

Lollie Yancey has been crafting gourds since a visit to Meadowbrook Gourds in Carlisle, Pennsylvania in 2007. After finishing her military career, she moved to Sierra Vista, and was introduced to a greater variety of techniques for creating practical and decorative pieces. These include carving, pyrography, painting, decoupage, inlay and staining. Finished pieces include musical instruments, sculpture, containers and ornaments. Lollie is past president of the Arizona Gourd Society, and is certified by the American Gourd Society as a gourd art judge and gourd art judge instructor. Her work has been recognized at county and state fairs, and at several state and regional gourd festivals. Lollie grows most of the gourds she uses in her artwork.

15 February presentation:

Brief history of gourds

Varieties (samples shown, sizes from earring to large)

Growing, manipulating gourds

Crafting gourds (samples shown for several techniques, including tools, crafted samples) and safety considerations