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The Great Texas Traveling Gourd

By Bill Willibey

Last year, on December 20th Gerald and Delanie Brownson (Southeast Patch Leader) purchased a large gourd from David A. Williams, a gourd grower from Franklin, Texas. The gourd seed was Big Boy Bushel Basket and was planted in April 2003. Gourds all have a lot of water in them while growing and this one weighed 110 pounds before it matured and started drying. After drying, it now weighs near 5 pounds, or perhaps a little more after the artists finished their painting and the circumference is an even six feet. Gourds can dry naturally while on the vine, or when the stem is completely dry, it can be picked and allowed to dry in a well-ventilated place away from rain and squirrels. Rain on the gourd slows the drying process, and squirrels often gnaw on gourds. I have also heard of cows eating them while still green. While drying, gourds often get moldy, just as leaves and other vegetable matter. The mold does not harm the gourd, and often leaves attractive patterns for the artist to use in the design. Much of the mold will wash off the gourd when washed, especially if bleach is used.

But I digress. The purpose of the traveling gourd was to have gourd artists throughout Texas apply their talents to a gourd for displaying Texan's art and for public education about gourd craft and art. After the *Traveling Gourd* had journeyed many miles and had been caressed by some twenty artists from areas around Houston, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Longview, San Antonio, and Lubbock, it finally was on display on November 6th at the ninth annual Texas Gourd Society "Show and Sell" at the Travis County Expo Center near Austin. The annual show was a perfect place to show the results of the previous ten months. Many gourd growers were selling dried gourds, and other vendors were selling their crafted gourds and art works. Nearly 150 entries in the competition made a wonderful display of talent. Many entries were by those same artists who worked on the *Traveling Gourd*.

Where will the *Traveling Gourd* go next? It will continue traveling to libraries, festivals, post offices, civic centers, court houses, and other public places across Texas. Contact any TGS officer or your Patch Leader if you know a suitable place for the *Traveling Gourd* to visit for a few days.

Our TGS Secretary, Gerry Flewharty, is writing an in-depth article about the *Texas Traveling Gourd* which will appear in American Gourd Society's "THE GOURD" in the March issue. We are all anxious to read more about the background of this special gourd, the artists who applied their special talents, and some of the places you can expect to see it in the coming weeks and months.



President's Message December 2004

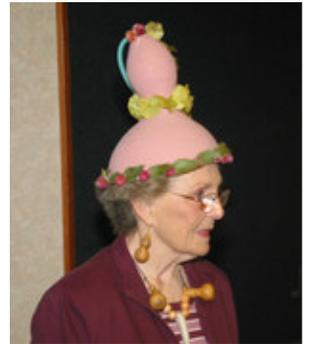
It was a gorgeous, glorious, good, gourd show!

Many, many of you members worked very hard to make it happen. You should be proud of your selves. If you missed being a part of the 2004 show, get ready now to come on board for next year, 2005....we can make it even better and bigger!

TGS is growing.....see all the new members listed in this issue of the Gourdzette! And several of you expressed some excellent ideas about making improvements. We must start now to decide what all we can do to improve our organization. Jim Widess, our special guest from the Caning Shop, said to me after the show that he was very impressed with Texas volunteers at the show (he visits many other state shows and thought TGS has good people working). He suggested that we think about a two day show next year, as Texas is the only state that has a one day-only show. So, let's all do some serious thinking about this. The show is over and with thanks to all, let's look ahead to make next year even better. We are growing, with many new exciting ideas tossed around. If we have not heard your ideas, contact me or any of the officers.

Coming up soon will be the spring meeting March 12, 2005 in Austin at the LCRA building (same place we met last spring - more details coming later). Hope to see you then. Meanwhile,

Have a good holiday season and gourd beginning for the new year!



Betty Kent

Betty Kent

See the Gourdzette in color-email: willibey@sbcglobal.net

The TGS 'Show and Sell' had a larger attendance this year.

