

# Kathy Hesser – Gourd Art – September 20, 2025

FAA Gourd Art Presentation and Demonstration: At the end of the presentation the participants will be able to verbalize the following:

How to clean gourds safely

Tools for cutting and carving

Different inks, paints and the numerous ways to decorate a gourd

Use of pyrography in gourd art

Sealing your finished gourd

Coiling the rim

Resources to utilize locally and on the internet. (handout will be given)

Finished gourds for display or purchase will be available. One finished gourd will be given for the scholarship raffle

## FAA Gourd Workshop Description

The participant will work with a cleaned Bushel 4–5-inch gourd that has been pre- finished on the inside with holes pre drilled for finished coiling. Utilizing one of the painting techniques demonstrated the student will finish the gourd and apply coiling techniques to the rim. The student will also be able to finish a small ornament gourd utilizing other techniques shown while the larger gourd is drying.

Here is the Materials list:

### **Provided:**

1 5 inch Bushel gourd to each participant

1 small ornament gourd

formula 49

acrylic paints in various colors

gourd ink dyes

coiling materials

blunt tapestry needles

sinew

cotton rounds

q tips

nitrile gloves

baby wipes for clean up

### **Workshop Participant should bring:**

Small paint brushes for acrylic paints

1 95 mask if wanting to try burning, cutting or filigree carving

Apron (optional)