass and we are relieved that he is doing much better, but he needs to take it easy for a while to get his strength back. We're lucky that he supports us by attending our meetings and he does so much for the patch. Thanks so much, Mike!

We will meet September 6 at 6:00 p.m. at The Rig restaurant in Fort Worth on South IH-35W to finalize our elections and our plans for the Fall Show.

Contact: Robbie Pritchard (secretary) at 817-905-3178 or robbiesgarden@hotmail.com

TGS DALLAS GOURD PATCH is working on their "Raffle Basket" and it is growing into something very special, we think. Our theme is "Critters" and so far we have some STRANGE looking gourd creations. We will have a booth and hope to have a lot of different gourds to show. Our last meeting in August was attended by 20 members and guests. We welcome anyone to attend our next meeting on September 17th.

Contact: Pat Duncan, 972-463-8668 for directions and time.

TGS SOUTHEAST TEXAS GOURD PATCH met in June at the Kent's for a picnic with a patch planning game plan. We set guide lines for patch leadership, splitting the leadership into leader, secretary, treasurer, membership coordinator, program coordinator, webmaster, editor, and telephone committee. The July meeting was held at the Don and Susan Vyskocil residence where we filled our patch leadership positions. New Patch Leader: Darla Hines, Secretary: Clara Willibey, Treasurer: Lynn Ehler, Membership Coordinator: Vera Carhart, Program Coordinator: Don Vyskocil, Webmaster: Claire Cassan, Editor: Bill Willibey and Telephone Committee: Jany Reeves, Vera Carhart, Darla Hines and Marian Farnsworth. We had refreshments and then Don Vyskocil gave a class on making embellishments for gourds using air dried clay. Our August meeting was at the Willibey's where we had a Thank You Party for Delainie and Gerald Brownson who for the past 3 years have done almost all of the Patch meeting work, which is why we split the load into different leadership positions. We followed the Party with a woodburning class given by Clara Willibey using masking tape for transferring patterns onto gourds for woodburning. We have also decided to have a Patch Booth at the State Show and our local show will be at Dewberry Farm on Nov. 19th. The September meeting will be on setting up your gourd business.

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

TGS GUADALUPE GOURD PATCH did not meet in July because many members were out of town. The August meeting had 12 gourders in attendance and we started work on the raffle project for the annual meeting.

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Please make a special effort to view the TGS Traveling Gourd, competition gourds and a huge room filled with art. After viewing the Gourd, you can enjoy eating hot dogs, cotton candy, nutty ice cream bars, speak to Big Tex, tour the midway, rides and enjoy a day viewing exhibits. This is a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity! The officials in the Creative Arts Dept., normally, do not permit exhibits from organizations nor art done by more than one individual. TGS is fortunate to have it on exhibition here.

Editor Note: Who will volunteer to be the Traveling Gourd Guardian?



TRAVELING GOURD

(far left) In Austin, on August 6th, Louis Flewharty and Bill Willibey move the Traveling Gourd shown in the plastic case. (left) Photo of Traveling Gourd taken at the Spring meeting.

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FINAL DATE TO ENTER COMPETITION IS SEPTEMBER 30.

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Call for Historical Information by TGS Historian - Joe Pritchard

I am requesting that you send me any information you have that you think would be valuable in this "living history" of TGS – past *Gourdette* newsletters, publications, flyers, events, member profiles or biographies, artist profiles, patch founding and events, photos, newspaper articles, etc. I will return anything that you request back. I'll even reimburse your postage if you request.

There is no deadline for your submission of materials, but the sooner the better.

If you are not sure it can be used, send it anyway! Please send anything you think might be helpful.

I hope we can also add this history to the TGS website in the future.

A BIG TEXAS THANKS!!

Mail to:

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Corrections/Omissions in June *Gourdzette*: by Joe Pritchard

- In the historical article "TGS History: The Beginnings", **Rowena Philbeck** was inadvertently omitted as a Founding Member of TGS. Rowena arrived late at the kickoff meeting and was not listed in the minutes to which I had access. Rowena was at the meeting and should be considered a Founding Member of TGS. My apologies for the omission.
- On the map of TGS Patches and Member Growers, **Lone Star Gourds** was shown as being located in Henderson County. Lone Star Gourds is actually located in Henderson, **Rusk County**. The location has been corrected on the map located on the TGS website.

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