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GOLDEN GOURD AWARD

This year, Bob Dunfield won the Golden Globe award. He logged 533 hours and 6270 miles representing TGS throughout the country.

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR TIME & MILES FOR TGS starting November 7th. A calendar is one way to record it. Total member hours this year exceeded 3000 plus nearly 40,000 miles recorded.

SHOW RAFFLE WINNERS

<u>Item</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Woodburner unit	TGS	Kay Neuendorf, Brenham
Tureen, fall leaf	J Flewharty	Bobby Haines, Sheridan
2 Hopi Clowns	B Moring	Nelma Fannin, Grand Prairie

Raffle Chair, BJ Maynes thanks **Sami Collier and Taylor Shaw**

TGS WEBSITE

Check the Texas Gourd Society website to see more photos and information. www.texasgourdsociety.org

AGS WEBSITE

The American Gourd Society website has articles and other information. www.americangourdsociety.org

TGS PATCH HAPPENINGS

ARLINGTON GOURD PATCH (founded September 19, 2004) held three meetings in 2004, recruiting six new members for TGS. We have averaged 16 attendees per meeting. At our final meeting for 2004, we held a sit-down luncheon of international theme, followed by a program where Linda Hughes and B.J. Conrad conducted a hands-on workshop on *kumihimo*, the Japanese art of cord-making via weaving. The braided cord can then be used for weaving on gourds. Our previous meetings featured make-it-and-take-it projects and basket-weaving on gourds. TGS Arlington Gourd Patch has participated in some public education events, manning a table at Arlington's first annual Front Street Festival and dedication of Knapp Heritage Park. Before Thanksgiving, Robbie Pritchard and Esther Chambliss presented a program to a third-grade class of 22 students at Fort Worth's Lily B. Clayton Elementary School. Esther prepared kits of gourd scraps ahead of time so students could create either an Indian or a Pilgrim by gluing pieces together. The kits included a pin so the finished projects could be worn on clothing. This program was highly received and we have been invited back. TGS donated 22 gourd coloring books to be presented to the students. Our members have been actively participating in the Show-and-Tell portions of our meetings, with wonderful crafted items displayed. Several of our members attended the TGS Show and Sell in Austin – Robbie Pritchard, Cindi Creswell, and Esther Chambliss assisted in judging the competition portion of the show. Nelma Fannin won a blue-ribbon for her entry in the jewelry class. Esther Chambliss' grandson, age 6, won a blue-ribbon for his birdhouse, in the under-age-8 class. We meet the third Sunday of every month, except December, at the Fielder House Museum, 1616 West Abram (corner of Abram and Fielder), central Arlington, Texas. Check our website for meeting dates and scheduled programs.

TGS Arlington Gourd Patch would like to extend a very special thanks to the Arlington Historical Society and to the Fielder House Museum and its Director, Geraldine Nash Mills. They graciously allow us to use the Fielder House Museum as a meeting place. We keep some of our educational literature on display at the Museum. In addition, we will be planting and tending a "gourd garden" at the Fielder House Museum next year, a continuation of participation in the Children's Discovery Garden at the Museum this year.

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EAST TEXAS PINEY WOODS GOURD PATCH had ten patch members travel to Austin to attend the TGS "Show and Sell" and fall business meeting. Four entered the crafted gourd competition. Our Patch won a total of 13 ribbons! Joe Little, Kathy and Lynn Baker participated in gourd crafting classes led by Leila Sublett and Ginny Watts. The group plans tutorials for 2005 as follows:

1. January 29 -- Polly Jones -- PAINTING VINES AND LEAVES ON GOURDS - \$15 per person
2. February 26 -- Lynn Baker -- WOODBURNING AND PAINTING A GOURD FEATHER - free class
3. March 19 -- Kathy Baker -- LEATHER WEAVING ON A GOURD RIM - free class

Members are to bring cleaned gourds for crafting. A list of supplies will be posted on the website before the classes.

