

The Texas Gourdzette



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Kerr Arts and Cultural Center's 16th Annual 2022 Southwest Fine Art Gourd And Fiber Show



President's Message

Hello TGS Membership,

The first 6 months of 2022 has flown by, and we are just under 3 months away from the 2022 Lone Star Gourd Festival. This year's Festival again will be held in Fredericksburg at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. Last year's Festival was a great success for our vendors who reported that it was the best Festival that they have had even though Festival and Class attendance was down a bit due to the ongoing pandemic.

The Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons & volunteers have been busy preparing for the show. You can find all the details on the TGS Website at www.texasgourdsociety.org

It's time to register for your favorite class. As always, this year's teachers are exceptional. Classes will be held Thu, Sept 29 thru Sat, Oct 1. Class details, registration and teacher biographies can be found on the TGS website.

Start working on your competition pieces. Competition divisions, categories, rules, and application are available on the TGS website. We can't wait to see this year's entries! Each year the entries are outstanding and inspiring.

There are a few vendor booths still available and can find vendor information, application, and booth layout on the TGS website. Items for sale must be handmade by the artist / crafter with the exception of supplies and tool sales. Sales are limited to clean, dry gourds, fresh green gourds, gourd art/crafts, wood carvings, wood turnings, beading, basketry, and items related to any of the above.

Raffle tickets are on sale for the Gourd Art Raffle on October 1 during the Festival. Please help TGS by selling or purchasing raffle tickets. If you need purchase or need tickets to sell, please contact your patch or send an email to texasgourdsociety@hotmail.com. This year we have seven wonderful gourds donated by Paul Butcher, Roy Cavarretta, David Cleaveland, Michael Ford, Mike Munter, Jill Robinson and Cathy West. You need not be present to win. All proceeds to benefit the Texas Gourd Society.

Please help and support the Ways and Means committee for this year's Silent Auction by donating new or gently used gourd related items. Please contact Roy Cavarretta at 281-222-3225 or email brcavarretta@gmail.com All proceeds to benefit the Texas Gourd Society.

Let's not forget Imagination Station. They are always in need of donations of gourds, acrylic paints, plastic tablecloths, paint brushes and more. Please contact Rona Thornton at rona.thornton8@gmail.com

Please support the festival this year with your donations, attendance, volunteer and invite your friends & family.

To volunteer, please email us at texasgourdsociety@hotmail.com We can always use some extra help.

Happy Gourding,

Becky Klix

The 16th Annual KACC Southwest Fine Art Gourd and Fiber Show

This is the second year that Fiber Art was added to the show. Judging was separate except for People's Choice which was from all entries. Awards given was changed from the past. There was a Best of Show, then a first, second and third places, 5 Judges Special Awards and 4 Honorable Mentions. Best of Show received \$300, 1st place - \$200, 2nd place - \$100, 3rd place \$75, Judge's Special Awards - \$50. It is a possibility that these prizes will be higher for next year. These prizes, makes it worthwhile to enter. Sales of the gourd art has been good. Fiber Art is not shown.



Best of Show "Ben" Judy Richie



1st Place "Back In Time" Sherry Nelson



2nd Place "Gossiping Quail" Judy Richie



3rd Place "Grand Paw Walter" Sherry Nelson

Judges Special Awards



"Little Bit of Zen " Judy Richie



"Morning Song" Sheryl Jordan



"Woodland Pathways" Jill Robinson



"Elephant" Connie Fox



"Tall Drink of Water" Sherry Nelson

Honorable Mention



“Three Spirits” Roy Cavaretta



“Five Windows” Blanche Cavaretta



“Buffalo Grande” Sherry Nelson



“Serenity Dreams” David Cleaveland

Patch News

ARLINGTON GOURD PATCH

Article for Gourdzette July 2022 Just because the Texas weather has become hotter than imaginable, that doesn't keep the Arlington Gourd Patch from meeting in the cool of the Fielder House Museum. We don't give enough thanks and credit to Geraldine Mills, director of the museum, for providing us such a wonderful meeting place. In April, Beckie Stover taught us how to chip carve on basswood and how to chip carve onto a gourd. Both are quite challenging techniques, but they are so beautiful and worthwhile to learn. In May, Georgia Cunningham taught the group how to create Neurographic Art on a gourd using watercolor pencils. It was a very relaxing time for everyone as we drew and colored our surface as if we were still little children with a favorite coloring book. In June, Debi Norman showed us the steps for using QuikWood to create adorable Santas onto banana gourds. The ones shown here are not completely finished yet. We kept thinking up new ways to enhance our creations, and we didn't get all of them painted.

