

# THE TEXAS GOURDZETTE

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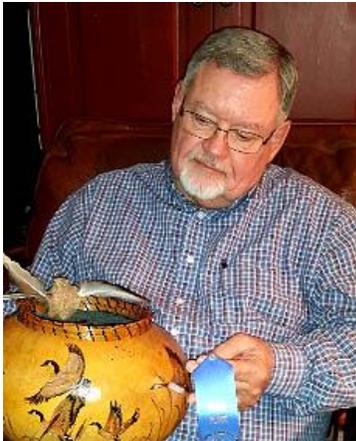
## **Do it now**

**Have you ever had a gourd project you wanted to do?  
You have time now.**

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hello fellow gourders and Covid 19 experts.

It is day 38 of the sequester as I write this message. I am sure you are as ready for this to be over as I am. I hope you have had great success in creating wonderful new gourd art projects during this sequester time. I

am grateful for having this outlet to keep my mind busy even if we are not sure when we may be able to put them in a show.

By the time this newsletter is published, we will know if the KACC show is going on as planned or will be cancelled for this year. I have positive hope that we will be opening the show on time again this year. In addition, we will be making a decision very soon as to the possibility of have the delayed spring meeting. Right now, the tentative date is early June, but we will have to clear the date with you all to see who is able to come. It will still be in Houston if we have it, so stay tuned.

Of courses, the major decision for us is the Festival scheduled for October. I know none of us want to cancel this first year back in Fredericksburg and we will do everything possible to make it happen. If the current “opening up” of the country continues to go well, we will be together in October.

One last word. Bonnie Gibson has posted a free tutorial on Facebook, check it out for great ideas you might use and be sure to make them your own.

Everyone, please stay well. Let not your heart be troubled, this too shall pass.

Until later...

David Cleaveland, President

### **Book Your Place to Stay in Fredericksburg**

If you are planning on going to the Lone Star Gourd Festival next October, make your reservations as soon as you can. I know, that’s months away, but Fredericksburg’s October Fest begins the weekend of our festival. If the rates in Fredericksburg scares you, don’t forget that Kerrville is only 20 minutes away with better rooms rates. If you have a group of friends coming with you, check out the hundreds of B&B houses and cabins.

Fredericksburg Visitor Center – [www.visitfredericksburgtx.com](http://www.visitfredericksburgtx.com)

Kerrville – [www.Kerrvilletexascvb.com](http://www.Kerrvilletexascvb.com)

## **2020 Lone Star Gourd Festival Competition**

Yes, I know, you have over 8 months until the festival. But, that gives you plenty of time to create several masterpieces for competition. If you haven't already chosen the categories you want to enter, go to [www.texasgourdsociety.org](http://www.texasgourdsociety.org) and look over the Competition Guidelines. The Application is there to send in. We have made some major changes to the lineup. We have added to Masters with an extra Division, the Grand Master. For Novice through Advanced the categories are concentrated on techniques. There is a new Open Division with fun categories for everyone in Novice through Advanced. And, our stand alone Open category is "Anything Fredericksburg". You can create anything to do with our host city in the past or present such as German heritage, Native American, Cowboys, Texas Rangers, Hill Country, Peaches, Wineries, Vineyards and more. This is a mixed media category as long as the gourd predominates. Start planning your entries and get to creating.

## **CLASSES**

**Due to the Convid 19 virus the deadline for instructors applications has been extended until May 31. If you are someone you know is interested in teaching a class at the Lone Star Gourd Festival, please go to [www.texasgourdosciety.org](http://www.texasgourdosciety.org) for information and application.**

