



Texas Gourd Society

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The Last Hurrah... We have just completed what will be remembered as one of the hardest times in this country's history and certainly one of TGS's most challenging. My thanks goes out to all of you who have worked so hard these last three years to keep everything going. You have done a masterful job. Everyone's name should be listed here but special thanks go out to Becky, Blanche, Roy, Judy and Sherry. You have been my right arm when I needed it the most. It is now time for me to turn over the Presidency and Executive Board to some very able and willing hands. These folks, led by Becky Klix and her team, will be exactly what we need to achieve new and grand heights. As I look back on the last three years, there are things we did well and those I wish we could have done differently. I will forever be disappointed that the Dallas Patch decided to separate from TGS. Despite all efforts, that remains the case today. I hope someday we will see a renewal of our efforts together. I also hope we can continue to grow our membership back to what we used to be. We are on our way it seems with numbers reaching over 100 again. And, I am proud that we were able to return to Fredericksburg and have a show where gourds just seem to fit and vendors told me they had their best show.

Thank you again and again, David

TGS Member Holiday Contest



And, the winner is David Cleaveland. The prize is \$25.

The next contest for the 1st qtr of 2022 is a Carved Gourd. Since the contest is judged virtually, please get the best photo you can take. Send your entries to editor.gourdzette@yahoo.com . The deadline is March 31, 2022. Don't forget, you could win \$25.

Patch News

Arlington Gourd Patch

Written by Georgia Cunningham

The Arlington Gourd Patch met on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at the Fielder House Museum. Becky Truex and her husband led the workshop in a gourd creation called “Hanging Fish”. They did a lot of preparation of the gourd pieces so the group could easily put the project together. They showed a very creative way to attach wire to the pieces without the attachments or wire showing. It’s so gratifying to learn a new technique that can also be used in many other projects. Here is “Hanging Fish 2021” by Julie Lind.



(Arlington Gourd Patch Con'd)

Nancy Walsh didn't waste her pandemic confinement. She stay busy making Santa Gnomes out of spinner gourds, a knitting thread holder for a friend, and using eggshells in a creative way. Here are Nancy's "Knitting Thread Holder 2021" and "Strawberries 2021".



Nancy created a knitting thread holder for a friend. 2021



Nancy used eggshells in a creative way. This one is called "Strawberries" 2021.



**Santa Gnomes 2021
by Nancy Walsh**



Beckle Stover did a great job with her chip carved ornament. Cindy was thrilled to open that gift.

(Arlington Gourd Patch, con'd)

Cindy Lear did such a good job on her previous creation using Brusho crystals that she created another one that I like to call "Blurred 2". We are hoping Cindy will do a workshop for us and teach us how to use this technique. Here is a picture of Cindy's "Blurred2 2021"



Our November meeting was a combination of Thanksgiving with a small feast and Christmas with a round robin gift exchange . We will resume our meeting on the 3rd Sunday in January 2022.

Capitol of Texas Gourd Patch

Howdy,

Well, this year has zipped by! It was so good to visit with old friends and make new ones at the festival!

Took some good classes and enjoyed walking around seeing what other classes were doing and of course,

All the vendor booths!!

We met in November to make bobble heads! There was the article in the American Gourd magazine that folks saw so that was the project! All I can say is it was fun and thank goodness for my husband as there was some measuring involved!!!

The patch will meet again in January for our annual gift swap and the planning of the 2022 projects calendar.



(Capitol of Texas Gourd Patch, con'd)



So, until we meet again, take care and keep gourdng! Friends, Debbie

Guadalupe Gourd Patch

Our patch worked so hard at the Festival that we decided not to meet in October, so we could recuperate. At our meeting in November we worked on Christmas Ornaments. In planning our Christmas party we could not come up with a good date since so many of our members would be busy at art shows with booths, so we decided to skip December and have our meeting in January and have our ornament exchange at that time. We have big plans for the coming year. We will have some exciting projects to work on, plus getting ready for KACCs Southwest Fine Art Gourd Show that begins around Memorial Day. We hope everyone has a Wonderful New Year and good health.

Southeast Texas Gourd Patch

The Southeast Texas patch was well represented at the 2021 Gourd Festival with the following attending: Roy and Blanche Cavarretta, Cathy West, Darla Hines, Zeldajean Byrd and Nita Beard. Our patch was in charge of Ways and Means, the Raffle and Admissions. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Ways and Means silent auction--it was quite successful.

Ribbons were won by: Cathy West--2nd place--Open Division--Masks, Roy Cavarretta--2nd place--Masters Carving and 3rd place--Masters Mixed Media, Blanche Cavarretta--2nd place Advanced Mixed Media and 3rd place Advanced Pyrography, and Darla Hines--3rd place Masters Whatever, 1st place Masters Open and 1st place Masters Open Fredericksburg. Congratulations!!!!

At our November patch meeting, Roy demonstrated how he carves on a gourd. He had several different size gouges and showed how each one was used to make different cut outs on the gourd.

Our Christmas party is planned for December 11 at Penny Lyons house with a gift exchange and good food.



Roy Cavaretta demonstrating Chip Carving

Officers and Directors for 2022.

President: Becky Klix

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Secretary: Debbie Garcia

Treasurer: Rona Thornton

Membership: Cathy West

Immediate Past Pres: David Cleaveland

Board of Directors:

Roy Cavaretta

Judy Richie

Jill Robinson

Sherry Nelson

Zeldajean Byrd

Volunteers will be needed to fill the Committee Chairs, etc. For a successful Gourd Chapter and Festival volunteers are so very important and are the backbone of TGS. Please step up and help. Email TGS at texasgourdsociety@hotmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Please send in your membership dues for 2022. To read the Gourdzette you must be a member. You are needed for the Texas Gourd Society to successful.

The Gourdzette is for members and we would love to have your photos of your artwork and your news of what you are doing. Doesn't have to be patch related. Those of you that are not in a patch are just as important to TGS.

Tutorials and Tips are needed for the Gourdzette. If you have a good tip on crafting or growing gourds or tutorials on how to do a certain project and want to share with our members, please do so. It is so helpful to others.

Send all photos, tips, tutorials and stories to editor.gourdzette@yahoo.com Deadline for all issues is the last day of March, June, September and December.

For Sale

- 100's of Dry Gourds \$2 to \$5
- Mini Gourds 2 for \$1

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