Meetings are held 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 2865 alpine Road. Bring a covered dish for a shared luncheon.

JANUARY RAFFLE – Buy tickets for \$2.50 each for a high performance Dremel 400 XP rotary tool with attachments. This tool is necessary for gourd crafting. Must be present to win. Dizzy T's on Judson Road in Longview, TX is able to put our club logo on clothing. The price is \$12.00 and takes about 3 days. They have a large selection of clothing and hats, or you can bring your own.

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THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS GOURD PATCH had their annual "show and sell" at Hermann Garden Center September 20, 2004. This year we had to compete with Museum District Day and were not as successful as last year. Members are searching for a new location and hope to have a September show next year in a new location. The patch met October 9 at the home of Chris and Dennis Leard and had a show and tell of finishes and colors. There was also an impromptu planning and scheming session that got the thoughts going about next year. Please offer suggestions and ideas for 2005 at the December meeting either in person or by mail or email. The Christmas gourd gathering will be at the home of Chris and Dennis Leard in Magnolia. Annual gift "stealing" is becoming a tradition. January 8 we have a special class planned. Gene Endicott will teach gourd carving. \$15 a person. RSVP Supplies furnished. Location will be announced at the Christmas party. Hope everyone is set for a *gourd holiday season*.

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WEST TEXAS GOURD PATCH had no meetings in November and December, but will have a meeting in January in Lubbock. Beth Bartley will demonstrate weaving on a gourd. Information about time and place will be sent out after Christmas.

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NEW GOURD PATCH for areas around Temple, Waco and Hillsboro. **Contact Angelia Orr – 254-582-9586.**

THE DALLAS GOURD PATCH had very good representation at the November Show in Austin, including several vendors, the Featured Artist, Lynda Smith, Golden Gourd winner Bob Dunfield, and we are claiming the Thunderclouds, and their great gourd art. They are from Waxahachie, and hopefully will be active with the Dallas bunch. Jacque Weston, is very quietly having great success with some workshops and demonstrations in Denton area. The Flewhartys will have a booth at the Master Gardeners annual meeting in May, held in Denton County. Our next meeting will be in January, at the home of Ethel and Ray Virgin in Campbell. We encourage all the DGP folks to come if possible. We will select our Leaders for 2005, and planning for the coming year. The DGP continues prayers for Shannon Maynes, and our heart felt sympathy for Teresa Cook and her Family for the loss of her mother.

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COWTOWN GOURD PATCH Contact V P Bill Salzman or Barbara Petroski, Phone (817) 249-2929 or lunarwind7@aol.com or www.angelfire.com/tx5/cowtowngourdpatch or President Emerson Ray weraysgourds@hotmail.com. See Jan. info page 9

HILL COUNTRY & SOUTH TEXAS GOURD PATCHES are not meeting and need someone to help with either of these patches.

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Jim Widess



Lee DeKeyser

Show Chair report: Lee DeKeyser

Happy Holidays to each and every one of you

First of all, how can I thank so many folks for their time and effort in making this 9th annual show the biggest and best to date. From the bottom of my heart I do thank you.

My sincere appreciation to Jim Widess, of The Caning Shop, Berkeley, CA for being a show star. His contributions to the gourd community are immeasurable. TGS wishes to extend a big Texas thank you to Jim and his son, Andy, for being in attendance at the Friday evening event and the all day show.

With record attendance, vendor participation, book sales, raffle tickets you bought, competition entries, new member recruiting, 95+ kiddos in the "krafting korner", our Featured Artist, outstanding advertising, demonstrations, fresh donuts and coffee and terrific entertainment by the Cultural Dance & Drum Ensemble and the Mwendu Rhythmic Spirit Group - we broke records. We are growing! It is exciting to see interest from so many outsiders, and also great, are the TGS members coming forth to volunteer their time to our great organization. You will be seeing new faces and hear many new names working diligently to make the "10th Annual" an even bigger and better show. Watch your "Gourdzette" the website and emails for activity. Don't wait for us to call - call Betty Kent or Lee Dekeyser and volunteer now. Thank you.

