

Florida Gourd Society, Inc.
OCEAN of GOURDS 2021

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES

- GOURDS MUST BE PREDOMINATE IN ALL CATEGORIES. Judges may disqualify an entry if they feel that this is not the case.
- All cut and or open gourds must be cleaned or finished on the inside.
- Stems are not required, but if present, must be cleaned and neat. Exceptions: Categories 1- 6.
- Gourd crafting must be the work of the artist. Be mindful that gourds should be original in design and not copied from a book or from a class project. Any gourd that is verbatim from a pattern or class is not eligible for judging. To be eligible for judging, gourds from patterns and classes must reflect the entrant's ability to make the design or technique their own. Copyrighted images will not be accepted.
- No business cards allowed in the exhibit area.
- Entry tags will be available on our web site. www.flgourdsoc.org. Please attach one per entry.
- You must mark the tags "yes" or "no" allowing the judges/clerks to move your gourd from the category that you chose if it does not fit the criteria for that category. Gourds left in wrong categories will be disqualified from judging.
- The Florida Gourd Society will attempt to provide reasonable security for all entries, but assumes no responsibility for damage to or theft of an entry.
- Stands are allowed for gourds that do not sit up on their own. These stands must be simple and will not be considered in the judging. Any gourd that does not sit solidly will not be accepted. Rotating stands for highly decorated gourds will be allowed, but not turned on during judging.
- Gourds previously entered into a FGS Show may not be entered again unless the gourd was disqualified.

AWARDS

- Judging will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Judges decisions will be final. The Head Judge does have the right to award additional awards.
- It is not mandatory that the judges give out all of the awards if the gourds do not meet the requirements of the category or workmanship does not merit an award.
- AWARD CATEGORIES:
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Merit Ribbons in all divisions when merited.
 - Best Of Divisions Ribbons: Dried, Junior, Adult Crafted Gourds - Divisions III, IV, V, VI.
 - A Special Ribbon Will Be Awarded for the President's Award.
- CASH AWARD MONEY will be awarded to:
 - Best of Show
 - Dried Gourds
 - Junior Division
 - Best of Adult Crafted Gourds: Divisions III, IV, V, VI, VII

FEES

- Any Individual may exhibit a gourd; the individual is not required to be a member of a gourd society.
- Each individual may enter only one gourd per category. Limit 15 gourds per person.
- FGS MEMBERS - pre-registered are no charge if received by Feb. 23rd.
 - Entries received after Feb. 23rd and at the show will be \$2 per gourd.
- NON-MEMBERS may only register at the show on Friday - \$10 entry fee +\$2 per gourd.
- No fee for the Junior category.

- **JUDGING CRITERIA** 75% Workmanship 25% Creativity, Originality and Uniqueness

ENTRY TIMES AND PICK-UP TIMES

- Please register your gourds in advance using the entry form available online. www.flgourdsoc.org.
- Only paid FGS members may preregister. All others must register at the show on Friday.
- Entries may be checked in at the Exhibit area from 10-4 p.m. on Friday
- You or your representative must register your entries and attach tags to each gourd entered. Tags are on the web site. Please print these on white card stock paper.
- NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SATURDAY
- Pick-up on Sunday 3:00 - 3:30. Any gourd not picked up by 3:30 will be donated to FGS for auction.