Submitted by Georgia Cunningham



Beckie Stover teaches us how to chip carve on basswood.

Becky Stover ship carving on wood



Chip carving on Gourd



Rebecca Truex tries her hand at chip carving.



Neurographic Art Polished Stones 2022
by Georgia Cunningham



Nancy's Santa



Julie's Santa



Stan Stover shows how to sharpen gouges and knives for chip carving.

CAPITOL OF TEXAS GOURD PATCH

Howdy!

Is it warm enough for all of us? Such a question to ask, but needed to!! The patch has been meeting and making some interesting projects. Mandella dots, our own version of zentangle designs and crackle paint technique (with the permission of Judy).

July will be our annual Christmas party, gift exchange and of course, Christmas music. One of our members, Paul and Kathy have a wonderful workshop where we will be doing our celebrating. Our project will be raindeers!

The September meeting will be planning for the festival! Getting new ideas for our patch booth, setting up both hospitality and Imagination Station. We are really working on advertising the festival and of course, selling those raffle tickets!!

So, until we meet again, stay cool and keep gourding.

Submitted by Debbie Garcia

GUADALUPE GOURD PATCH

The Guadalupe Gourd Patch did not meeting May since we were involved in volunteering at the KACC 16th Annual Southwest Fine Art Gourd Show. We took in the entries and then set up the show. The Reception and Awards Ceremony too place on May 28 and our patch provided the food for the Reception. The Show ends on July 9. Patch members, Sharon Harrison, Barbie Holton, David Cleaveland, Becky Klix, Sherry Nelson and Judy Richie had entries in the show. Sherry Nelson, David Cleaveland and Judy Richie won awards.

For our June meeting we tried our hands at making a dream catcher. It was a fun day and, of course, our pot luck was outstanding. For our July meeting we will be working on a wall hanging to be donated to the Ways and Means to raise money for TGS.



Becky Klix



David Cleaveland

SOUTHEAST TEXAS GOURD PATCH

One of our programs this year was individual members showed a gourd they had made and gave a brief overview of their technique. Pictured are Roy Cavarreta with one of his gourds and Blanche Cavarreta with one of her gourds.

Joanne Tompkins presented a program discussing how she applies fiber, beads, rocks, etc. to her gourds. Picture shows her with her gourd. Cathy West did a very interesting program on the history of gourd masks and how she made the mask pictured. Future programs are: braiding on a gourd, Zentangles, wood burning and relief carving. Everyone is working hard to have entries for the TGS Gourd Festival. Stay cool and keep on gourding. Nita Beard, Secretary, Southeast Texas Patch

Submitted by Nita Beard, Secretary



Roy Cavaretta



Blanche Cavaretta



Joanne Tompkins

WEST TEXAS GOURD PATCH

The West Texas Gourd patch hasn't been meeting regularly, but we are still working. Health issues have kind of slowed us down.

Submitted by Paula Bounds



Margaret Allen Made this Gourd



Paula Bounds and Beth Lively tried making the Fish in the AGS magazine.

2022 Lone Star Gourd Festival

Festival time is getting closer, folks. Go to www.texasgourdsociety.org to sign up for classes, check on competition categories and reserve a booth. It's going to be a fun time. There are already folks signed up for classes, so don't delay and miss out on your favorite class you wanted to take.

For Sale

100's of Dry gourds \$2 to \$5

Mini Gourd 2 for \$1

In Llano, Tx just off Hwy 29 West

Shipping rates are terrible these days. Better to make a fund day trip.

Come to Llano, pick your own gourds, have lunch at Cooper's BBQ.

Hordes of Gourds

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Please call ahead to make your appointment.

Richie Newell is a member of the Texas Gourd Society