Top of the list for 2005 is the subject of location, location, location! Perhaps a facility in Austin area for 2005. The board is looking into new locations, probably a two day show, additional crafting, more vendors, classes, demonstrations, better visibility to the public, just to mention a few new ideas. Phone or email your ideas, then come to the March 12 Spring Meeting in Austin. Be prepared to voice your opinion and suggestions for the New Year.

Thank you again and happy 2005.

TGS Spring Meeting March 12 in Austin

Statewide Meeting on Saturday, March 12 at the LCRA Building, 3700 Lake Austin Blvd in Austin, Texas. Meeting and lunch 11-1. Workshops in the afternoon. Check TGS website later for details.

A box lunch can be reserved at \$8 by contacting Clara Willibey no later than March 6 willibey@sbcglobal.net 281-493-0117. Lunches reserved and not claimed may be paid for by check to TGS Treasurer.

Directions to the LCRA Bldg: From I-35, take the 6th street exit, go west. Sixth street is one way and becomes Lake Austin Blvd, and will take you between the lake and a golf course. The driveway into the building is the first right turn after the traffic light at Red Bud Trail.

(PATCH HAPPENINGS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)

CAPITAL OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH held their October meeting at the LCRA Bldg. in Austin with fifteen people attending. We voted to keep our meetings every other month (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, and the Christmas meeting in December) on the first Saturday of the designated months. We will keep the same officers, namely Jimmy Sublett, President, and Jocelyn Guajardo, Secretary, with meetings at the LCRA Bldg. Dixie Hollers from Plano visited us and enlisted volunteers for the book booth at the November Gourd Show. We all want a copy of Jim Widess' new book. Lelia Sublett gave a report on the traveling gourd and showed pictures. Everyone wants to see it at the November show. Our usual "show and tell" was interesting and all agreed that we learn something new every time. Bev Tomek demonstrated silk dyes on cardboard and gourd pieces. Most of us had never used silk dyes before. We plan to have our Christmas Party at Eve Dewvall's house again. We bring gourd related gifts and have light refreshments. The gift drawing is a little wild, quite exciting, and funny.

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

THE HEART OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH met in September at the home of Will and Angelia Orr. October's meeting was held at the home of Merrill and Sandee Toone. The patch will meet on January 29 at 10 am at Yianni's in the town of West, Texas. We will establish a meeting schedule for 2005, and welcome new members to bring an item to "show and share". Our gourd patch is shaping up to be a great mix of artists, crafters and growers. We cover Hillsboro, Temple, and Waco, plus a large surrounding area.

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TGS FALL SHOW BLUE RIBBON AND SHOW WINNERS