## **PATCH NEWS**

### **Bay Area Patch News – Darlene Thornton**

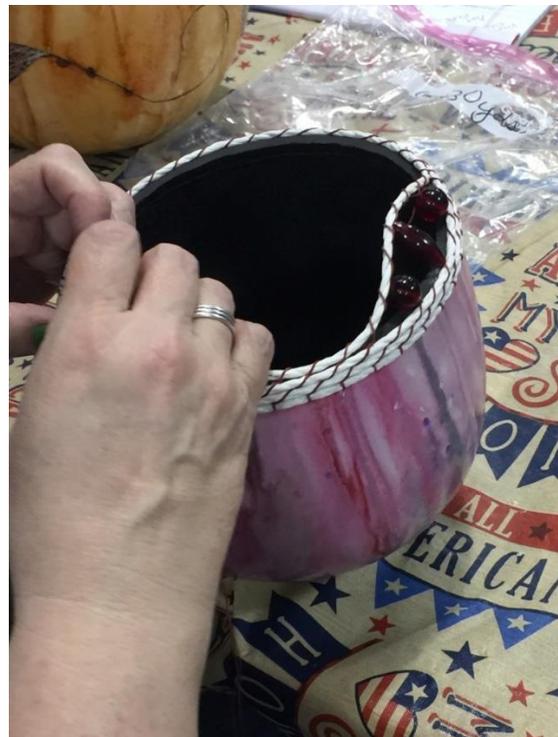
The Bay Area patch was very busy until the virus shut us down! We completed a project gourd where we learned three techniques. Brusho watercolor crystals were used to color the gourd, cactus fiber was inlaid,

and finally open and closed coiling with beads finished our gourd. We were set to start a new gourd in April, but we are in an area that has a "Stay at Home" order. So now we are all working at home waiting for this to pass. Happy gourding everyone and stay safe!

Photos from the Bay Area Patch



Some of their fun projects



Bay Area Patch continued.





## The Guadalupe Gourd Patch

The Guadalupe Gourd Patch met in January. For our project we choose to do a technique that our late Betty Vertin did in a class years ago. I would give credit to the teacher, but I don't know who it was. We did not have any instructions for this class. We just winged it. It was using water color paints on water color paper, tearing it into small pieces and applying it onto the surface of the gourd with glue. It was messy, but fun with everyone's gourd being different.

Due the Covid19 virus, we haven't had a meeting since. We have kept in contact through our Facebook page. We do plan on meeting May 15. We plan on working on miniature gourds making critters of some kind to donate to the Ways and Means for the Lone Star Gourd Festival.

We hope that all of you have been safe from the virus.

Betty Vertin's Gourd, our inspiration



Sherry Nelson



Jane Redmond

### Capitol of Texas Gourd Patch

Howdy,

Our patch has been meeting, and in January we planned the 2020 calendar with some pretty interesting projects! Some are layered paper technique, eggshell inlaying to working with cactus to learn inlay.

March Mike showed us inlays and sanding-with the items he uses and boy, that opens up a new world!!!

We have had 3 new members join our patch and what great folks they are.

Sneak Peek into second quarter projects!!!

Egg shell inlays, pin embossing..... stayed tune for the results!!!

Until then, stay safe, enjoy all the bluebonnets and other flowers and keep gourdng!

Debbie



Mike Ford

Capitol of Texas Patch continued



## Dallas Gourd Patch

The Dallas Gourd Patch has not had any meetings because of the coronavirus, as I'm sure all of you have done the same. However, we are keeping in touch with each other through posting online request for showing new gourds that we have been working on while in confinement. We are also continuing to work on the fall gourd contribution to the Dallas Arboretum. And we are planning a conference via zoom in the next couple of weeks where we will talk with each other, see each other and have show and tell. So we are continuing to keep in touch, we are continuing to encourage each other, and we are continuing our enthusiasm with Gourds while sharing our thoughts and sharing our work, as well as striving to fulfill the mission of TGS.....to reach out to others in the community to teach, educate and introduce them to the world of Gourds.

We had planned a workshop on jewelry making that was to be held this month, but that had to be postponed. We will have the workshop at a later date and will notify others who would like to participate in the workshop. If you would like to take the Gourd Jewelry workshop, please contact Dee Reichert.

We hope the best for everyone -stay safe and stay well.

The Dallas Gourd patch.

## Southwest Fine Art Gourd Show

**Kerr Arts and Cultural Center will be open and hosting the Southwest Fine Art Gourd Show. They will be taking all the precautions for safety. If you can, please come and support the show. They are looking to have a virtual showing of all the gourds, if details can be worked out, for those who cannot see the show in person. Due to safety precautions there will not be a reception this year. The show begins June 14 and run through July 3. KACC is closed on Sundays and Mondays.**



## **Hordes of Gourds**

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**Rickie Newell 830-613-4246**

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