

California Gourd Society
Northern California Virtual Gourd Competition 2022
Hosted by the Amador Gourd Artists

How to Enter

- The competition is open to **ALL**.
- The entry fee per entry is \$6.00 for CGS members and \$10.00 for all others. One entry per entry form.
Make checks payable to CGS.
- Mailed entries** will be accepted. See **DIRECTIONS FOR MAILED ENTRIES**.
- Mailed entries** must be received by **August 15th**.
- Entries may be submitted in person on **Friday August 19 from 10 to 4 pm. Judging will take place at 11350 American Legion Drive, Sutter Creek, CA. 95685**
- LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE JUDGED.**
- Judging will take place on Saturday, August 20 at noon. The display will not be open for viewing.
- Release and pick up of entries will be from 4-5 on Saturday. Mailed entries will be returned the week of August 22nd -26th.
- While every effort is made to provide security of items, the Amador Gourd Artist, the California Gourd Society and the American Legion facility **are not** responsible for damaged or lost items.
- The artist is responsible for placing his or her piece in the correct **category**.
Note: Please read category and division descriptions carefully. Design your art work for the category.

General Rules

1. Gourds must predominate. 50% of medium or technique to be used on the crafted gourd surface should exhibit the required medium or technique.
2. Gourds previously entered in a CGS competition are not permitted.
3. Craft/artwork for each entry must be the **original** work of person who is the entrant.
4. Only one entry per category is permitted.
5. Judges reserve the right to disqualify or reassign entries that do not meet category criteria.
6. **Copyright designs such as Disney characters or copies of other artist's work may not be used on entries unless written permission is granted by the artist or copyright holder. Copyright free designs may be used.**
7. All participants agree to allow photographs to be taken of displayed items.
8. Not all categories are included in each division.

Judging

The California Gourd Society will coordinate all judging. Judging will follow the American Gourd Society judging guidelines and use AGS trained judges. Scoring option C (Verbal Consensus) will be used. Points will be given for originality of design, workmanship/craftsmanship, neatness and quality, color/finish, balance/scale, and overall appearance.

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category at the judge's discretion. A category with only one entry does not necessarily guarantee a 1st place ribbon. Best of Division and Best of Show will be determined by all the judges. There will be no "People's Choice" ribbon as the competition will be virtual.

Any questions, please contact Competition Chair Sylvia Nelson at sylvianelson@citlink.net or phone 916-214-2437.

Divisions:

Novice Division – The Novice Division is for those who are relatively new to the art form and have been working with gourds for three years or less. The entrant should have no extensive experience or expertise in any art form that has been used on an entry gourd, such as painting, carving, pyrography, etc. Thus, an entrant who has won a major award in any juried art show should move into the Intermediate Division. Once you win a Blue ribbon in this Division you must move up to the next Division.

Intermediate Division – The Intermediate Division is for those artists who understand and use basic techniques. Entrants should not have won a major award in a gourd show or a juried art show. They may have sold gourds but have not taught a gourd class for a fee. Once you win a Best of Division or Best of Show in this Division you must move up to the next Division.

Advanced Division – The Advanced Division is for artists who have progressed to a more complicated level of work and have a good grasp of multiple techniques and finishing skills. They are creating more distinctive, original work and are ready to compete with a wider range of competitors. They may have taught a gourd class for a fee.

Masters Division – The Master Division is for the artist whose work shows excellent use of all techniques and finishing skills. The work is of original design and not from a class (unless they have taught the class). Their work may have shown in galleries, won top awards in art/gourd competitions and have reached the level of fine art.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Categories for Novice and Intermediate Division are “Technique Based”

The Categories for the Advanced and Masters Division are “Theme Based”

CATEGORIES FOR NOVICE AND INTERMEDIATE GOURD ARTIST

- 1. Pyrography** - Burning a design (line or shading) on a gourd with the use of an electric wood-burning tool. Gourds that display fracking will not be accepted for this show because of safety reasons.
- 2. Carving/ Fretwork/Filigree** - The removal of a portion of the outer surface of the gourd, exposing the undersurface to create a design or texture in relief and/or a decorative design (of holes and other shapes) cut through the shell of the gourd.
- 3. Painted/ Coloring Techniques** - Any coloring technique, using stains, dyes, inks, oil pastel pencils, crayons, colored pencils, felt tip pens, acrylic paints, oil paints, watercolors, etc.
- 4. Weaving/Coiled** – A gourd woven or coiled using any natural, man-made or artificial fiber. Any technique allowed. You must be able to see part of the gourd. Any finish allowed. The fiber art technique must predominate.
- 5. Mixed Media** – For Novice and Intermediate Division this category must include 2 or more techniques. Any type of finish or embellishments are allowed. For the Advanced or Master Division 3 or more techniques must be used.
- 6. Anything Goes** – Delight us with your best!

CATEGORIES FOR ADVANCED AND MASTER GOURD ARTIST

We have no specific category, just theme based. Using any technique and/or medium, WOW the judges with gourds featuring the stated theme. All medium(s) and any technique(s) are allowed for any category. Also, any combination of mediums or techniques may be used.

- 1. Whimsical** – Create a whimsical piece. You are only limited by your imagination.
- 2. Wild Things** – There are many definitions of **wild**. Make something that fits yours.
- 3. Modern Art** – Create a work reflecting artistic work/ideas influenced by modern art from your unique perspective.
- 4. Cultural** – Create a work exhibiting aspects of a culture, or a group.

DIRECTIONS FOR MAILED ENTRIES

NORCAL Gourd Competition

Must be received by

Monday, August 15th

Please mail to:

Sylvia Nelson

10325 Spiva Rd.

Sacramento, CA 95829

Phone:916-214-2437

Email: sylvianelson@citlink.net

VERY IMPORTANT:

**MAILED ENTRIES THAT DO NOT FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING
GUIDELINES WILL NOT BE
ENTERED IN THE COMPETITION.**

HOW TO PACKAGE YOUR MAILED ENTRY

For NorCal Gourd Art Competition 2022

Mailed entries must be placed inside a box self-addressed to yourself with return postage affixed to the returning box (not cash, not loose stamps, not money order for stamps). Please package your gourd with enough packing protection to insure safe return. Place the box to be returned to you inside the box addressed to the address above. Only one entry per box.

You must complete an entry form with all areas of the entry form filled in, along with a check for the dollar amount to cover each entry. If you have more than one entry you may submit a check for all entries in Box 1 (please label it Box 1). Entry forms should go in the box with their entry.

**ENTRY FORM
CALIFORNIA GOURD SOCIETY
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GOURD ART COMPETITION 2022**

One form per entry, please print

TAG # _____ If mailing early Tag # will be supplied when application is received

Name _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____

State: ____ Zip code: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

C.G.S. Primary Patch Affiliation: _____

Division:

- Novice _____
- Intermediate _____
- Advanced _____
- Master _____

Category: (See List) Number _____ Title _____

Describe materials and techniques used _____

I affirm this is my own original work.

- I have read the competition rules and agree to abide by them.
- CGS has my permission to photograph my entry to use on website/CD of entries.

Is this gourd for sale? YES _____ NO _____

Signature: _____

FEE enclosed: Member \$6.00 per entry

FEE enclosed: **Non-Member \$10.00 per entry**

Cash or Check payable to CGS

You can send in your entry forms early: send to Sylvia Nelson at sylvianelson@citlink.net or

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