Above: Best of Show by Judie Richie

Near Right: President's award by Robert Thundercloud

Upper Right: Blue Ribbon for *longest*



TGS FALL 2004 COMPETITION WINNERS

BEST IN SHOW: Judie Richie

PRESIDENTS AWARD: Robert Thundercloud

<p>1 Lagenarias (dried) 1st Mike Wood 2nd Randy Hough 3rd Lisa Hough</p> <p>2 Lagenarias (fresh) 1st Randy Hough 2nd Mike Wood 3rd Lisa Hough</p> <p>3 Ornamentals (fresh) 1st Randy Hough</p> <p>4 Three of a kind 1st Mike Wood 2nd Randy Hough</p> <p>5 Largest No Entries</p> <p>6 Smallest No Entries</p> <p>7 Longest 1st Bill Salzman 2nd Robert Scheutie 3rd Lisa Hough HM Randy Hough</p> <p>8 Longest & straightest 1st Lisa Hough 2nd Randy Hough</p> <p>9 Gourd display (fresh) 1st Randy Hough</p> <p>10 Gourd display (dried) 1st Randy Hough</p> <p>11 Unusual 1st Mike Wood 2nd Ramon Williams 3rd Ann Williams HM Randy Hough</p> <p>12 Hand-trained No Entries</p> <p>13 Wood- burned whole gourd 1st Judie Richie 2nd Betty Vertin 3rd Dusti Lockey HM Lynda Smith</p> <p>14 Wood-burned cut gourd 1st Lydna Smith 2nd Virginia Watts 3rd Bob Dunfield HM Nelma Fannin</p> <p>15 Painted whole gourd 1st Robert Thundercloud 2nd Bill Salzman 3rd Maralu Zimmerman HM Beverly Tomek</p> <p>16 Painted, cut gourd 1st Pat Duncan 2nd Dusti Lockey 3rd Helen Martin HM Guy Conley</p> <p>17 Carved, gouged or chiseled whole gourd 1st Dusti Lockey 2nd Bob Dunfield</p> <p>18 Carved, gouged or chiseled cut gourd 1st Judie Richie 2nd Bob Dunfield</p> <p>19 Whole gourd covered to conform to shape of gourd 1st Gail Adams 2nd Mary Ellen Henby 3rd Virginia Watts</p>	<p>20 Cut gourd covered to conform to shape of gourd 1st Beverly Tomek 2nd Dusti Lockey 3rd Patti Gilliland HM Gail Adams</p> <p>21 Mixed media 1st Judie Richie 2nd Dusti Lockey 3rd Virginia Watts HM Brayton Maynes</p> <p>22 Mixed media folk art 1st Gerry Flewharty 2nd Mary Ellen Henby 3rd Betty Vertin</p> <p>23 Birdhouse, functional 1st Bob Dunfield 2nd Betty Vertin 3rd Sandra Blair HM Patty Gilliland</p> <p>24 Birdhouse, nonfunctional 1st Elisa Drinkwater 2nd Bob Dunfield 3rd Pat Duncan HM Dana Miller</p> <p>25 Birdhouse, lived-in 1st Nelma Fannin 2nd Randy Hough 3rd Lisa Hough</p> <p>26 Decorative dipper, long-handled 1st Bob Dunfield 2nd Gail Adams 3rd Darla Hines HM Gail Adams</p> <p>27 Decorative dipper, short-handled 1st Virginia Watts 2nd Bob Dunfield 3rd Darla Hines HM Gail Adams</p> <p>28 Santa figure from whole gourd 1st Helen Martin 2nd Maralu Zimmerman 3rd Bob Dunfield</p> <p>29 Holiday themes, Christmas 1st Dana Miller 2nd Judie Richie 3rd Maralu Zimmerman HM Helen Martin</p> <p>30 Holiday themes, other holidays 1st Elisa Drinkwater 2nd Gerry Flewharty 3rd Dusti Lockey</p> <p>31 Native American style & southwest art 1st Judie Richie 2nd Dusti Lockey 2nd Helen Martin HM Gail Adams</p> <p>32 Native American style & southwest figures & masks 1st Robert Thundercloud 2nd Judie Richie 3rd Lynda Smith HM Beverly Tomek</p> <p>33 Functional, non-powered 1st Maralu Zimmerman 2nd Darla Hines 3rd Bob Dunfield HM Dusti Lockey</p>	<p>34 Functional, powered 1st Darla Hines</p> <p>35 Wildlife 1st Robert Thundercloud 2nd Virginia Watts 3rd Judie Richie HM Wolf (no name)</p> <p>36 Dolls Puppets & Marionettes 1st Patty Gilliland</p> <p>37 Masks 1st Robert Thundercloud 2nd Dana Mill 3rd Bob Dunfield HM Dusti Lockey</p> <p>38 Baskets 1st Judie Richie 2nd Nelma Fannin 3rd Bob Dunfield HM Helen Martin</p> <p>39 Jewelry 1st Nelma Fannin 2nd Bob Dunfield 3rd Beverly Tomek</p> <p>40 Wreaths, swags & centerpieces 1st No Name</p> <p>41 Gourd portrayal in other media 1st Bill Willibey 2nd Maralu Zimmerman 3rd Patty Gilliland</p> <p>42 Gourd sculpture 1st John Conley 2nd Maralu Zimmerman 3rd Bob Dunfield</p> <p>43 First-timers 1st Judie Richie 2nd David Vyskocil 3rd Dana Miller</p> <p>44 My idea 1st Pat Duncan 2nd John Flewharty 3rd Elisa Drinkwater HM Joe Little</p> <p>45 Texas, the Lone Star State 1st Judie Richie 2nd Sandra Blair 3rd Joe Little</p> <p>46 Gourds - Clowns of the Garden 1st Nelma Fannin 2nd Betty Vertin</p> <p>47 Celebrate America 1st Judie Richie 2nd Bob Dunfield 3rd Elisa Drinkwater</p> <p>48 Beadwork 1st Dusty Lockey 2nd Gail Adams 3rd Bob Dunfield</p> <p>49 Musical Instruments 1st Sandra Blair 2nd Bob Dunfield 3rd Randy Hough</p> <p>Youth: 8 years & under 1st Audrey Blair 2nd John Chambliss</p> <p>Youth: 9-13 years 1st Kaylen Kubilza</p> <p>Youth: 14-17 years – No Entry</p>
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NOTE: HM is Honorable Mention

TGS 2004 Fall Show Competition Blue Ribbons



FINANCIAL STATEMENT TGS GOURD SHOW 2004

SHOW SUMMARY:
+ Income of \$9140 - Up 12% from 2003
- Expenses of \$9558 -Up 18% from 2003
=Profit of <\$418>

Some line item expenses exceeded our budget along with income being less than expected on others. We exceeded prior years paid attendance thru the door by 43 people (770 total) but with 173 people using the \$1.00 off admission coupon decreased the revenue from admissions. We also have approximately **\$674.00** in inventory assets of unsold books to start a new year with. Our assets (cash on hand) remain strong.

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Building Rental	\$2,000	\$1,980	Admissions	\$2,151	\$2,108
Liability Insurance	\$525	\$514	Vendor Fees	\$2,220	\$2,405
Promotion & Mailings	\$492	\$440	Table/Chair Rental	\$215	\$262
Advertising	\$1,347	\$1,285	Book Sales	\$2,002	\$2,674
Awards & Staff ID's	\$304	\$330	Banquet Fees	\$670	\$960
Rental-covered tables/drapes	\$550	\$499	<u>Raffle Sales</u>	<u>\$923</u>	<u>\$741</u>
Rental-Sound System	\$168	\$276			
Banquet Catering	\$919	\$1,031			
Books for Resale	\$1,505	\$2,862			
Raffle	\$262	\$218			
<u>Hospitality (refreshments etc..)</u>	<u>\$40</u>	<u>\$123</u>			
Total Expenses	\$8,112	\$9,558	Total Income	\$8,181	\$9,140

by Brayton Maynes, TGS Treasurer 11-28-04

TGS Has a New Logo

TGS LOGO CONTEST WINNER

TGS developed a new website this year. www.texasgourdsociety.org. One item missing was a logo to use on the TGS website, letters, and for other uses. A contest was held and 23 entries submitted. Many entries were very good, making the selection of the best three difficult. On Nov 5th, TGS members voted for the best of three entries, and the winner was created by Gerry Flewharty.



Patch News (Continued from page 4)

The Cowtown Patch wants to thank all of its members who participated in any way at The Show. Your dedication is appreciated. Our Jan. meeting will be our white elephant exchange/auction and it will be held at the Copenhavers. Merry Christmas everyone, Happy Hanukkah and have a safe & fabulous New Year!

Contact: barb petroski - Phone (817) 249-2929 or lunarwind7@aol.com.

CHANGE IN TGS AND AGS COLLECTION OF DUES

To join or renew AGS dues, pay \$15 directly to AGS PO Box 2186 Kokomo, IN 46904, 2186 phone 765-453-5047 or email agsmembership@insightbb.com. TGS will no longer collect American Gourd Society Dues. TGS annual dues will be paid separately each year by TGS members, and will likely increase to \$12 for 2005. New and renewal membership will be prorated so all renewals will fall on the same date each year. This will help members remember, and ease the work load on officers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 20-22 Arizona Gourd Society and Wuertz Farm – Pinal County Fairgrounds. Workshops, competition, vendors. See website

Feb 25-27 Florida Chapter show South of Bellville, FL... More information at website - www.flgourdsoc.org.

March 12 Texas Gourd Society Spring Meeting in Austin-See Page 4 for details and check TGS website for more details later.

Mar 19-20 Georgia Gourd Society and Basket Weaver's show in Albany, GA. See www.georgiagourdsociety.com for details.

Apr 2-3 Indiana Gourd Society Show in Kokomo, Indiana. Competition, workshops, and vendors. See IGS website for details

April 23-25 Show Me (Missouri) Gourd Society Festival at the State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, MO.

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GOURD TRIP by Betty and Jim Lewis

We took an 11 day bus tour with an excellent seniors group that we belong to in Belton, Texas. Our destination was the fall foliage in Pennsylvania, with many stops along the way. Everywhere we went, there were fall decorations including gourds, pumpkins, and corn and flowers. The hotel gardens were beautiful with all the fall colors, and all the roadside stops were decorated too. We also saw several fields of pumpkins and gourds that brought "ohs and ahs" from all tour members, as we passed by on our bus. Then the other people who did not know us personally before, found out we were gourd growers and gourd club members. Questions and answers followed, as we rode along. This seems to be our destiny, as wherever we go, gourds are with us. As we work the front door year after year at the big TGS show, we try to remember the many people we have met during our term, and treasure every moment. Thanks to the club to trust a small part of the leadership to us.



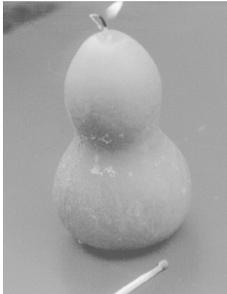
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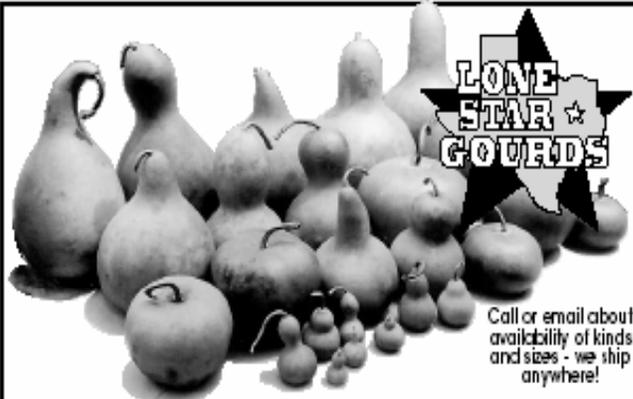
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The Gourd Hat Parade

It was a collection of the strangest headgear you ever saw. After the dinner on Friday, November 5th, many TGS members proudly donned their bonnets and paraded around the tables, gathering for the photo session. Looking at the assorted gourd hats helps one see the imagination, artistic ability and a certain amount of care-free silliness that goes into gourd craft. Here are three photos to give you an idea of what a gourd hat parade looks like.



BJ Maynes & the Raffle

2004 RAFFLE WINNERS

TGS and b.j. Maynes (raffle chairperson) would like to thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets and congratulate the winners:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
➤ Woodburner unit	TGS	Kay Neuendorf- Brenham, TX
➤ Tureen fall leaf	J Flewharty	Bobby Haines-Sheridan, TX
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Annual state meetings are held in the spring, and the fall (along with the TGS Gourd Art and Craft show held in early November. Members are encouraged to attend these meetings.

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